



City Manager Report

September 22, 2025

Mt. Baldhead Restroom Construction

- Midwest Construction has provided the following updates:
 - They had good success locating utilities.
 - Sewer Line - Found root damage approximately 10 feet outside the building. It was cut and capped past this location for future connection. The remainder of the sewer lateral is in good condition.
 - The water line was tracked to the road with Ground Penetrating Radar, albeit losing the signal for the restroom's line underneath the road. Their best guess is that the water line is connected in the southern-most parking spots near the museum.
 - Midwest and Fleis determined that the best path moving forward is to dig out the two parking spots, remove the existing line, and install a new connection and line to the restroom with a curb stop in the asphalt patch. Directional drilling the line is not currently in the bid, but they are seeing if the numbers and timing works.
 - As a reminder, Council did approve contingency dollars which can help cover this cost.
 - Existing restroom concrete removal: Thursday (09/18)
 - Foundation prep: Will start on Tuesday (09/23)
 - Water/Sewer: Will be worked on Tuesday/Wednesday (23-24)
 - They are lining up a directional bore so that the street doesn't get interrupted.
 - Concrete Foundations: To start Thursday (25th)

Wellhead Protection Flyer

- With wells being our source for drinking water, we need everyone's help to protect them from contamination.
- The wellhead protection team recently used grant funds from EGLE to send out the attached educational flyer.

Consumers Tree Trimming this Fall

- It's always a balancing act of trying to maintain a nice tree canopy and outage impacts from downed trees or limbs. The Consumers franchise ordinance that was approved in 2019 does allow for them to do tree work. The ordinance states:
 - Consumers shall have the right to trim or remove trees if necessary in the conducting of such business; provided, however, that such activities shall be

preceded by not less than 24 hours' advance notice to the City except in cases of emergency, safety issues or the restoration of power.

- Consumers recently advised the following:
 - As part of our reliability efforts to improve service in the Saugatuck/Douglas area we will be trimming and removing trees and brush in accordance with our standards in the areas indicated on the map. This project will start this fall.
 - Residents will receive a postcard in the next couple weeks from us letting them know of the upcoming project. See below for our line clearing standards.
 - <https://www.consumersenergy.com/company/trees-and-power-lines#expect>
 - <https://www.consumersenergy.com/-/media/CE/Documents/forestry/share-the-space-brochure.ashx?la=en&hash=A242C909B885EF54C94B75EF2941B087>
- I have asked Public Works to reach out to Consumers to see if we can get any more details and advocate to minimize impacts to our tree canopy.

Michigan Municipal League (MML) Conference

- I am attending the MML's annual conference. It's always great to network with other local government officials from around the state, learn new things, and re-energize for the important work we do.
- In my next report I will report on the sessions that I attended.

Miscellaneous

- Interviewed potential parking consultants with Mayor Anderson and Council Member Muncey. A recommendation is planned for your October 8 workshop meeting.
- Attended Harbor Authority meeting.
- One on one meeting with City Treasurer.
- One on one meeting with Public Works Superintendent.
- One on one meeting with City Clerk.
- Attended meeting with Township, Friends of the Blue Star Trail, and C2AE.
- Held Department Head team meeting.
- Attended water/sewer agreement meeting with consultant and each communities advisory committee.

WELLHEAD PROTECTION:

A COMMUNITY EFFORT FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER

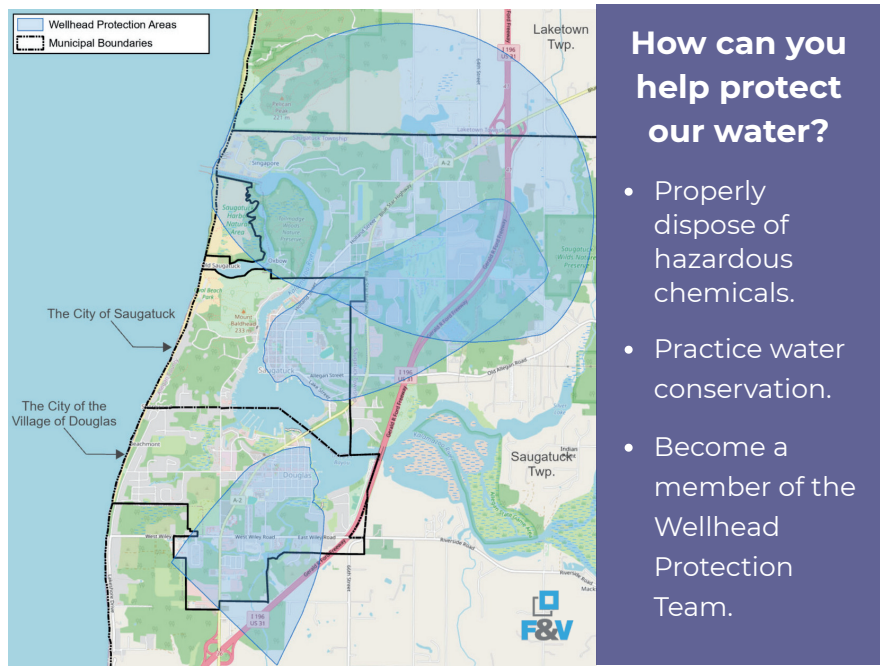
WHAT IS WELLHEAD PROTECTION?

Drinking water in our community comes from groundwater. To protect our groundwater, KLSWA participates in a Wellhead Protection Program (WHPP). The WHPP helps keep our drinking water safe by managing risks in the areas that surround our public water supply wells. Clean groundwater is vital to our health, economy, and community. Once contaminated, it can be very costly and difficult to restore. By working together, we can protect this essential resource now and for future generations.

HOW DOES GROUNDWATER GET CONTAMINATED?

Groundwater can become contaminated as rain and snow seep through the subsurface carrying pollutants into aquifers and wells. Common sources include failing septic systems, leaking fuel storage tanks, and improper disposal of hazardous chemicals. Regular maintenance, leak checks, and safe disposal of chemicals are key to keeping our drinking water clean.

WELLHEAD PROTECTION AREAS



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