

CITY OF DOUGLAS NEWSLETTER

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DOUGLAS OKTOBERFEST **Saturday, Oktober 1st Beery Field**

Mayor Renee Waddell invites everyone to join in the fun with Grand Marshal Lauren Stanton of WZZM TV-13.

Schedule of Events:

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| 12:00 Noon | Parade down Center Street to Beery Field
Rifle Ceremony
Tapping of the Keg
Alphorn Performance |
| 12:00- 8:00 | Bier Tent
Food Court
Merchandise Sales |
| 12:30- 3:00 | Hark Up Polka Cats |
| 1:00 | Apple Dessert Bake-Off Judging with Senator Rick Jones |
| 12:30 - 3:00 | Kinderplatz Kid Games |
| 2:00 - 5:00 | Games for Grown Up Kid's and Adult's
Hot Dog Eating Contest
Frozen T-Shirt Contest
Stein Races and More |
| 3:00 - 6:30 | Ein Prosit 35 Piece German Band |
| 6:00 | Keg Toss |
| 6:30 | Best Dressed Herr & Fraulein |
| 8:00 | Closing Ceremony |

\$5.00 entrance fee charged. Children under three years of age are free. All proceeds will benefit the continuing renovations of Beery Field Park.

HOURS AND SCHEDULES

CITY HALL (269) 857-1438
Monday-Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm

COUNCIL MEETINGS
First and third Mondays 7:00pm

PLANNING COMMISSION
Second Wednesday 7:00pm

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Fourth Tuesday 7:00pm (As needed)

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Second Tuesday 6:00pm

All City meetings are held in Dutcher Lodge City Hall unless otherwise noticed.

City Manager William LeFevere

City Clerk Jean Neve

City Treasurer Bob Drexler

City Assessor Kelley Ziesemer
By Appointment Tuesdays 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Community/Economic Development Director
By Appointment Ryan Kilpatrick

Police Department
Chief Ken Giles
47 W. Center Street
Douglas (269)857-4339
Dial 911 after hours to speak to an officer.

Department of Public Works Director
(269)857-2763 Max Rodgers

Building Permits 1 800 626-5964

Michigan Township Services
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Did you know?????

New on the city website is the complete agenda packet for each regular city council meeting.

You may look up tax and assessing information on the City website. Log into: www.ci.douglas.mi.us then click on "Services", "Tax & Assessing" and "Property Tax & Assessing Information". The city zoning ordinance, code of ordinances and much more may also be found by logging into the city website.

The City of Douglas now offers the convenience of accepting credit cards for municipal payments. A third-party convenience fee will apply to cardholders who wish to pay via credit card.

Property characteristics and assessment sales data is available on the City website for your review to confirm our data is accurate.

2011 Recycling Collection Schedule

Recyclable material is collected curbside every other Tuesday.

Ben Williams, Director
269 673-5415

Sept. 7*, 20
Oct. 4, 18
Nov. 1, 15, 29
Dec. 13, 27



BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

City Council

Lisa Greenwood
Greg Harvath
Martha Hoexter, Mayor Pro Tem
Jane Mayer
Eric Smith
Renee Waddell, Mayor
Jim Wiley

Planning Commission

Matt Balmer, Chair
David Burdick
Ron Dellartino
Candace Dugan
Tara Frey
Mike Hurley
Alexa Urquhart

Zoning Board of Appeals

Jeff Greenwood
Kenneth Kutzell
Tarue Pullen
Bill Schumacher, Chair
Alexa Urquhart

DDA

Helen DeGeatano
Mike Hurley
Sam Kendall
Kim Kubiak
Erin Molenhouse
Tedd Oyler
Bill Schumacher, Chair
Renee Waddell

Assessment Board of Review

Linda Anderson
Maria Droz
Paul Marineau
Alternate Vacancy

VOTE! NOVEMBER 8TH

**The City of Douglas will elect three
council members on Tuesday,
November 8th. Polls are open from
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**



Thank you to the group of 24 volunteers from Wilderness Ridge who spent July 16th working to pull weeds and pick up trash at Douglas Beach, Beery Field, City Hall and the Police Station.

Thanks for helping to keep our City beautiful!

Have you noticed the new City of Douglas entry signs along Blue Star Highway?

We think they look great!



General Tax Information to Remember

Need a Gift?

The City of Douglas has 100% cotton logo t-shirts and polos for sale at City Hall. The shirts come in dark green or navy, adult sized small thru 2X. Polos sell for \$15, T-shirts are \$10. Great for gifts or a nice present to yourself.

The City of Douglas sends out tax statements twice a year. The summer bill is mailed to property owners the first week of July and is payable by September 14th. The winter bill is mailed the first week of December and is payable by February 14th. Penalties and/or interest are added after these due dates. The summer and winter bills combined cover a calendar year tax obligation. **If you have not received your tax statements by the middle of July and December please call the Treasurer's office for a duplicate copy.**



FUN FILLED DOUGLAS EVENTS

September 21	ArtPrize begins in Grand Rapids
Sept. – Oct. 30	“A Village Patchwork: Tales of Everyday Life in Saugatuck - Douglas” exhibit at Saugatuck-Douglas Museum
October 1	OktoberFest 12 - 8:00 p.m. Berry Field
October 8	Jazz on Center Street
October 29	Halloween Parade 10:00 p.m. Center Street
November 5	Jazz on Center Street
November 19	Merchants Holiday Preview

With the holidays just around the corner the City Hall staff will once again be asking for non-perishable food items to help families in need. Donations may be dropped off at City Hall, 86 W. Center Street, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Food items will be delivered to Christian Neighbors Food Pantry before Thanksgiving and again before Christmas.



2011 Paving Projects

The City Council has awarded a contract to Ron Meyer & Associates for paving repairs on the following streets:

Water Street between Randolph and Fremont
South Street between Water and Union
Mixer Street between Union and Randolph
Randolph Street between Union and Spring
Main Street between South and Randolph

Construction on the Blue Star Highway Bridge is scheduled to begin by the end of September.

2011 BRUSH AND YARD WASTE POLICY

The City continues to pick up brush and yard waste on all public City streets according to the schedule below. If a large wind storm or ice event occurs, additional brush pick up will follow the event. Please remember that the City is not authorized to dispose of grass clippings and the burning of any yard waste within the City is prohibited.

PICK UP SCHEDULE

East of Blue Star Highway

West of Blue Star Highway

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Aug. 9, 23

Sept. 6, 20

Oct. 4, 18

Nov. 1

Brush Only

Brush Only

Leaves Only

Leaves Only

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Aug. 16, 30

Sept. 13, 27

Oct. 11, 25

Nov. 8

The following guidelines apply:

- ◆ Brush and Leaves may not be placed out sooner than the weekend - three (3) days prior to a scheduled pick up date. Materials placed or left on the roadside at other times will be declared to be and constitute a nuisance in violation of City Ordinance 95.30.2 which is punishable as a Municipal Civil infraction.
- ◆ Resident-owned tree removal by a private contractor should include arrangements for the private contractor to chip and remove all limbs and brush.
- ◆ Leaves must be un-bagged and separated from Tree Limbs and Brush.
- ◆ Stack all material neatly behind the curb on your own property and out of the paved portion of the road - do not stack material in the street. Yard waste must be separated from tree limbs and brush.
- ◆ Quantity Limit. The pick up - per property/per scheduled pick up date - for brush and yard waste combined may not exceed the amount that can be loaded on a one-ton dump truck. Visualize a pile 6 by 10 feet and 4 feet high.

Tree Limb and Brush Collection. We pick up: tree limbs no larger than four (4) inches in diameter and six (6) feet in length.

Fall Leaf Collection. Fall pick up will begin in October and may be scheduled into November as weather allows.

WE WILL NOT PICK UP: Tree stumps, tree limbs larger than four (4) inches or longer than six (6) feet, garbage, pet waste, GRASS CLIPPINGS, bricks, lumber or construction materials, any quantity of combined materials - per property/per pick up date - that exceeds what can be loaded on a one-ton dump truck.