



City Manager Report

January 26, 2026

Lead Testing Report

- We received the annual lead testing report. It shows 0 sites were above action levels for lead or copper. The 90th percentile values are also down from last year:

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) received your results of lead and copper tap monitoring conducted between June 1 and September 30, 2025. The calculated 90th percentile values are listed below. Please retain this information for your records.

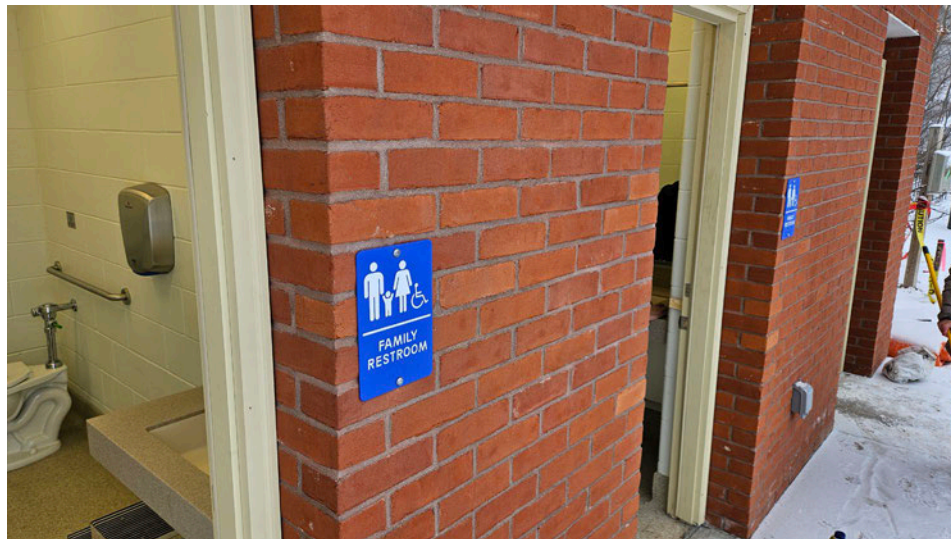
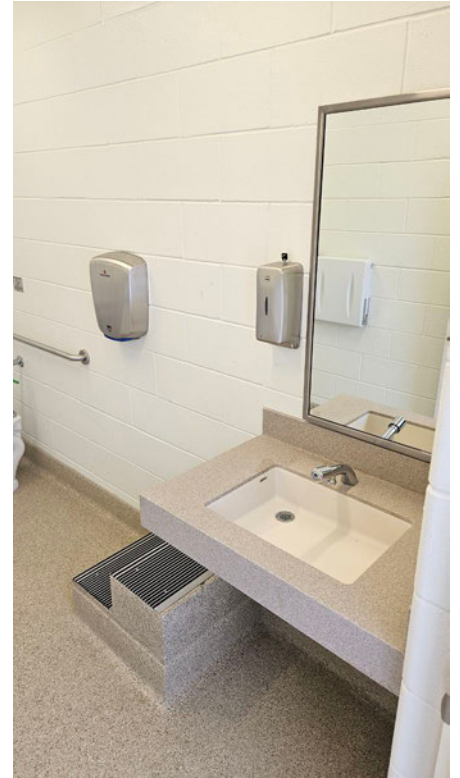
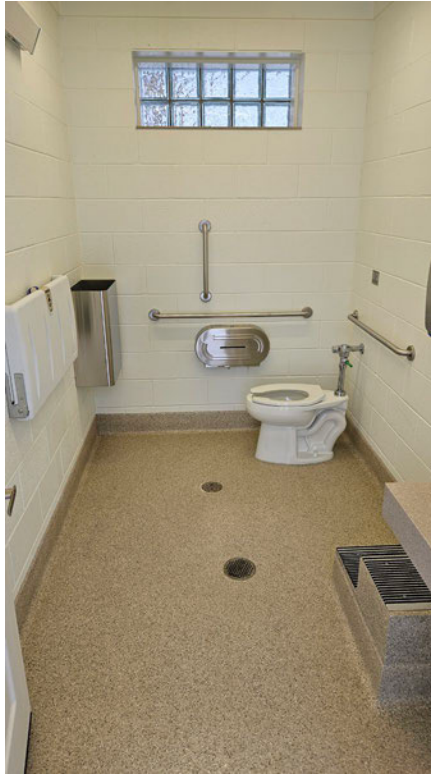
Action Levels	90 th Percentile Value	# of Sites Above Action Level	Range of Individual Results
Lead 12 parts per billion (ppb)	2 ppb	0	0 ppb - 7 ppb
Copper 1.3 parts per million (ppm)	0.4 ppm	0	0.0 ppm - 0.8 ppm

- As a reminder, the distribution systems material inventory was completed last year and the line by line information can be viewed here:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ow6aBJim47n5l_AimEKFEGSARu6BSRxD/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108184840149774424107&rtpof=true&sd=true
- Public Works and Engineering are working on a lead service line replacement plan. We have also submitted an intent to apply for lead service line replacement funding through the drinking water state revolving fund.

Mt. Baldhead Restroom

- The new restroom is largely complete. Here is an update from Midwest Construction:
 - We have officially passed all necessary inspections for occupancy at MT Baldhead's Restroom! Temporary Doors were installed with matching locksets.
 - Remaining items for project completion:
 - Permanent door installation: Ship Date is January 28. Install is likely to be by February 6 depending on delivery.
 - Drinking fountain and north concrete sidewalk: Drinking fountain is expected on February 13.

- Spring landscaping



Strategic Planning

- Thank you for an excellent strategic planning session. Dedicating a full day to this work was a significant commitment, and I have been reviewing and reflecting on your thoughtful feedback. I truly appreciate the insights and perspectives you shared.

- I am working to develop a one-page summary of next year's priorities. I plan to have that and the facilitator report at a February workshop for your review and approval.

Michigan Municipal Executives Conference

- I am attending the MME conference in Traverse City. It has been great to connect with colleagues from around the state. A lot of great educational sessions as well. I attended or plan to attend the following sessions:
 - Pre-Conference Workshop: Leveraging Forecasting for Financially Resolute Budgets
 - Wade Against: Supporting Leadership Resilience and Informed, Responsive Governance
 - General Session – The Power of Sustainability
 - Harnessing AI for Community and Professional Advocacy
 - General Session – Level Up: Unlocking Life 2.0
 - Investing in You: Stories and Strategies from High-Impact Professional Training
 - Legislative Update
 - Leveraging Forecasting During the CIP Process
 - Hot Topics in Local Government
 - Building a Foundation Through Organizational Culture
 - General Session – Unearthing the Truth: Cedar Springs' Encounter with Forever Chemicals
 - Welcome Reception and Networking Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
- A big thank you for supporting the professional development of me and our staff team.

We Made The List!

- I am thrilled to share that Oval Beach has been ranked among the Top Beaches in the United States by TripAdvisor's Travelers' Choice Best of the Best Awards!
- And we're in some truly incredible company. This year's list includes world-famous destinations like Clearwater Beach (FL), Waikiki Beach (HI), and La Jolla Cove (CA), places people travel across the country (and the globe) to experience.
- It's a reminder that our small lakeshore community offers something just as special: stunning Lake Michigan views, soft sand, unforgettable sunsets, and a welcoming atmosphere that keeps visitors coming back year after year.
- View the full list and write up here: <https://www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Beaches-cUnitedStates-g191>

Miscellaneous

- Held one on one meeting with City Treasurer/Finance Officer
- Held one on one meeting with Director of Planning and Zoning.
- Held Department Head team meeting.

- Met with Logo/Branding Advisory Committee. A recommendation on a design firm is planned for your 2/4 workshop. Twenty six proposals were received. You can get a head start on reviewing them all here:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nHxplgeOcdlABACnb0xijQv-1_re7q2m?usp=sharing
- Attended CVB Board meeting.
- Attended meeting with school, Township, and Douglas to discuss projects.
- Met with DNR to discuss Hunters Feeding Michigan program.