



City of the Village of Douglas Administration Report Week of April 7th-18th, 2025

Ferry Street Culvert Project Update –Here's what's happening on-site as we close out the week of April 18: Frontier has reinstalled their three fiber lines back on the poles, saw cutting of damaged pavement areas was completed, and the sand subbase and aggregate base grading are now done. Side slope stabilization using riprap is also finished. If the weather permits, base course asphalt paving may even happen on Friday, April 18th, 2025.

Looking ahead to the week ending April 25: Comcast is planning to reinstall their fiber line on the poles, and if paving can't happen today, both base and top course asphalt paving will occur next week. Guardrail installation, shoulder aggregate placement, and final side slope and topsoil restoration are also scheduled.

The week after (ending May 2), pavement markings and pedestrian crossing delineators are expected to go in, along with final site restoration, all weather dependent. We're still on schedule, and if Mother Nature cooperates, the contractor believes Ferry Street could reopen in early May. We'll keep you posted as this rainy April/early May plays out! 🌧️🚧☀️

Public Notice: Please Plan Ahead- Notice of Road Closure/Construction on Wiley Road: Please do not attempt to access Blue Star Highway or Wiley Road through the 415 Wiley property. There are construction teams working all around the property, and we want to ensure their safety during the Fire Suppression connection work.

If you have questions, please contact Chris Standeford from CarbonSix at 269-767-0239 or the City of Douglas at 269-857-1438 or by email at citymanager@douglasmi.gov.

AN IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES: Please contact MGU Directly with any questions.

Michigan Gas Utilities (MGU) has visited all the customers in Allegan County who lost service last week. Crews have restored service to more than 80% of customers and left information for the remaining customers who were not at home.

On Monday, utility crews are again going door to door to the remaining customers who were not available during the first visit.

We believe there are hundreds of homes that are summer homes or second homes where the customer may not be regularly available. In those cases, we would ask the homeowner to work with a trusted neighbor to let our crews access the home to restore service and relight appliances.

MGU is keeping extra crews in the area this week to help restore service to the remaining customers as quickly and safely as possible.

The MGU pipeline lost natural gas service on April 9 when the natural gas transmission pipeline line that serves MGU was damaged.

The transmission pipeline operator, TC Energy, worked around the clock to repair the damage to their pipeline. The damage was caused by a third party unaffiliated with MGU or TC Energy.

Service was restored to the MGU pipeline on April 11. Utility crews have been working around the clock since the initial incident to safely secure the MGU distribution system and restore service to the 5,200 customers impacted.

We appreciate customers' patience and all the kind words and gestures from the community. From the thank you messages and hand waves to food and water drop offs, we are grateful.

We have updated our webpage, and it is live with details and Q&A.

<https://news.michigangasutilities.com/michigan-gas.../>

Road Projects Approved for FY24/25:

The scope of work is to mill and overlay:

- Wiley Road from Blue Star Highway to approximately 360' West (scope to include storm drainage work)
- Fremont Street from Union Street to pavement change by Spring Street
- May Street from Center Street to pavement change by First Street

Douglas Marina Park: The City of the Village of Douglas was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Consumers Energy Foundation to support the construction of a pavilion and an accessible path at the Douglas Marina Park.

In addition to this generous grant, Douglas residents Bud Baty and Max Matteson have offered to match the grant funding and, if necessary, raise additional funds to include a restroom with a shower and a community fire pit as part of the park improvements.

Architectural drawings for the expanded amenities were submitted by Baty and Matteson and reviewed by the City Council on April 7th. The renderings can be accessed by visiting the city website under agendas and meeting notices (April 7th City Council meeting). The city will now work on issuing a request for proposals separately for the pavilion and restroom.

Wake or No-Wake? That is the question today! The Cities of Douglas and Saugatuck are exploring possible changes to no-wake zones on Kalamazoo Lake. Share your input to help guide future discussions!

 Take the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JNVNCL2>

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.

Congratulations Ricky Zoet-Douglas Department of Public Works Director! Ricky recently graduated from the Michigan Public Service Institute (MPSI), a prestigious leadership and management program designed specifically for public service professionals. This three-year program focuses on developing strong, ethical leaders in local government, and Ricky's completion of it is a testament to his dedication to our community.

We're proud to have Ricky leading the Douglas Department of Public Works and excited to see the continued impact of his leadership and expertise here in the City of the Village of Douglas. Way to go, Ricky! 🌞👏

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Friday, April 18, 2025: City Hall is closing at 2 p.m. for the Good Friday Holiday

Monday, April 21st, 2025: Douglas City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Douglas City Hall

Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025: Douglas DDA Meeting at 10:00 a.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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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

City Hall Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.