



City of the Village of Douglas Administration Review Week of April 22nd-26th, 2024

Flower Bed Adoption: Would you be willing to volunteer to adopt a flowerbed in the downtown district? Frequent weeding, raking, watering, and debris removal, are a few of the responsibilities throughout the spring, summer, and fall, seasons. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please use the link below, scroll down the list of forms under City Clerk, and click on the Flowerbed Volunteer Form <https://douglasmichigan.gov/forms-permits/>. Please turn it back to City Hall in person or email it to citymanager@douglasmichigan.gov. Thank you!

Thank you: On behalf of the City of the Village of Douglas, we want to thank the volunteers who came out last Saturday to help with the Earth Day Weekend downtown clean-up. We were able to tackle seven flowerbeds with the team we had, and everyone made a significant contribution beautifying our downtown district.

We also want to thank the preschoolers at Douglas Elementary for helping the Douglas Department of Public Works plant four new trees at Schultz Park. This event, in honor of Earth Day, will now become an annual tradition. The children also had an opportunity to see and touch the Public Works vehicles and learn more about them.

We love our community!

Gateway Sign Replacement: The new Gateway sign that will be replacing the existing sign on the corner of Blue Star Highway and Center Street, was placed this week. We want to thank the Douglas Downtown Development Authority for all their hard work on this project.

Tower at Beery Field: The tower was removed for safety reasons this week. The weathervane at the top of the tower, that displays the City's name, along with the siren, will be stored as we seek out options for placing these items on display in the future at another location. The City is exploring placing a permanent Christmas tree at the location.

Reminder: 415 Wiley Road: The City Council held a workshop on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall to go over the seven proposals the City received to renovate the building at 415 Wiley Road for City Hall and Police services. The Council will be holding three workshops where they will interview five of the seven companies. The workshops will be held on the following dates and times at City Hall and are open to the public:

Monday, April 22nd, 2024 (*Interview Completed*)

- 4:00 p.m. Midwest Construction Group/Edgewater Resources

Monday, April 29th, 2024

- 3:00 p.m. Wolverine Building Group

- 4:00 p.m. Carbon Six Construction

Monday, May 6th, 2024

- 4:30 p.m. GDK Construction
- 5:30 p.m. Lakewood Construction

2024 Leaf and Brush Pick-Up:

- Leaves must be unbagged (paper yard waste bags accepted).
- Leaves and brush **must be separated** and placed behind the curb or road edge of the paved portion of the roadway; however, it must be reachable with the leaf truck or grapple claw. (Leaves are picked up using a vacuum, while brush is picked up using a grapple claw. The leaf vac cannot pick-up anything but leaves. If leaves and brush are mixed, they will not be picked up and a courtesy notice may be placed at the location with directions on how to correct the issue for the next regularly scheduled pick-up.)
- Leaves and brush can be placed out up to, but not earlier than, three (3) days before scheduled pick-up. Leaves and brush placed out after 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled day will not be picked up.
- Brush must be stacked neatly in the same direction parallel to the road.
- Leave and brush piles must not exceed 8-feet in length, 6-feet in width, and 4-feet in height. If the pile exceeds the required size, please separate them into multiple piles.
- Branches cannot be larger than 6-feet long and 6-inches in diameter.

For pick-up dates, please refer to the leaf and brush pick-up schedule and guidelines.

Upcoming Meetings, Events, & Notices:

Monday, April 29th, 2024: City Council Workshop at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall

Monday, May 6th, 2024: City Council Workshop at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall

Monday, May 6th, 2024: City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Thursday, May 9th, 2024: Douglas Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

City of the Village of Douglas City Council:

Cathy North, Mayor

Randy Walker, Mayor Pro-Tem

Neal Seabert, Councilmember

Jerry Donovan, Councilmember

John O'Malley, Councilmember

Greg Freeman, Councilmember

Matthew Balmer, Councilmember

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Department of Public Works: 269-857-2763

Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water Authority: 269-857-2709
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For emergencies, please call 911