



City Manager Report

June 22, 2026

Maple Street Construction Update

- We are planning on City Council doing a site visit after the workshop on July 8.
- Here are notes from our last progress meeting:
- Water main is approximately half done on Maple Street.
- The water main south of Allegan Street has passed testing and ready for a tie-in.
- Started some grading work on sidewalk while waiting for water main testing.
- Water main tie-in at Allegan Street is scheduled for Monday, June 22. Schippers to get notices out for the water shut down.
- Water services South of Allegan Street will begin after tie-in at Allegan Street.
- Seeing some through traffic on site. This slows down the process. Allegan County will increase sheriff presence.
- Sewer force main crossing is coming up. Schippers has been reminder they need to hydrovac the force main.
- 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 next meeting is scheduled for June 30. Reports that will be in the packet include:
 - Parking Yield Analysis: Converting Butler Street to One-Way Traffic from Lucy Street to Culver Street
 - Employee Parking Data
 - Loading Zone and ADA Parking
 - Proposed Final Deliverable Framework
- 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 has reviewed five design iterations based on the survey feedback and inspiration words we gathered so far.
- Concept A is furthering developing some of the design iterations.

- The committee will be reviewing round 2 in early July and hopes to present Council with three options and a recommendation in the second half of July.

Elizabeth Street

- Our engineers have gathered various options and cost estimates for Elizabeth Street. We are planning on options being presented to Council at your July 8 workshop.

New Free Shuttle Service Between Saugatuck and Douglas

- Some great news from Interurban and CVB:
 - We're excited to share a new transportation option for visitors this summer.
 - Beginning this Friday, the Interurban will launch a new continuous shuttle service between downtown Saugatuck and downtown Douglas, making it easier than ever for guests to explore both communities without having to move their vehicles or search for parking.
 - This new free shuttle service is sponsored by the CVB as part of our ongoing efforts to improve the visitor experience and encourage guests to explore all that our area has to offer.
 - A route map is included above for your reference.
 - The shuttle will operate through August 30 on the following schedule:
 - Fridays & Saturdays: 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - Sundays: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - We encourage you to share this information with your staff and guests, especially during busy weekends and special events.
 - Please note that this new shuttle service is in addition to Interurban's regular on-demand transportation services. This [PDF](#) provides an overview of all services offered by the Interurban Transit Authority and can be printed and shared with guests.
 - Thank you for helping us spread the word.

Free Continuous Loop Service (June 19 – August 30)

**Shuttle Loops
Run Every 15
Minutes on the
Following Days:**

Wed
6PM – 9PM
(Loop 1 Only)

Fri – Sat
1PM – 9PM

Sun
1PM – 7PM

Loop 1: Downtown Saugatuck

- P** Saugatuck High School (Free Parking)
401 Elizabeth St.
- 1** Chain Ferry Landing
528 Water St.

Loop 2: Saugatuck & Douglas

- 1** Saugatuck High School
401 Elizabeth St.
- 2** Saugatuck Drug Store
Corner of Mason and Butler St.
- 3** Douglas Elementary School
261 W. Randolph St.
- 4** Beery Field Center St.



Chain Ferry

- Sharing a great article highlighting the Chain Ferry and the unique experience it provides: <https://enjoyer.com/saugatuck-chain-ferry-best-summer-job-michigan/>

Oval Beach News Coverage

- Some great coverage on Oval Beach!
<https://www.yahoo.com/news/videos/saugatucks-oval-beach-draws-visitors-213921798.html?guccounter=1>

History of City Hall Presentation

- Here is a link to view the History Center's presentation on the history of City Hall. Some neat photos and old articles:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mxsldUv0XMiDoFi21CHEaQcWx_ILCNQG/view?usp=sharing

Miscellaneous

- Held one on one meeting with City Treasurer/Finance Officer.
- Held one on one meeting with City Clerk
- Held one on one meeting with Director of Public Works.
- Held department head team meeting.
- Attended meeting with consultant to answer initial questions on long term financial planning project.
- Prepared for and attended meetings on new water/sewer agreement.