



City of the Village of Douglas Administration Review Week September 2, 2024

9-11 Remembrance Ceremony: Please join the City of Douglas on Wednesday, September 11th, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. for the 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony. The event will take place at the corner of Center Street and Main Street in Downtown Douglas.

Ferry Street Culvert Project: We wanted to provide the public with an important update on the status of the Ferry Street Culvert closure and the efforts being made to address this critical infrastructure issue.

Our engineering team is currently hard at work finalizing the plans necessary for the full closure and subsequent repair of the culvert. These plans are essential for ensuring that the project is completed safely and efficiently. Once the plans are in place, we will be able to move forward with the next steps, including the scheduling of the full closure and the commencement of the repair work.

We are also pleased to report that Allegan County has been actively assisting us in expediting the permit process with the State of Michigan. Their support has been invaluable in helping us navigate the regulatory requirements, and they are doing everything within their power to ensure that we receive the necessary approvals as quickly as possible. This collaboration with the county is a key factor in keeping the project on track. The city will be meeting with the City Engineers, Prien and Newhof and EGLE next week as a first step in the permitting process.

In addition, we are currently working on identifying and securing the funding needed to expedite this process. We understand the urgency of this project and are exploring all available options to ensure that the necessary resources are in place to move forward without delay.

Please rest assured that we are doing everything possible to address the Ferry Street Culvert issue promptly and effectively. I will continue to keep you informed of any significant developments as we progress through the planning and permitting stages. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through this process.

Authority Positions Open: Please spread the word! Open Authority positions! The City of Douglas offers citizens a variety of opportunities to participate in local government.

Currently, there are open seats available on the:

- Douglas Harbor Authority
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority

If this is something that interests you, please visit the city website for an appointment application or stop by City Hall during normal business hours which are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

City of Douglas Announces Support for the Formation of Tri-Community Wildlife Committee with Saugatuck and Saugatuck Township: The City of Douglas is pleased to announce their support for the formation of a new Tri-Community Wildlife Committee in collaboration with the cities of Saugatuck and Saugatuck Township. This initiative aims to address the growing concerns related to wildlife management, with a particular focus on the increasing deer population that has been impacting our communities.

In response to the challenges posed by nefarious wildlife, the Tri-Community Wildlife Committee will bring together experts, local leaders, and community members to explore and develop effective management strategies. The committee will focus on creating a coordinated approach to handle wildlife issues, ensuring the safety and well-being of residents while maintaining the ecological balance.

The City Council of Douglas discussed the formation of the committee and its objectives at the September 3rd, 2024, council meeting, and the by-laws were voted on favorably.

“The Douglas City Council is committed to ensuring a balanced and inclusive approach,” said Mayor Cathy North. “To this end, we invite residents who hold differing views on wildlife management—both those in favor and those opposed—to apply for a position on the committee, as this balanced representation will help ensure that all voices are heard and that the committee’s recommendations reflect the diverse opinions of our community,” the mayor added.

The Committee shall consist of three (elected) representatives, one from each community, and three to four citizens, who will be selected by their respective councils or boards.

More information is forthcoming as it relates to applying for a board position. Currently, the City of Douglas is providing an opportunity for the City of Saugatuck and Saugatuck Township to review the committee by-laws with their council/boards before proceeding with this partnership.

We look forward to the public’s participation and to working together for a harmonious coexistence with local wildlife.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Tuesday, September 10th, 2024: City offices will close at 11:30 a.m. for the day for a staff picnic hosted by the City Council

Wednesday, September 11th, 2024: 9-11 Ceremony on the corner of Main/Center @ 8:30 a.m. (City offices will close from 8:30 a.m. -9:00 a.m. for the ceremony)

Thursday, September 12th, 2024: Planning Commission Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Monday, September 16th, 2024: City Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Tuesday, September 17th, 2024: Douglas Harbor Authority meeting @ 4:30 p.m. at City Hall

Tuesday, September 17th, 2024: KLHA meeting @ 5:30 p.m. at Saugatuck Township

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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