



City of the Village of Douglas Administration Review Week of October 7th, 2024

Tri-Community Wildlife Committee: The City of Douglas, City of Saugatuck, and Saugatuck Township have officially made their appointments to the Tri-Community Wildlife Committee. The City of Douglas will be taking the lead in scheduling meetings for the committee and will be hosting them at Douglas City Hall. The date and time for the first meeting is forthcoming.

The purpose of the Committee is to seek options and make recommendations to manage the overgrowth of deer and other wildlife within the jurisdictions of the City of Douglas, Saugatuck Township, and the City of Saugatuck. The Authority will discuss wildlife management strategies, particularly focusing on the hunting season periods set by the State of Michigan for culling purposes and make recommendations to the respective councils and boards of each community.

We want to officially thank the following individuals for agreeing to serve on this committee:

- *City of Douglas:* Councilmember Neal Seabert, Tammy Cunnion, and Timothy Smith
- *City of Saugatuck:* Councilmember Scott Dean, David Ignasiak, and Keith Walker
- *Saugatuck Township:* Township Trustee Stacey Aldrich, Tony Schippa, and Beth Ramsson

2024 General Election Information for the City of Douglas

The election is right around the corner. Here is some helpful information that the City Clerk would like to share with you.

- 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/>

Downtown Decorations: The City of Douglas would like to thank the Douglas Downtown Development Authority for approving funds to decorate the downtown for the fall season. It looks absolutely amazing!



Shop & Dine Passport Program: The Douglas Downtown Development Authority will be kicking off the Shop & Dine Douglas Passport Program on November 1st and running through November 30th. Thirteen businesses, listed below, will be participating in the program.

Ox-Bow House
 Lakeshore Pet Boutique
 L Salon
 Wild Dog Grille
 Brackett & Company Home Accents
 Mr. Miller's Art Emporium
 Ruth Crowe Artist Studio
 Everyday People Café
 Happystance
 Borrowed Time
 Water Street Gallery
 Now and Then
 Button Gallery

How the Program Works:

- Passports: Customers can pick up a passport from Douglas City Hall or any participating business from November 1-November 30th.

- **Collecting Stamps:** As customers visit participating locations, they will collect stamps. No purchase is necessary for them to receive a stamp – just a visit!
- **Completion Requirements:** Once customers have collected stamps from at least 50% of the participating businesses listed in the passport, they can submit their completed passport.
- **Submission Options:** Completed passports can be turned in at:
 - Douglas City Hall
 - Any participating business (including yours)
 - The Light Night in Douglas Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Beery Field on Saturday, November 30th, at 6:00 p.m.

Drawing & Prizes:

- **Prize Drawing:** By submitting a completed passport, participants will be entered into a drawing to win one of three “downtown dollars” prizes to spend at participating businesses in the amounts of \$200.00, \$150.00 & \$100.00.
- **Event Participation:** Customers do not need to be present at the tree lighting event to participate in the drawing.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Saturday, October 12th, 2024: Oktoberfest at Beery Field

***Monday, October 14th, 2024: City Offices are Closed for the Columbus Day federal holiday

Monday, October 21st, 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

City of the Village of Douglas Contact Information:

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 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