



City of the Village of Douglas Administration Report-Week of August 12th, 2024

Ferry Street: Limited Access on Ferry Street Bridge/Culvert

The City of Douglas remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. As part of our ongoing efforts to address infrastructure concerns, steel plates have been installed on the Ferry Street Bridge/Culvert. These plates have been placed exclusively to allow public safety vehicles to cross the bridge safely.

Please be aware that this temporary measure is intended strictly for emergency use. No passenger vehicles or any other types of traffic, apart from public safety vehicles, will be permitted to access the bridge. The area will be closely monitored, and any unauthorized vehicles will be ticketed.

Public safety has always been and will continue to be our top priority. While we have concerns about the weight the bridge can bear, these steel plates provide a temporary solution that allows our emergency responders to operate without interruption.

Pedestrians and cyclists may still cross the bridge at this time, but we urge everyone to use the designated paved area of the road on the east side of the bridge, which is currently marked. Bicyclists are strongly urged to walk bicycles across the bridge for safety reasons and we ask that all walkers/bicyclists avoid using the steel plate crossing. Please exercise extreme caution when approaching the area. There are marked warnings to help avoid any potential trip and fall hazards.

The next steps involve obtaining quotes to replace the culvert and advancing the project as quickly as possible. We understand the inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work towards a permanent solution. The City Engineers will be presenting a project update and proposal at the Douglas City Council meeting on Monday, August 19th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will also be available to attend via zoom. All city meeting agendas and information can be found at www.douglasmi.gov.

To stay informed, the city has a constant contact link that anyone can sign up for to receive city notifications. Please use the attached link below:

<https://douglasmi.gov/subscribe-mailing-list/>

We will keep everyone informed of any further developments and appreciate your continued support as we continue to work on this project.



Lane Closures: Please use extreme caution when approaching areas with employees directing traffic due to lane closures or emergencies. We realize the frustrations that can follow a detour route, but please be patient and keep your speeds low at these locations.

The City Team: Over the past few weeks, the City of Douglas has faced some incredibly challenging times. This was especially true for the DPW, Douglas Police Department, and our partners at the Fire Department and Allegan County. What we are most proud of is that the safety of our community continues to be a top priority, and the resilience that everyone has shown, is phenomenal. Thank you to everyone who has continued to show their support!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Monday, August 19th, 2024: City Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Tuesday, August 13th, 2024: Farmer's Market at Beery Field from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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

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.