



City of the Village of Douglas Administration Week in Review Week of November 20th-24th, 2023

Root Beer Barrel Contract Update: The City issued a Request for Proposal process for the operation of the city-owned Root Beer Barrel, a beloved landmark and cultural icon within the community, in September and received four responses.

After careful consideration and evaluation of the proposals received, the City of Douglas City Council awarded the contract to Douglas resident, Todd Martinson, member of 505 Water St. Cafe, LLC during their Monday, November 20th, 2023, City Council meeting. 505 Water St. Cafe, LLC also owns and operates the Grilled Cheese Shack, and Basecamp Coffee & Waffles, located in downtown Saugatuck.

The City is confident that Mr. Martinson's vision and expertise will contribute to the continued success and growth of this iconic establishment. The transition of operations will be carefully managed to ensure a seamless experience for Root Beer Barrel patrons. Mr. Martinson indicated that he would ensure consistent operational hours, with some late season adjustments, and will be open through the month of October.

The City would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Michael "Mick" White, who operated the Root Beer Barrel for many years. We wish him all the best with his future endeavors.

Leaf Pick-Up: Leaf pick-up has ended for the 2023 season. As stated at the November 20th, 2023, City Council meeting, the City is going to reassess the 2024 plan and make significant improvements as it pertains to the schedule and communication. If residents still have leaves at the curb, please make alternative arrangements to have them removed. We appreciate your anticipated cooperation and thank you for your understanding.

Happy Thanksgiving/City Offices Closed: On behalf of the City of the Village of Douglas City Council and City Employees, we want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd, and Friday, November 24th.

Posted Positions:

- Planning/Zoning Administrator (Full-Time)

Please visit <https://douglasmi.gov/> for more information.

Upcoming City Meetings:

City Offices are closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Wednesday, November 29th, 2023: Downtown Development Authority Meeting @ 2:00 p.m. at City Hall



200 Blue Star Public Input Survey: We still need your input to create a vision for the 200 Blue Star site. Please use the link below to participate. Future in-person meetings are also in the works. Stay tuned! Thank you for helping the city to create a new vision for the site.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/200BlueStarHwyUpdates>

Light Night in Douglas: The Downtown Development Authority has scheduled this year's Light Night in Douglas for Saturday, November 25th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Beery Field.

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