



Good Afternoon,

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of August 2, 2021.

**COVID** – The Delta Variant has been identified in Allegan County. The Allegan County COVID Dashboard indicates that cases last reported are up to 8.4 cases per day—up from 4 cases per day the previous week. We will continue to monitor and update information as it develops.

**Broadband** – This week, representatives from the tri-communities met with Connect Michigan, a non-profit whose role is to make connections with communities and providers to find funding to support a broadband project. MEDC has directed Connect Michigan to work with the least-served counties, such as Allegan, to improve broadband coverage. Connect Michigan will provide consultation, assessments, surveys and data analysis for free in support of the program goals. The Connecting Michigan Communities Grant Program is available to help extend service into underserved areas in Michigan.

**Demolition RFP** – I met with PM Environmental this week to walk through 200 Blue Star in preparation for the asbestos remediation and demolition bid development. PM anticipates the bids will be advertised by mid-September with award to a contractor by mid-October.

**Library RFP** – The Library request for proposals is with the City Attorney for review.

**City Council Meeting** – The regular City Council meeting was Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Topics on the agenda were:

- Presentation from employee retirement system.
- Special Event for Fireworks by the Rotary Club was approved for Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- City Council appointed the City Manager and Mayor as alternate to be voting members for the upcoming MML Grand Rapids conference held on September 22-24.
- Edgewater Proposal for Point Pleasant was approved in the amount of \$25,500 and Edgewater will develop a public input process to gather feedback about the future development of Point Pleasant Marina.

**Yard Signs** – The Zoning Administrator took enforcement action on yard signs throughout the community this week and provided information about the permitting process and potential fines. Yard signs were returned to businesses that he was able to make contact with.

**Kirby** – This week I spoke with the chef of the Kirby restaurant--Chris LaBelle--about his plan to reinvent the Kirby brand and his goal of reinvigorating the site.

**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 Construction** – The communities of Douglas and Saugatuck are working out the timeline to reconstruct a new water main on Campbell Road and resurface the road from McVea to Ferry Street. The delayed announcement of Category B grant awards from MDOT has likely impacted the timeline to proceed. We anticipate grants will be announced next week and then we can firm up the construction dates.

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

Rich LaBombard  
City Manager

# THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

Saugatuck Douglas Fennville

SAT-SUN

- 8/7 | 10am-5pm | ARTE: LATINO at Fennville District Library  
12pm-4pm | Art of the People: Anishinaabe Contemporary Artists at The Old School House  
12pm-4pm | Then and Now Exhibit at the History Museum  
2pm-5pm | Music in the Vineyard: Wyatt & Shari Knapp at Fenn Valley Vineyards  
2pm-5pm | Live Music at Borrowed Time  
3pm-6pm | Live Music: Acoustic Shenanigans at Modales Wines  
4pm-7pm | Secret Garden Guitar Series: John Otto at J. Petter Galleries  
4pm-7pm | Artist Exhibition Opening at J. Petter Galleries  
6pm-10pm | Live Music at Coastal Society  
8pm | Live Music: Silent Bark at Wick's Park Bar & Grille  
8pm | Live Comedy feat. Brent Terhune & Cam Rowe at Coral Gables  
9pm | Live DJ at The Dunes Resort  
| Weekend Event | Mardi Gras Weekend at The Dunes Resort  
8/8 | 2pm-5pm | Live Music at Borrowed Time

WEEKDAYS

- 8/9 | 10:30am-11:15am | Storytime on the Patio at the Saugatuck-Douglas Library  
6pm | Live Music: Drew Behringer at Saugatuck Fish Camp  
8/10 | 9am-3pm | The Market at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts  
6pm-8pm | Drag Queen Bingo at The Dunes Resort  
8/11 | 7pm-9pm | Music in the Park featuring Natchez Trace at Wick's Park on Water Street  
7pm-10:30pm | Live Music at The Annex  
8/12 | 5:30pm-7:30pm | Music in the Vineyard: Fat Animal Duo at Fenn Valley Vineyards  
5:30pm-7:30pm | Fennville City Music Hall Series at Fennville City Hall Park  
6pm-9pm | Live Music at Pumpnickels  
7pm-9pm | Summer Concert at Felt Mansion  
7pm-10:30pm | Live Music at The Annex  
7pm-11pm | Live Music: Nate Holley at Wally's Bar & Grill  
8pm | Just Too Big! performance at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts  
9pm-1am | Karaoke at The Dunes Resort

FRI-SAT

- 8/13 | 9am-3pm | The Market at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts  
4pm-8pm | Market at Blue Star Barns  
5pm-9pm | Live Music: Guitar Jam Session at Respite Cappuccino Court  
6pm-9pm | Live Music at Pumpnickels  
6:30pm | Live Music: Hatrick at Saugatuck Fish Camp  
8pm | Live Music: Rockshop at Wick's Park Bar & Grille  
8pm | Just Too Big! performance at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts  
9pm | Live DJ at The Dunes Resort  
8/14 | 9am-4pm | Market at Blue Star Barns  
11am-4pm | Creative Spark: Celebration of the "Keepers of the Fire" at the Old School House  
12pm-4pm | NAPA's Anything with an Engine Show at NAPA Auto Parts  
12pm-10pm | 2nd Annual Taco Fest at Borrowed Time  
1pm-7pm | Dog Days of Summer at Virtue Cider  
2pm-5pm | Live Music at Borrowed Time  
2pm-5pm | Music in the Vineyard: Steve Michaels at Fenn Valley Vineyards  
4pm | Wine on the Water Cruise on the Star of Saugatuck  
4pm-7pm | Secret Garden Guitar Series: John Otto at J. Petter Galleries  
4pm-7pm | Artist Exhibition Opening at J. Petter Galleries  
6pm-10pm | Live Music at Coastal Society  
8pm | Live Music: Silent Bark at Wick's Park Bar & Grille  
8pm | Live Comedy at Coral Gables  
9pm | Live DJ at The Dunes Resort  
At Dusk | 5th Annual Movie in the Park at Coghlin Park

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