



## City of the Village of Douglas Administration Report-Week of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Ferry Street:** On August 5<sup>th</sup>, after many hours of investigative work and discovery by the Douglas DPW and the City Engineers, we were able to confirm where the sinkhole is located underground and that the areas of the culvert that we were able to see and touch are in severe condition, which means the road must remain closed for everyone's safety while we try to identify possible short-term options, if there are any available to us short of a full replacement. It is, however, inevitable that the culvert will need to be replaced soon and a long(er) term closure is likely. We are not there just yet. It is also important to note that there are water and sewer utilities running next to the culvert that must be protected at all costs to avoid the possibility of those services also being impacted.

This has been a priority for the City since the sinkhole was first discovered, and we will continue to keep this matter at the top of our list. We have an incredible team of engineers working closely with us.

The photos show the ditch where the sinkhole was identified, a piece of the culvert that was removed by hand indicating the weakness of that infrastructure, and the work to secure the embankment where the sinkhole is located to stabilize it with the goal to prevent further damage. We will keep the public posted on our findings and progress.

We want to thank the CVB for stepping up to help with the business signage that will be located on the route. Your support has been incredible, and we appreciate each one of you.



**Douglas Marina:** The buildings at Douglas Marina were demolished the week of August 5<sup>th</sup>. The area will be filled with three inches of topsoil and grass seed for now. The city is working on plans for the marina which include cleaning up the property and hopefully adding a few amenities like a pavilion, restrooms, and a picnic area for the public. This is going to take some time, but we are excited to see what the future holds for this property. The beam from the basket factory that was included in the interior of the house has been salvaged and delivered to the Historical Center in Douglas if anyone is interested in seeing a cool piece of history.



**415 Wiley Road:** Carbon Six Construction presented a plan for the 415 Wiley Road build-out to the City Council on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. The next step is to move forward with a comprehensive cost estimate for the project which we hope to receive by mid-October. If everything stays on track, Carbon Six Construction can commence their work in January of 2025. The project would take approximately 7 months to complete.

**Early Days of Voting/Primary Election:** The City would like to give huge props to City Clerk Laura Kasper and all the incredible volunteers for a successful 9 days of early voting and the primary election. You all did a phenomenal job! Great leadership, Laura!

Also, a big thanks to Deputy Clerk Dawn Raza, Planning and Zoning Director Sean Homyen, Project Manager Jenny Pearson, and Jenn Tien, City Treasurer, for all their election assistance too!

**The Red Flame Art:** Due to its current condition, the red flame art at Wade's Bayou is going to be deconstructed in October. It has served the area well, but there is quite a bit of wear and tear that is going to be difficult to fix, so it is going to be removed and hopefully we can look at another option soon. We want to thank the SCA for sharing this piece with us over the past few years.

**Rowing Dock at Wade's Bayou:** Thanks to the generous donation of two floating docks, the City of Douglas was able to replace the former rowing dock at Wade's Bayou with new structures. The before and after is amazing!



**Art in Douglas:** This weekend all throughout Downtown Douglas! Art, music, shopping! Check it out! Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Walkable. Bikeable. Dog friendly!



**Sidewalk Sales & 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. But first, check out the sidewalk sales in Downtown Douglas from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**One Day, Two Great Events!**  
Thursday, August 15

**Sidewalk Sales**  
10am-5pm  
In Downtown Saugatuck  
A one-day shopping extravaganza  
not to be missed!

**Beats on Beery**  
6pm-8pm  
In Downtown Douglas  
Free Family Friendly Concert  
Featuring Wealthy Soul

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Area Convention and Visitors Bureau  
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### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Art in Downtown Douglas starting at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Farmer’s Market at Beery Field from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Sidewalk Sales in Downtown Douglas from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Beats on Beery from 6:00-8:00 p.m. @ Beery Field

Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024: City Council Meeting @ 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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\*For emergencies, please call 911\*

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