



City of the Village of Douglas Administration Report Week of September 23rd-October 4th, 2024

2024 Election Information: The election is right around the corner. Here is some helpful information that the City Clerk would like to share with you. For any questions, please contact the City Clerk's office by email at info@douglasmi.gov, phone at 269-857-1438, or visit City Hall during normal business hours which are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

- Absentee Ballots: Available for pickup at City Hall starting Thursday, September 26th, 2024.
- Mailed Ballots: Sent out beginning Thursday, September 26th, 2024.
- Ballot Public Accuracy Testing: Wednesday, October 16th, 2024, @ 10 a.m. at Douglas City Hall
- Early In-Person Voting for Douglas Voters: October 26th-November 3rd, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Douglas City Hall
- Election Day Voting for Douglas Voters: Tuesday, November 5th, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Douglas City Hall

Additional Election Information available by visiting:

<https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/> or <https://douglasmi.gov/elections/>

Ferry Street Update: On Monday, September 30th, the Douglas City Council met to consider approving a resolution authorizing the Allegan County Drain Commissioner to expend the necessary funds for maintenance of the Warnock Drain above \$5000 per mile limit, an action that would ensure that the drain system remains functional and provides a financing and funding mechanism for repairing the drain. In addition, this option allowed for important permitting exemptions to occur as the Drain Commissioner projects have special culvert maintenance and repair exemptions with EGLE that municipalities do not have. The Allegan County Drain Commissioner had conducted an inspection of the Warnock Drain, which revealed the need for significant maintenance. The Council did approve the maintenance agreement with the Allegan County Drain Commission, and next steps are to commence with the bid process as soon as EGLE

gives the green light that we can move forward with the project. It is still the City's goal to have the work done at the culvert before Memorial Day 2025.

If you are interested in receiving updates about the project, please sign up for Constant Contact at the following link: <https://douglasmi.gov/subscribe-mailing-list/>

Bumpouts: We want to offer our sincerest thanks to everyone who adopted a bumpout downtown over the summer. These amazing people have also spent time clearing the areas and preparing them for the winter season. We hope each of you will return next year and once again, help to beautify the downtown.

Beery Field Restrooms: Please help us keep the Beery Field bathrooms clean and usable for everyone. Unfortunately, we've experienced some issues with vandalism and improper use of the facilities. To ensure they can remain open year-round, we ask everyone to do their part in maintaining a clean and respectful environment. Your cooperation is essential in keeping these facilities available and in good condition for the entire community. Thank you for your help!

Red Flame at Wade's Bayou: The red flame at Wade's Bayou was removed on Thursday, October 3rd due to the significant wear that it had experienced posing a potential safety risk. We want to thank everyone who contributed to this project.

City Offices Closed: City offices will be closed on Monday, October 14th, for the Columbus Day holiday.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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

Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m. Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority Meeting @ Saugatuck Township 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

City of the Village of Douglas Contact Information:

Website: <https://douglasmi.gov/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/douglasmi.gov

City Hall: 269-857-1438

Police Department Non-Emergency: 269-857-4339

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.

Our friend Captain welcomed the fall season this week! Have a great weekend, Douglas!

