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## Welcome Spring!

Enjoying Lowell Parks

Warmer weather leads to spending more time enjoying the outdoors. Lowell has its fair share of local parks to take in, whether you're looking for organized recreation, relaxation, or a place to walk.

Fields at Creekside Park will soon be filled with organized sports. Little League begins this month, meaning the crack of bats will be a common sound each Saturday. This park, located on Gee Drive, is also home to a large,

wooden play structure, soccer field, and covered pavillion. It's also located along the Lowell Area Recreation Authority trail, for those interested in taking a stroll, travel by bike, or even rollerblade.



Stoney Lakeside Park offers recreation opportunities in a more relaxed atmosphere. Families can enjoy a new play structure, which was installed last summer. Those with four-legged members of the family can take in the dog park, and youngsters who like to play on four wheels can show off tricks at the skate park. Additionally, Stoney Lake is a great place to fish, relax on the beach, or even kayak.

Recreation Park, along the Grand River, provides open space and a boat launch. Conveniently located near downtown, those using the park aren't far from shopping and eating after playing. A kayak and boat launch on the Riverwalk provides an opportunity to access the Flat River and travel north.

When enjoying Lowell's parks, residents and visitors are reminded to be respectful. Parks close at dusk. Cleaning up trash and putting it in receptacles, provided by the city, keep parks looking nice. If you have a dog, take care of any business he or she may do while out on a walk. Help keeping bathrooms and other public areas in a clean, working condition is appreciated by city staff and other park users. Those interested in reserving a covered pavillion for a gathering can contact City Hall to make a reservation.

## Taking Care of Business

Whether you're walking a dog in a park or elsewhere in the City, remember to clean up any messes. If you don't make it a habit to bring waste bags with you, there are some receptacles available at parks and along the Riverwalk.

Residents should also keep in mind, all dogs must be leashed. The following City ordinance also addresses picking up after dogs and not allowing them to be destructive while out on a stroll.

*Sec. 5-35. - Injury to property; waste products.*

*No person owning or possessing a dog shall cause or permit such dog to:*

*(1) Go upon (a) any public property, including parkways, or (b) private property, without the permission of the owner of such private property, and bruise, break, tear up, crush or injure any flower bed, plant, shrub, tree or garden in any manner whatsoever or to defecate thereon.*

*(2) Be on public or private property not owned or possessed by such person, unless such person is accompanying such dog, has in his or her possession an appropriate device for scooping dog excrement for disposal in a suitable receptacle located on property owned or possessed by such person, and promptly uses such device to remove excrement of such dog, provided, however, this subsection shall not apply to guide dogs for the visually handicapped and aid dogs for the physically handicapped.*

## Welcome to the Team

With the retirement of Theresa Mundt last month, City Hall welcomes Amy Brown to the position of Deputy Clerk. Welcome Amy!

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Lowell Expo

The City of Lowell, Lowell Police Department, and Lowell Light & Power would like to thank those who attended the Lowell Expo and stopped by for a visit. Each of these groups looks forward to next year's event.

## Governor Declares Disaster

In wake of February's flood, Governor Snyder has declared the parts of Kent County impacted by the water a disaster. City officials hope to get additional information as to what this means for Lowell

in the coming weeks.

## LCTV Endowment Fund Disbursements

In late March the Lowell Cable TV Endowment Fund Board recommended distribution of funds, which were all approved by City Council. The following organizations received grant money for 2018.

*City of Lowell* - \$4,000 for LCTV Fund Administration

*FROM* - \$13,804 for phone system and light upgrade

*Englehardt Library* - \$10,000 for the library reading garden

*GR Amateur Astronomical Association* - \$6,150 for golf cart purchase

*Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce* - \$20,000 for new stage, cover, and equipment

*Lowell Area Recreation Authority* - \$25,000 for extending trail from Gee/Alden Nash to M-21

*Lowell Area Schools* - \$19,395 for Bushnell playground

*Lowell Area Schools* - \$2,429.12 for program delay manager

*LowellArts* - \$11,315.45 for 2<sup>nd</sup> floor heating and cooling

## Councilmembers Attend Training

Councilmembers Chambers and Salzwedel attended a Michigan Municipal League conference. As part of their Elected Officials Academy, they offer a Core Weekender seminar. City officials from across the state are invited to hear speakers discuss a variety of topics during a two-day event.

Members of the Elected Officials Academy earn Education Credits, which allows individuals to take advanced classes as credits are earned and Level One is achieved. In addition to learning about issues communities face and what cities have done to promote growth, these seminars provide an opportunity for representatives from Lowell to network with others. In the coming months other councilmembers will attend similar Core Weekenders.

## 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.litehousefoods.com/careers](http://www.litehousefoods.com/careers). Litehouse prides itself on being a 100% Employee Owned Company.

### April Meetings

April 2	at 7:00 pm	Lowell City Council Meeting
April 5	at 12:00 pm	Downtown Development Authority
April 7	at 8:00 am	Coffee with Council
April 9	at 12:00 pm	Arbor Board
	at 3:30 pm	Fire Authority
	at 7:00 pm	Planning Commission
April 11	at 6:00 pm	Lowell Area Recreation Authority
	at 7:00 pm	Airport Board
April 12	at 6:00 pm	Lowell Light and Power Board
April 16	at 7:00 pm	Lowell City Council Meeting
April 17	at 6:00 pm	Parks and Recreation Commission
April 24	at 6:00 pm	Historic District Commission