



CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS, MICHIGAN WEEKLY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 11TH-15TH, 2024

New Sign Honoring our Veterans: On Monday, November 11th, 2024, Veteran's Day, the City of Douglas unveiled a new sign to honor the service and sacrifice our Veterans made for our country at Veteran's Park, located on Washington Street. Keri Becker, resident, and a former Sergeant who served in the United States Army Reserves from 1992-2008, was the keynote speaker. We are proud to honor all who served and continue to serve.



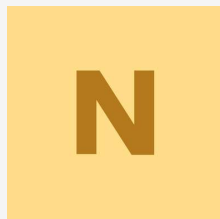
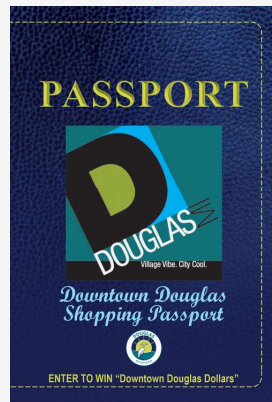
Affordable/Attainable Workforce Housing: The City Council held its first workshop on Monday, November 11th, with Ryan Kilpatrick from Flywheel, to explore options for affordable and attainable housing. They directed Ryan to provide a draft request for proposals that they can review and use to guide their decisions moving forward. Excellent progress was made.



Douglas Downtown Development Authority Shop & Dine Passport Program: The Douglas Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Shop & Dine Passport Program is underway through November 30th!

Visit a participating business to learn more:

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



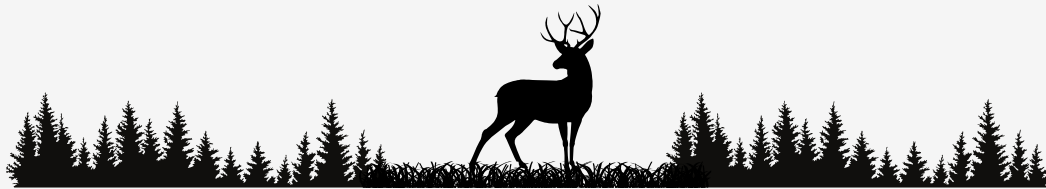
Leaf/Brush Policy: Per the leaf and brush policy passed by the City Council, it states that the City will not pick-up leaf or brush piles that are left from contracted work or commercial landscapers. Please make alternate arrangements with contractors for leaf/brush removal. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Leaf pick-up for the months of November & December:

East of Blue Star Highway: November 19th
West of Blue Star Highway: November 26th

A **final sweep** for leaves, east/west of Blue Star Highway, will be on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024***





Tri-Community Wildlife Committee Meeting Update: The Tri-Community Wildlife Committee, representing the City of Douglas, City of Saugatuck, and Saugatuck Township, convened for their first meeting at Douglas City Hall on November 12th.

During this meeting, Neal Seabert was elected as Chairperson, Keith Walker as Vice-Chair, and Tammy Cunnion as Secretary. The committee decided that meetings will occur monthly, on the first Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., with the upcoming session scheduled for December 4th. **The January meeting date will be changed due to the New Year's Day holiday, to the following week, unless the committee determines otherwise. **

The committee is addressing pressing concerns about the overpopulation of deer, food scarcity, and their effects on residents and businesses, emphasizing humane solutions.

At the next meeting, Don Poppe, a Wildlife Biologist from the Michigan Department of Natural Resource Wildlife Division, will provide a detailed presentation on these challenges.

The City of Douglas would like to express our gratitude to the appointed representatives from each community for their dedication to tackling this vital issue.

City of Douglas: Councilmember Neal Seabert, Tammy Cunnion, Timothy Smith

City of Saugatuck: Councilmember Scott Dean, David Ignasiak, Keith Walker

Saugatuck Township: Township Trustee Stacey Aldrich, Tony Schippa, Beth Ramsson



Ferry Street Culvert Project Update: Good news! The project went out for bids this week with the bid opening expected to take place on December 3rd.

We expect to see the prep work for the project commence in January of 2025, and still focused on the project completion before the 2025 Memorial Day holiday. Thank you for your patience. This project remains our top priority!



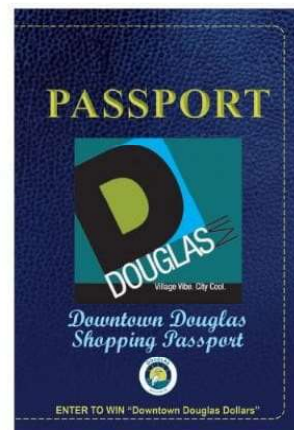
The City of Douglas & the Douglas DDA present...

Light Night in Downtown Douglas

Saturday, November 30, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.
Beery Field

Tree Lighting | Hot Chocolate | Christmas Carols | Santa Claus

The DDA will also hold the drawing for the Shop and Dine Passport Program where three “Downtown Douglas Dollars” prizes will be awarded. You do not need to be present to win.





Upcoming Meetings & Events

Friday, November 1st, 2024, through Saturday, November 30th: DDA Shop & Dine Passport Program

Monday, November 18th, 2024: City Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024: City Hall will be closed from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for a staff Thanksgiving potluck.

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024: DDA Meeting @ 2:00 p.m. at City Hall (moved to a week earlier due to the Thanksgiving Holiday)

Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th: City Hall offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

Saturday, November 30th, 2024: Light Night in Douglas Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Beery Field @ 6:00 p.m. (Final night to submit passports for the drawing)



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.