



## **City of the Village of Douglas Administration Review Week of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

### **City of Douglas Announces Closure of Ferry Street Due to Bridge Structural Concerns:**

The City of Douglas announces the closure of a section of Ferry Street from Westshore Street to Campbell Road, effective Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, until further notice. This decision follows the discovery of structural concerns at the bridge over the Warnock Drain, where a sinkhole recently appeared.

Ensuring the safety of our residents and travelers is Douglas's utmost priority. The closure is necessary to assess and address the underlying structural issues thoroughly. We understand that this may cause inconvenience, and we are committed to minimizing disruptions as much as possible.

Detours will be clearly posted to assist drivers in navigating alternative routes. We advise all commuters to plan accordingly and allow for additional travel time. Please note that the schedule for the closure may change, and adjustments might be made as the situation develops.

To receive the latest updates and information about the closure and bridge repairs, we encourage everyone to sign up for constant contact updates from the city using the attached link <https://douglasmich.gov/subscribe-mailing-list/>.

"As Mayor, my top priority is the safety and well-being of our community," said Mayor North. "The decision to close Ferry Street was not made lightly, but it is a necessary step to ensure that we address the structural concerns promptly and prevent any potential hazards. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our residents as we work to resolve this issue and keep Douglas safe for everyone."

The city remains committed to transparent communication with residents as this project progresses. Updates and information

**REMINDER-Douglas Marina Residential Buildings Demolition Notification:** The City of Douglas will be demolishing the residential buildings located at the Douglas Marina. We understand that having a demolition site in the vicinity of a residence or boat slip can be less than desirable. It is our goal to do our utmost to consider the impact on the neighborhood and slip holders when planning the upcoming demolition work. The demolition work will start on August 5, weather permitting, and should be completed by the end of the week. Restoration work will include 3" of topsoil and hydro seed. No road closure is expected to take place and dust will be mitigated with the use of water if needed. Please use the parking across from the marina during this demolition.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this work causes, and we appreciate your cooperation while we complete this demolition. For everyone's safety, please stay away from any active work zone and obey all signs or requests from the Department of Public Works.

**Closure of Ferry:** The City of Douglas would like to take this opportunity to thank our neighboring communities (Saugatuck/Saugatuck Township), the Saugatuck Douglas Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau, the Allegan County Drain Commission, the Allegan County Sheriff's Department, the Saugatuck Township Fire District, and everyone else who has been assisting the city with the Ferry Street Closure process. Many of our business partners have been stepping up to help as well. We are grateful for all your support as we try to identify the best viable solutions.

**Constant Contact:** If you want to stay in the loop on city matters, the City of Douglas is pleased to offer an online E-News Service. When you subscribe to this service, you will receive emails with agendas and minutes and other important City information. Your privacy is important to us. We will not share your e-mail address with anyone! Please use the link below to sign up!

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**Beats on Beery:** Please stop by Beery Field in Downtown Douglas on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for "Beats on Beery", a free concert event in the park, featuring Wealthy Soul.



The poster features a blue border and a background of musical notes. At the top, it says "Beats On Beery" in a blue font. Below that, it says "Brought to you by Saugatuck Douglas Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau". The event details are listed for two dates: "Friday, June 28" at Beery Field, Douglas from 4:30-9:00pm, featuring Don Middlebrook & The Pearl Divers and 10 Years Late; and "Thursday, August 15" at Beery Field, Douglas from 6:00-8:00pm, featuring Wealthy Soul. At the bottom, it says "Thank You to Our Sponsors" and lists several logos: JPD CONSTRUCTION, INC., Jaqua Realtors, State Farm (Kabri Martyniek), KEVIN & SARAH COASTAL LIVING ADVISORS, LAKE VISTA SUPERMART, Lakeshore PET BOUTIQUE, shopystance, BEERWEG, and B TIME.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

Saugatuck Venetian Fest: July 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the City of Saugatuck

Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Farmer's Market a Beery Field from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024: City Council Workshop at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall

Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024: City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Primary Election Day 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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Saugatuck Township Fire District Non-Emergency: 269-857-3000

Department of Public Works: 269-857-2763

Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water Authority: 269-857-2709

Saugatuck-Douglas District Library: 269-857-8241

\*For emergencies, please call 911\*

City Hall Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.