



## City of the Village of Douglas Administration Report March 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Ferry Street Project Update:** The Ferry Street project continues to progress, with significant work completed this week and more scheduled in the coming days. Over the past week, crews moved communication wires to allow for necessary construction, removed the pump, and took out the pavement over the culvert.

Additionally, work began on the installation of the coffer dam, which will continue into next week.

Looking ahead, the coffer dam installation will be completed, and Plummers Environmental will return to install end seals in the manholes where the sanitary sewer was lined. Dewatering systems will be put in place, and materials are scheduled for delivery. Crews will also install bypass pumping for the culvert to prepare for the next phase of work.

In the coming weeks, installation of the new water main is set to begin on Monday, March 17. Once in place, it will be pressure tested and sampled in coordination with KLSWA. Following that, the existing culvert will be removed, and the new culvert will be installed. The exact date for the new water main tie-in to the existing water main has not yet been determined, but the contractor is aware of the need to provide residents with advance notice before any temporary service disruptions. \*\*(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:**  
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 Tri-Community Wildlife Committee met this week and is taking steps toward making recommendations to the City Councils and Township Board regarding the growing deer population. Based on the results of the public survey, there is strong support for lethal management options over non-lethal approaches. This topic will be further discussed at the committee's April meeting.

The committee also reviewed the state law prohibiting the feeding and baiting of deer in the Lower Peninsula. Sergeant Ben Haas of the Allegan County Sheriff's Department confirmed that violations of this law carry a \$275 fine and are 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.

#### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Erin Go Bark Parade/Event: Line-up at 11:15 a.m. by Respite

Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Douglas Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (DBRA) meeting at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall (Focus: Update on 200 Blue Star Highway)

No Planning Commission Meeting this month

#### **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.