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This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of October 31, 2022.

Election News – The City Clerk will be in the office on Saturday, November 5th from 8 am to 4 pm to tend to voter needs.

Election Key Deadlines – 2022 PA 195 changed the deadline to spoil a returned absent voter ballot to 5:00 pm on the Friday prior to the election (previously, returned ballots could be spoiled in person until 10:00 am on Monday) the spoiling deadlines are as follows:

- By 5:00 pm, Nov. 4th – Electors who have returned or have not returned their ballot may submit a written request to spoil their absent voter ballot and receive a new ballot by mail.
- By 4:00 pm, Nov 7th – Electors who have not returned their ballot may obtain an absent voter ballot in person in the clerk's office.
- Up to 4:00 pm on Nov. 7th – Electors who have lost their absent voter ballot, not yet received their ballot, not yet received their ballot in the mail, or not yet returned their ballot may submit a written request in person to spoil their absent voter ballot and receive a new ballot in the clerk's office.

As with any City Election there will be a section set up in the polling room for Poll Watchers. Individuals watching the polls are restricted to all the same restrictions as credentialed challengers, including the prohibitions against speaking with voters and against speaking with election inspectors other than the challenger liaison without the challenger liaison's permission.

In addition, poll watchers cannot:

- Issue challenges
- Stand behind the election inspectors as voters are processed
- Be present in any part of the polling place, clerk's office, or absent voter ballot processing facility except the designated Public Viewing Area

Beach Safety Summit – This week I attended a summit of lakeshore communities, law enforcement, and DNR to talk about beach safety. There are some innovative solutions being employed to study rip currents on Lake Michigan. In addition, there was discussion about the various forms of flag warning being employed between the state and local government that are inconsistent and the goal may be to unify the flag warning among those communities that use the flag warning system.

Halloween Parade – The Douglas Halloween Parade for Adults was this past weekend, and the event was well attended. The crowd was estimated to be over 5,000 people. City staff provided feedback after the event to suggest improvements for next year’s 25th anniversary parade. Organizers are anticipating a bigger event in celebration of 25 years of the parade.

Leaf Pickup – Just a reminder to residents to not mix leaves with brush during the leaf collection period. The vac truck can only collect leaves.

Targeted Brownfield Assessment – The City received the results of the core sample study conducted by the EPA in August. The results are published on the City’s website under the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

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

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