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Smooth Road Ahead

Construction on Hudson Street to be completed by June 30

The Hudson Street repaving is one of three construction projects that are scheduled to start and be completed by June 30. Hudson Street will be repaved from the bridge crossing the Grand River north to the City limit line. Work is anticipated to begin Monday, June 11 and take five days to complete.

During Phase I of the project, the road from the bridge to Main Street will be closed for replacement. The detour will take traffic east to Jackson Street to cross the Grand River. The road is anticipated to be closed for two days.

The road will remain open while work is being done on Hudson Street from Main Street north to the City limit line, which is Phase II of the project. It should take three days to finish this section of road. Drivers should be aware of traffic shifts and congestion while work is being completed. The City will pay for the road replacement, however the county will pay for the engineering portion of the work. This project will take place at the same time work is being done on S. Broadway and N. Broadway.

Milling and resurfacing of N. Broadway from Main Street to Riverside Drive could also cause unfavorable traffic flow in May and June. Striping of parking spots, including handicap spaces, and redoing curbs to become Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant are also part of this project. Approximately \$90,000 of the cost is being paid for by the Downtown District Authority.

While the area around Main Street and Hudson will be tricky to traverse for a short time, the inconvenience is worth the smooth roads which will be left behind when completed. The City will update their webpage and Facebook page with specific information about these projects and what vehicle traffic should expect on specific days during construction.



Sidewalk Ordinance Enforcement

In the coming weeks, the Department of Public Works will be taking a look at all sidewalks within city limits. Those found to not be in compliance with the city’s sidewalk ordinance, found in Chapter 19 of the Ordinance Code, will be sent a letter identifying spots which need to be repaired or replaced.

Property owners will have until June 30, 2019 to complete necessary work to bring the sidewalks up to code. During this time, the \$50 permit fee needed to do the work will be waived.

Starting July 1, 2019, any sidewalks not in compliance will be issued a citation from the Lowell Police Department and will have 60 days to complete necessary fixes to sidewalks. If a sidewalk is still in disrepair, the city will complete the work needed and a lien will be placed on the property if the invoice to the property owner is not paid.

Money Matters

The proposed fiscal year 2018-2019 budget is available for review on the City’s website: <http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us/>

City Council held a review session on April 28 and are expected to approve the final version of the budget during their second meeting this month on May 21.

Showboat Sizzlin’ Concert Series Line-up

LowellArts and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce have announced the line-up for this year’s summer concert series. Concerts begin at 7pm along the Riverwalk throughout the summer. There is no admission charge and parking is free. Bring a blanket or chair or use available bleacher seating. The venue is also wheelchair accessible.

- June 14 – Serita’s Black Rose
- June 21 – The Mainstays
- June 28 – The Bootstrap Boys
- July 5 – Big Band Nouveau
- July 12 – The Soul Syndicate
- July 19 – Jake Kershaw
- July 26 – Stolen Horses
- August 2 – The Thirsty

May Meetings		
May 5	at 8:00 am	Coffee with Council
May 7	at 5:30 pm	Lowell City Council Meeting
	at 7:00 pm	Joint City Council & Lowell Light and Power Meeting
May 9	at 6:00 pm	Lowell Area Recreation Authority
	at 7:00 pm	Airport Board
May 10	at 12:00 pm	Downtown Development Authority
	at 6:00 pm	Lowell Light and Power Board
May 14	at 12:00 pm	Arbor Board
	at 3:30 pm	Fire Authority
	at 7:00 pm	Planning Commission
	at 7:00 pm	Local Officer Compensation Committee
May 15	at 6:00 pm	Parks and Recreation
May 21	at 7:00 pm	Lowell City Council Meeting
	at 7:00 pm	City Council Committee of the Whole
May 22	at 6:00 pm	Historic District Commission

Perch Blues Band

- August 16 – Luke Winslow-King
- August 23 – May Erlewine and The Motivations

Getting to Know Amy Brown

Amy Brown is still settling into her role as Deputy City Clerk, but she is enjoying learning more about Lowell, contributing to the city, and meeting residents.

Brown was the Deputy Clerk at Grattan Township in Belding prior to accepting the position at City Hall. Her children, Savannah and Ellyonna attend Lowell Schools. Her husband of 17 years, Greg, rounds out the family.

A true Michigander, Brown grew up in Jackson, moved to Ann Arbor for eight years, and has lived in the Grand Rapids area since 1999. She’s eager to use her skills to do her part in adding value to the community.

In just a handful of weeks, she is already impressed with how many different people are involved with making the area grow. Being busy all day is one thing Brown mentions as being an enjoyable part of the job. She is thankful for the welcome she has received from City staff and is eager to continue meeting residents, many likely at election time, as she becomes familiar with her new role.

Lowell: The Next Place to Shop

T-shirts and bags exclaiming Lowell as the Next Place To Be are more than just a fashion statement. They’re your chance to receive a discount at participating businesses.

The cost is \$15/shirt and \$8/bag. Wear your shirt or present your bag at participating merchants and you’ll receive 10% off your purchase (see individual locations for exclusions) no matter when you shop. This offer is good through the end of this year. Items are available for

purchase at Red Barn Consignments & Antiques, Tap House Bo, LowellArts, Kaleidoscope Laser, Flat River Grill, Rookies, Springrove Variety, and North Star Antiques.