



City Manager Report

July 27, 2026

Maple Street Construction Update

- All water services from Blue Star Highway (BSH) to Allegan are completed.
- Compton has started water services from Allegan Street to Well House. Should be completed next week.
- The north side of Allegan water main tie-in was completed last week.
- The BSH tie-in is anticipated for Monday or Tuesday next week.
- Storm sewer completed on west side of the road from BSH to State Street.
- Underground storage at Mason Street was installed.
- Sidewalks are being rough graded after storm sewer is installed. Concrete is tentatively scheduled for late next week for sidewalk from BSH to Allegan Street.
- A reminder that if your constituents have questions, please have them contact the following:
 - Public Works - Michelle Gibson, Project Coordinator - (269) 224-9504
 - Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering
 - Jon Moxey, P.E., Project Manager – (616) 588-1925
 - Peter Tierney, P.E., Project Manager – (616) 914-8621

Parking Improvements Task Force

- The Task Force has two meetings left. The next meeting is scheduled for July 29. Topics will include:
 - Parking Occupancy Field Work and Mapping – results from the week of July 13 data collection
 - July 22 Music in the Park Debrief
 - Elizabeth and Water Street Analyses for Opportunities for Parking-Space Gains
 - City Policy Regarding Restaurant Use of On-Street Parking
 - Walker Report Executive Summary Draft
 - Process for Communicating Study Results to Council
 - Remaining Task Force meeting dates – Tuesday, August 25
- All of the consultant reports can be found on the City website:
<https://www.saugatuckcity.com/parking-improvements-task-force.html>

Logo and Branding Committee

- The logo and branding committee met again to review the second round of design iterations.

- Concept A is working on further refinements and developing a presentation for Council.
- We are planning on the committee recommendation being presented at an August workshop meeting.

Lead Service Lines

- The City has 203 known lead, 198 galvanized previously connected to lead, and 229 unknown material service lines.
- Through the Maple Street and Elizabeth Street projects, several lead and galvanized service lines are being replaced.
- We have been evaluating additional funding to replace the remaining eligible service lines and have applied for \$1,690,000 through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Lead Service Line Replacement Program. Based on the initial scoring, the City was just outside the current funding range. However, we have been talking with EGLE about additional points we are eligible for that we hope will place us in the fundable range. If awarded, 10% of the funding would be provided as a grant, with the remaining 90% available as a 0% interest loan
- We expect to receive a final funding determination in September.

Deer Cull

- I have previously talked with Meridian Township, Sheriff's Office, Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture about cull options and logistics.
- The City of Grand Haven recently conducted a cull and had positive feedback about a private contractor they used.
- I recently met with the private contractor to discuss options. I plan to share my notes with the City of the Village of Douglas to see if they wish to partner on this.
- I will be working to get a formal proposal and plan from the contractor and review at a future workshop.

Comprehensive (Master) Planning

- The Planning Commission recently reviewed and had a robust discussion on three draft chapters of the comprehensive plan.
- If you would like to follow along, the drafts can be viewed in their last packet: https://www.saugatuckcity.com/uploads/1/3/3/9/133977444/pc_packet_7.16.26.pdf

Environmental Grant

- The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has awarded a \$1 million Brownfield Redevelopment Grant to Allegan County for the 640 Water Street project.

- It's great to see all levels of government and developers working together to properly clean up legacy contamination, create jobs, and repurpose a waterfront property.
- A formal press release from EGLE is forthcoming.

Miscellaneous

- Attended Election Commission meeting.
- Held one on one with Director of Planning/Zoning.
- Attended public accuracy testing for election equipment.
- Held department head team meeting.
- Held one on one with City Treasurer/Finance Officer.
- Attended Convention and Visitors Bureau Board meeting.
- Attended Maple Street construction meeting.
- Held one on one with City Clerk.
- Held one on one with Director of Public Works.
- Prepared for and attended Harbor Authority meeting.
- Attended grant meeting with EGLE, County, and 640 Water Street.
- Attended Music in the Park to help represent Parking Improvements Task Force.
- Met with Bendzinski to discuss financial analysis projects.

Maple Street Construction Photos



