



City of the Village of Douglas Administration Report Week of September 16th-20th, 2024

Six Good Samaritans Honored for Saving a Man's Life After Car Plunges into Kalamazoo Lake: On September 16th, 2024, six brave individuals were honored for their lifesaving efforts after a man lost consciousness and his pick-up truck veered into Kalamazoo Lake. The quick and heroic actions of Richard Beaudreault, Jason Lott, Michael O'Brien, Maxwell Klemm, Amie Shanahan, and Austin Waalkes prevented a potential tragedy and saved the man's life.

The incident occurred on August 15th, 2024, when the driver, suffering a medical emergency, lost control of his vehicle and ended up submerged in the lake. Without hesitation, these six good Samaritans jumped into action, working together to break the truck's windows and pull the unconscious driver to safety. Their teamwork and quick response allowed the man to be rescued before emergency responders arrived. Douglas Police Chief Steve Kent praised the rescuers, saying, "These individuals went above and beyond, risking their own safety to save a life. Their actions were nothing short of heroic, and the community is truly grateful."

Mayor Cathy North added, "We are incredibly proud of these six residents whose quick thinking and courage made all the difference. They represent the very best of our community, and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts."

The City of Douglas honored Richard Beaudreault, Jason Lott, Michael O'Brien, Maxwell Klemm, Amie Shanahan, and Austin Waalkes at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2024, where they were presented with plaques to recognize their outstanding bravery and service to the community.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Wednesday, September 25th, 2024: DDA Meeting @ City Hall at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 28th, 2024: Michigan Downtown Days in Douglas

Monday, September 30th, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Special Meeting of the Douglas City Council at City Hall

Monday, October 7th, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. Douglas City Council Meeting 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.