



Good Afternoon,

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of November 15, 2021.

COVID-19 – Data from the Allegan County COVID-19 Dashboard wasn't updated as of this writing, but the new case count continues to climb. To view the dashboard, go to:

<https://alleganco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/792287b41e3f485e97f968335b45ca6c>

City Council Meeting – Monday's regular City Council meeting involved the election of mayor and mayor pro tem. Regular business included a public meeting to receive comments about the City's 2022 EPA Brownfield Clean Up Grant application, a presentation by the History Center to install interpretive signage at Wades Bayou to tell the story of historical uses of the bayou, and a discussion about cyber insurance for the municipality.

Lakeshore Manager's Meeting – Tuesday I attended a meeting in South Haven with the other area municipal managers. We meet on occasion to discuss projects and catch up on common lakeshore issues.

Housing – Wednesday evening, myself, the planning and zoning administrator, and the mayor were in attendance at a presentation by Housing Next of Holland to learn about attainable housing. The meeting was held at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts and two groups were formed after the presentation. One group will focus on issues related to attainable housing and the other group will focus on issues related to short term seasonal housing. The meeting was well attended by each of the three communities, business owners, and concerned citizens.

200 Blue Star Highway – Crews from Melching Demolition have mobilized equipment on site and are in the process of abating the asbestos and removing universal waste from the facility. They are confirming the utility disconnections are completed and prepping for the demolition stage once abatement is complete.

Wiley Road Trail – The Wiley Road Trail is complete. Signage is installed and pavement marking is done. The trail is ready for public use.

Campbell Road Water Main and Resurfacing – During this week's progress meeting for the Campbell Road water main project, we learned that the contractor is working their way to the east and encountering a number of old utilities that they have to cross over or under. Otherwise, progress is going well.

Road Resurfacing – The road resurfacing projects have been put on hold for the moment, but contractors were on site working on cleaning up the road edges, placing top soil, and seeding.

Community Open House – Thursday night was the Community Open House. Three topics were covered: Edgewater's presentation of the development proposal for Point Pleasant Marina, Williams and Works' proposal for the Tax Increment Financing Plan for the downtown to get community input on where TIF funds should be spent for downtown improvements, and, also, a Williams and Works presentation regarding community wayfinding to get input on signage design and key locations.

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

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