



The Village of Friendliness – Since 1870

City Administration Week in Review: Week of September 4th- 8th, 2023

School is back in session: With Douglas Elementary back in session, the police department's dayshift is at the school interacting with students, staff, and parents with the goal to keep the school safe and continue to build strong relationships with our youth.

Taxes are due: This is just a reminder that taxes are due by September 14th at 4:30 p.m. City Hall hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wayfinding Signage Project: If you notice wooden sticks throughout the downtown area and on Blue Star Highway, please do not remove them. The city is excited to get the wayfinding signage project underway and the sticks are placed in the locations where the new signs will be placed.

Mount Baldhead Challenge: The event is at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 9th at Oval Beach in Saugatuck. For more information, please visit mtbaldheadchallenge.com.

2024 Tri-Community Parks and Recreation Plan: There will be a public input open house on Thursday, September 21st from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Library located at 174 Center Street, Douglas, and an online survey is also available through October 21st. There is a QR code on the attached flyer, or the survey can be accessed at bit.ly/3qW5ySJ.

City Council: The next City Council meeting will be on Monday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Douglas City Hall. Please visit the City website at <https://douglasmi.gov/> for more information.

Thank you: The City would like to thank all of the event coordinators and sponsors, the Douglas Police Department, and the Douglas Department of Public Works for helping to make the Labor Day Bridge Walk a big success!

City Manager: Lisa Nocerini commenced in her role as City Manager on Tuesday, September 5th.

Thank you: We would like to offer a great big thank you to Councilmember Seabert who took care of removing the dead plants from the planters and beds in front of city hall and replaced them with beautiful mums for the season. They look amazing!

PROJECT TRAFFIC ADVISORY, I-196/US-31, ALLEGAN COUNTY, September 6, 2023: The bridge rehabilitation work on 5 bridges over I-196/US-31 is *in construction* near the Cities of Saugatuck and Douglas.

Bridge Rehabilitation work on Blue Star Highway over I-196/US-31 (Exit 36) requires the existing deck to be demolished. To improve safety for the motoring public and highway workers, I-196 will be shut down while the bridge deck is being demolished over the travel lanes.

The information below is the anticipated traffic changes while traveling within the construction influence area of the Bridge Rehabilitation work.

- Blue Star Highway at I-196/US-31 (Exit 36)
- NB/SB Blue Star Highway Bridge over I-196 will be closed and detoured.
- NB I-196/US-31 Exit ramp to Blue Star Highway will be closed and detoured.
- SB I-196/US-31 Exit ramp to Blue Star Highway will be closed and detoured.
- NB I-196/US-31 will have a FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE from 9:00pm on 9/6/23 to 6:00am on 9/7/23.
- SB I-196/US-31 will have a FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE from 9:00pm on 9/7/23 to 6:00am on 9/8/23.
- SB I-196/US-31 Entrance Ramp will remain open.
- NB I-196/US-31 Entrance Ramp will remain open.