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## Shining brightly LL&P's new leader steps up

An intern is a humble beginning. Steve Donkersloot has grown with each opportunity and become a leader. As of June 23rd, he is now the General Manager of Lowell Light & Power leading 15 employees to move us into the future of energy.

In 2009, Donkersloot was an intern from Hope College working as a staff accountant. He was hired after graduating the next year. As Financial & Office Manager, he began supporting retired manager Greg Pierce on special projects and board presentations. His work has prepared him to take the lead.

The metering project will give customers of LL&P services just like much bigger utility companies. Most importantly, it will focus on local control and reliability. This is Donkersloot's first big project as General Manager. The metering project will install new meters that have Web access. This allows customers to monitor their usage with an app on their phone or online. This gives individuals control of their energy efficiency and ability to report outage or request service. New meters will be installed in the next few months.

By the end of September, the combustion turbine will be completed. This will allow us to generate our own power, instead of relying on another organization. The goal is to provide secure, reliable power in a cost effective manner to meet the needs of our community. Donkersloot has been involved in this project and will see that come online under his leadership.

The team at LL&P is what excites Donkersloot the most. "Morale is high and communication is good," said Donkersloot. "Our team is moving in the right direction together. We are delivering service to our community reliably, affordably, locally controlled and accessible, while continuing to add value that attracts residents and business."

Donkersloot and his wife, Lyndsey, are currently looking for a home in the area with room for their dog and horse. They are excited to get more involved in our community. Congratulate Steve next time you see him around town.



## It's shear fun!

The Kent County Youth Fair is in town Aug. 8-13 at the Kent County Fairgrounds and there's lots to do. There are carnival rides, activities, animals and events every day. Don't miss the competition as the kids show their animals. For the schedule and details, check out the website <http://kcyf.org>.

## LACF Grant applications due

Does your project need just a bit of help? Does it meet the mission of the Lowell Area Community Fund? If so, grant applications are due Friday, Aug. 19th. Not sure if your project fits the criteria? Check details at

<http://www.grfoundation.org/lowell>.

Applications are available on that website as well. Good luck!

## Together in pink

You can buy your Pink Arrow IX shirt starting Thursday, Aug. 18th during Pink Arrow Community Day. It will be in a new location this year! Join Lowell Community Wellness' Pink Arrow Health Fair at the Riverwalk in downtown Lowell from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This location places you conveniently at the center of activities for the day.

Michigan Blood will donate \$10 to Gilda's Club of Lowell for every person who signs in to donate blood at the event. There will be free kid's activities, health activities and food. Just across the street will be the Farmer's Market. Then, as



Community Day activities wind down, the Sizzlin' Summer Concert begins with "Roosevelt Diggs".

For further details, check out <http://www.pinkarrowpride.org>.

## Pinknic delivers more fun

The Pinkness continues on Tuesday, Aug. 23rd with the Pink Arrow Community Pinknic hosted by Greenridge Realty. Join them from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 1160 West Main St. for food, live music, children's games, photo booth and more. Don't miss the fun!

## Lost & Found

Did you misplace something around town? Left something behind while you were having fun? Check the lost & found at Lowell Police Department. People turn in items and LPD holds onto them until you come to claim what's yours. Call LPD with questions.

## Be the change!

If you want to get involved and make a difference in your community, we need volunteers. There are two openings on boards.

- Arbor Board

### August Meetings

August 1, 7:00 p.m. City Council  
August 4, 12:00 p.m. Downtown Development Authority  
August 8, 12:00 p.m. Arbor Board – Canceled  
3:30 p.m. Fire Authority  
7:00 p.m. City Planning Commission  
August 10, 6:00 p.m. Lowell Area Recreation Authority  
7:00 p.m. Airport Board  
August 11, 6:00 p.m. Lowell Light & Power Board  
August 15, 7:00 p.m. Lowell City Council  
August 16, 6:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Authority  
August 17, 6:00 p.m. Lowell Light & Power  
August 19, 5:00 p.m. LACF Grants Due  
August 23, 6:00 p.m. Lowell Historic District Commission

If you are interested in getting involved, contact City Hall.