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Theresa Mundt Retires

The end of March will end 15 years of service

Theresa Mundt is no stranger to the workings of the city. She has been an employee of the Lowell Police Department or City Hall for the past 15 years.

First hired as a Clerk/dispatcher, she spent over 10 years in this role. But in 2014 she moved down the hall into an Administrative Assistant position. In this role, Mundt also took care of utility billing.

In November 2016 she took on the role of Deputy Clerk, the position from which she will retire the end of March. Theresa's husband Mark, who manages the city's Waste Water Treatment plant, will also leave his role to head into retirement.



Theresa's presence will be missed in City Hall. Her dedication, knowledge, and involvement will not be easily replaced. She's helpful with those she comes in contact with and is always looking out for what is best for the City.

A resident of Lowell for nearly 30 years, she will continue to contribute to the community. She will remain active in Rotary, her church's youth group, and plans on spending more time volunteering at Flat River Outreach Ministries and other community organizations. She will also have more time to be a Grandma and creating things through working on quilting, crocheting, sewing, and other craft projects.

Theresa is looking forward to the building of the new Showboat, believing it will help Lowell grow even more. She says, "Lowell is not only the next place to be, but it is the best place to be!"

Those who have worked with Theresa will miss her and wish her well as she begins writing the next chapters of her life.

New Assistant City Manager

In February, Department of Public Works Director Rich LaBombard was promoted to the role of Assistant City Manager. He will continue to oversee the DPW Department and take on additional responsibilities for the city.

Michigan Blood to Host Drive at King Building

Michigan Blood will have their mobile unit set up at the King Building at Recreation Park on Friday, March 16 from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

Those interested in donating blood can make an appointment online at www.miblood.org or by calling 1-866-MIBLOOD.

22nd Lowell Expo

The annual Lowell Expo will take place at Lowell High School, located at 11700 Vergennes, on Saturday, March 24 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Local businesses and organizations will be available with information on products and services they offer. Food, entertainment, and prizes are other reasons to attend the event.

The City of Lowell, Lowell Light and Power, and the Lowell Police Department will each have a booth at the Expo.

City Receives All-Clear on Municipal Water

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, are man-made chemicals commonly found in industrial and commercial fabrics and cleaners and has been linked to adverse health effects in humans. Varying amounts of the emerging contaminants have been detected in the nearby City of Rockford, Plainfield Township, and Algoma Township, prompting the City of Lowell to proactively test its water system.

The City tested its four municipal wells, each one coming back as non-detect for PFAS. The City of Lowell's water treatment and filtration plant treats an average of 589,000 gallons of water daily for more than 1,300 customers in the City of Lowell, Lowell Township, and Vergennes Township.

Getting to Know Jim Salzwedel

Jim Salzwedel was elected to City Council last November. While new to council, he has served on the Planning Commission and Lowell Light and Power Board.

Salzwedel enjoys getting out in the community to meet those he represents as he seeks resident input on things happening in the city. He also continues to learn more about how the city works in his new role.

South Broadway Construction to Begin in March

In March, residents will see construction begin on S. Broadway near and around the City's municipal parking lot. Water and sewer pipes will be replaced with updated components.

Construction will begin and have periods of hiatus in conjunction with higher truck traffic at King Milling. The project should end in late summer.

Upon completion, S. Broadway is anticipated to be closed to public traffic, which will allow industrial trucks to enter and exit the milling facility without having to interact with car traffic on Main Street.

Litehouse Job Openings

Litehouse currently has positions open for their Lowell Facility. If you are interested in learning about possible career opportunities at Litehouse, please go to www.lighthousefoods.com/careers. Litehouse prides itself on being a 100% Employee Owned Company.

March Meetings

Mar. 3	at 8:00 am	Coffee with Council
Mar. 5	at 7:00 pm	Lowell City Council Meeting
Mar. 6	at 7:00 pm	LCTV Board Meeting
Mar. 8	at 6:00 pm	Lowell Light & Power Board
Mar. 12	at 12:00 pm	Arbor Board
	at 3:30 pm	Fire Authority
	at 7:00 pm	Planning Commission
Mar. 14	at 6:00 pm	Lowell Area Recreation Authority
	at 7:00 pm	Airport Board
Mar. 15	at 12:00 pm	Downtown Development Authority
Mar. 19	at 7:00 pm	Lowell City Council Meeting
Mar. 20	at 6:00 pm	Parks and Recreation Commission