



Good Afternoon,

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of July 26, 2021.

**COVID** – The Delta Variant has been identified in Allegan County – See attached news release.

**Old Library Request for Proposals** – The RFP to lease / purchase the old library is with the City Attorney for review. Once the attorney's changes are incorporated, it will be noticed to the public in the local newspaper and also placed on the City's website.

**Douglas Beach** – Revetment work was completed this week at Douglas Beach. Additional sandbags were placed at the north end of the beach and sand backfill was blown in place to eliminate the voids and standing water behind the existing bags. The beach was closed for approximately 8 hours and was opened to the public in the evening. I personally notified many of the residents adjacent to the beach the evening before crews mobilized to make them aware of the activity. Coconut fiber blanket was placed over the areas most susceptible to erosion, as well. I visited the site the day after a heavy rain and the erosion measures were working. The final step of this process will be the installation of vegetation in the fall to create some additional protection.

**Beach Clean-Up Baskets** – The City is partnering with the Allegan Soil Conservation District on a pilot project that will provide "Do-It-Yourself Beach Cleanup" baskets at Douglas Beach. In support of the effort, the City will be installing additional trash receptacles at Douglas Beach. See attached.

**Managers' Meeting** – Wednesday, I had lunch with the Saugatuck City and Township managers. We routinely hold meetings to check in with each other and discuss common issues such as Blue Star Bike Trail and Harbor Authority, etc.

**Yard Signs** – I'm getting a variety of comments about temporary signage popping up around the community, both for and against. Signage is a heavily regulated aspect of the zoning ordinance, but the number of temporary signs seems to be increasing. Business owners like that the signage attracts visitors, but opponents feel like the signage doesn't look good for the community.

**Reporting System** – I'm working with the Clerk's office to develop a concern / complaint system that will track the metrics of citizens' concerns and City Hall's responses. The Clerk's office is evaluating a web-based component in addition to the current paper system for reporting.

**Campbell Road Grant** – The State of Michigan reported they were delaying the anticipated announcement of grant awards until the week of August 9<sup>th</sup>. If we receive the grant, we anticipate a spring 2022 construction schedule.

**Road Resurfacing Projects** – Several road resurfacing projects are being bid out for construction this fall. Bids will be sent to City Council for approval sometime in September with the anticipation that some of the road resurfacing work will be occurring this fall—assuming the prices are favorable. The five-year road asset management plan includes:

- Resurface Blue Star Highway – Washington to Center
- Resurface Chestnut Street – Blue Star to Water
- Resurface Main Street – Blue Star to South

**Pride Garden** – I met with the creator of the Pride Garden, Larry Gammons, today about his intention to donate the park to the Douglas Community. We reviewed the donation agreement and I suggested some revisions. Mr. Gammons is anxious to get the agreement completed and delivered to the City Council for consideration.

**Upcoming Events** – See attached from the Convention and Visitor's Bureau

That is all I have for now. Have a good weekend.

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## NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### COVID-19 Delta Variant Identified in Allegan County

(Allegan) – The Allegan County Health Department (ACHD) has been notified by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) of three individuals identified with the delta variant (B.1.617.2) of COVID-19 in Allegan County. All three individuals are over 60 years old and are fully vaccinated. One case had recently traveled out of state.

Only a small percentage of COVID-19 positive test samples are sent on for genetic sequencing to identify any variant strains. Therefore, it is likely there are more unidentified cases of the delta variant in Allegan County.

“Vaccination is more important than ever,” states Medical Director, Richard Tooker. “The COVID-19 vaccines show effectiveness against variants and reduce the risk of serious illness that lead to hospitalization or death.”

Continue practicing mitigation strategies to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and variants, including delta. These strategies include:

- Getting the COVID-19 vaccine
- Wearing a mask around others in crowded indoor or outdoor areas
- Staying six feet apart from others
- Washing hands often
- Staying home when you feel ill. Get tested if you have symptoms
- Ventilating indoor spaces

COVID-19 vaccines are offered at locations throughout the County. To find a vaccine clinic near you, visit [www.allegancounty.org/covid](http://www.allegancounty.org/covid) or [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov).

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**BEACH CLEANUP**



Thank you for your help in keeping our beach clean! To participate in the DIY Beach Cleanup, please take a basket to the beach and help make a difference by collecting trash.

After disposing the collected trash at the appropriate container, please return the basket for others to use.

Please direct any questions to the City of Douglas (contact email/phone)



## CVB Area Events

### July 31

10am-11am	Yoga in the Vines at Michigan Wine Company
10am-5pm	Village Square Art Fair at Saugatuck Village Square
11pm-4pm	Celebracion de las Artes at Fennville District Library
12pm	Venetian Festival Dinghy Poker Run at Coghlin Park
2pm-5pm	Music in the Vineyard: E-Man at Fenn Valley Vineyards
2pm-5pm	Live Music at Borrowed Time
3pm-6pm	Live Music: Gabriel James at Modales Wines
4pm	Wine on the Water Themed Cruise on The Star of Saugatuck
4pm-7pm	Secret Garden Guitar Series: Tom Nania at J. Petter Galleries
4pm-7pm	Artist Exhibition Opening at J. Petter Galleries
6pm-10pm	Live Music at Coastal Society
7pm	Live Music: Moonshot at Wick's Park Bar & Grille
8pm	Live Comedy feat. Bill Bushart & Derek Graff at Coral Gables
9pm	Live DJ at The Dunes Resort
Weekend Event	Venetian Weekend at The Dunes Resort

### August 1

2pm-5pm	Live Music at Borrowed Time
5pm	Live Music: Greg Secor at Saugatuck Fish Camp
7:30pm	Dixie's Tupperware Party performance at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts

### August 2

10:30am	Storytime on the Patio at the Saugatuck-Douglas Library
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### August 3

9am-3pm	The Market at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts
6pm-8pm	Drag Queen Bingo at The Dunes Resort

### August 4

7pm-9pm	Music in the Park featuring Zion Lion at Wick's Park on Water Street
7pm-10:30pm	Live Music at The Annex

### August 5

2pm-5pm	Music in the Vineyard: His Boy El Roy at Fenn Valley Vineyards
5:30pm-7:30pm	Fennville City Music Hall Series - Max Lockwood @ Fennville City Hall Park
6pm-9pm	Live Music at Pumpernickels
7pm-9pm	Summer Concert at Felt Mansion
7pm-10:30pm	Live Music at The Annex
7pm-11pm	Live Music: Drew Behringer at Wally's Bar & Grill
8:30	Outdoor Concert: The Dip at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts
9pm-1am	Karaoke at The Dunes Resort