



City of the Village of Douglas Administration Report Late November-Early December 2024



We are moving forward: At the December 2nd, 2024, City Council meeting, the council voted unanimously to move forward with the build-out of the 415 Wiley building for the future city hall and police department. Work is expected to commence this month.

Ferry Street: The plan is still on track to start work on the Ferry Street culvert project in late January. We look forward to this project moving forward and the road opening in spring of 2025.

66th Street Property: At the City Council meeting on December 2nd, 2024, the council approved an offer to purchase city owned surplus property on 66th Street in the amount of \$225,000.00. These funds will be added to a restricted account that will help pay for the Wiley property build-out.

DDA Informational Meeting/2024 Annual Report: The DDA will be presenting their annual report at the upcoming meeting on December 18th at 2:00 p.m. at Douglas City Hall. Another presentation will be made at the City Council meeting on January 6th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting Time Change: Starting in January 2025, the Douglas City Council will be changing their meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is not temporary and will be a permanent change.

New Signs: New signage to match the existing wayfinding signs, were installed on Blue Star Highway as you exit Saugatuck (a replacement), and at the Root Beer Barrel.

The Douglas Downtown Development Authority Shop & Dine Passport Program:

The DDA is discussing another round of the passport program to run through January 31st, 2025. More information will be forthcoming after their December 18th meeting. The November passport program generated 835 visits to the participating locations. 110 passports were turned in for the drawing, and it was an immense success overall. We look forward to continuing this as an annual event.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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

Wednesday, December 18th, 2024: DDA Meeting at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall. The DDA will also be presenting the 2024 Annual Report

Tuesday, December 24th & Wednesday December 25th: City Offices are closed for the Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, December 31st & Wednesday, January 1st: City Offices are closed for the New Year's Holiday

Monday, January 6th, 2025: Douglas City Council Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. at City Hall

Wednesday, January 8th, 2025: Tri Community Wildlife Committee Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. at Douglas 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.