



City of the Village of Douglas Administration Report March 10th-14th, 2025

Ferry Street Project Update: Ferry Street Culvert Project Update: The Ferry Street Culvert Project continues to progress, with significant milestones achieved this week. As of Thursday, the coffer dam around the culvert area was successfully completed. On Friday, bypass pumping will be installed, allowing for the final sealing of the dam's ends. Additionally, materials for both the watermain and the culvert have arrived on-site, ensuring the project remains on schedule.

Looking ahead to next week, work will begin with the removal of the existing culvert on Monday. Starting Tuesday, crews will shift their focus to watermain construction, which is expected to continue throughout the rest of the week. Once the watermain is fully installed, the project will move into its next phase with the placement of the new culvert.

Following the culvert installation, pressure testing and water sampling will take place before any restoration efforts begin. The watermain will be tied in after the completion of acceptance testing and sampling by KLSWA. **While the exact new water main tie-in date has yet to be determined, the contractor understands the importance of providing advance notice to residents ahead of any planned shutdown. **(Letters were sent to those who will be impacted in February, and we will follow up with door hangers as a reminder when we get closer to the determined date.) **

As work progresses, the City will continue to share updates to keep residents informed. Thank you for your patience as we make these critical infrastructure improvements.



BEERY FIELD CHARGING STATION FEE STRUCTURE CHANGE: REMINDER EFFECTIVE MARCH 26, 2025

For the past five years, the City of the Village of Douglas and the Douglas Downtown Development Authority have proudly offered free EV charging to our community, demonstrating our dedication to green energy.

To ensure the continued availability and improvement of this service, we will be implementing a nominal fee of \$0.35 per kWh, effective March 26th, 2025. This fee will directly support the operational costs of the charging stations and create a dedicated fund for future enhancements, allowing us to expand and modernize our EV infrastructure for the benefit of all residents and visitors.

As part of this commitment, we will upgrade our L2 charging stations in the spring, allowing customers to charge at twice the speed.



Tri-Community Wildlife Committee Meeting: The Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 2nd, to discuss a resolution that they will forward to the boards/council's in the Tri-Community area with recommendations.

As a reminder, feeding and baiting deer carries a fine of \$275 and is considered a misdemeanor offense.

While feeding deer may seem harmless, it contributes to increased populations in residential areas and heightens the risk of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a fatal neurological illness that can spread rapidly among deer. Reducing artificial food sources is an essential part of responsible wildlife management.

If you suspect someone is feeding or baiting deer, please report it to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) by calling 1-800-292-7800.

Your cooperation helps protect both the community and the local deer population.

Short-Term Rentals: If you have a short-term rental, and you have not registered with the City of Douglas or had an inspection completed by the fire department, you could be in violation of the city ordinance and fire code. Please make sure to contact City Hall if you need to register or the fire department (numbers are listed below) if you need an inspection or have any questions. Both are required.

St. Patrick's Day Saturday in Downtown Douglas: Please stop by Downtown Douglas and visit many of the businesses located throughout the community, on Saturday, March 15th, to shop, dine, and enjoy some St. Patrick's Day fun! Shop local. Shop small. We love our community!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Monday, March 17th, 2024: Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water Authority Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m. 6449 Old Allegan Road, Saugatuck, MI

Monday, March 17th, 2025: Douglas City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Douglas City Hall

Wednesday, March 19th, 2025: Douglas DDA Meeting at 2:00 p.m. at Douglas City Hall

Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025: Tri-Community Wildlife Committee at 6:00 p.m. at Douglas City Hall

Monday, April 7th, 2025: Douglas City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Douglas City Hall

Tuesday, April 15th, 2025: Douglas Harbor Authority meeting at 4:30 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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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.