

**Hello Clarkston Residents and Business Associates!**

*Following are the communication items for this week:*

### **February 27<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting**

In the February 27<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting a Public Hearing was held to allow residents to speak on possible uses of the City's 2022 CDBG funds. A proposal to implement a Rental Inspection Ordinance in the City was discussed (see additional information below on this topic). Next, an activity report from our Ordinance Enforcement Officer was presented and reviewed. Lastly, a proposal to form a Parking Advisory Committee was discussed, formal approval of which will be brought to the March 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting. A resolution for city signage was deferred to a future meeting. The public is always encouraged to attend City Council meetings and, if desired, speak on topics on the agenda or otherwise.

### **Rental Inspection Ordinance**

A proposal to implement a Rental Inspection Ordinance in the City was presented in Monday's Council meeting. After discussion and public input, Council authorized the Planning Commission and City Planner Carlisle-Wortman to proceed to the next step of preparing the proposed ordinance wording and fee schedule and then return to Council. If ultimately approved, this ordinance would require inspections of all rental units - both apartments and homes - in the City every two years with a goal of ensuring the health, safety and welfare of our residents. The City would not profit from this program, the fee schedule would be structured so as to simply cover the program costs.

### **Free Firewood**

The DTE Tree Trimming contractor purposely left behind the larger logs in case residents might want them for firewood. While some of the logs have already been picked up, you are free to pick up the remaining logs along Clarkston Road and White Lake Road. If you need more, please you call the City Office as we (almost) always have an abundance of logs that residents and non-residents are welcome to.

### **Sidewalk Maintenance**

This spring the City will be initiating a project to replace sidewalk slabs (flags) that are badly deteriorated or heaved one inch or more from the adjacent slab. The criteria does not address sidewalks that experience flooding due to the fact that the neighboring sod is higher than the sidewalk. As in years past, if you have sidewalks of your own - possibly the walk to your front door - that you would like replaced at the same time, send me an email request and we will extend the same volume pricing to you as we receive.

### **Weekly Email**

If you or someone you know would like to receive this week email newsletter, simply send me a quick email or text and I'll add you. Similarly, send me an email or text if you would like to stop receiving it.

### **Upcoming City Events**

- Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM - Regular Planning Commission Meeting, in the City Council Room
- Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM – Clarkston Area Optimists Meeting, in the City Council room
- Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM – Biophilic Committee Meeting, in the City Office
- Wednesday, March 8, 2:00 PM – Finance (Budget) Committee meeting, in the City Council Room
- Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM – Meeting of the (tentative) Parking Advisory Committee, in the City Council Room
- Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM - Regular City Council Meeting, in the City Council Room
- Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM - Regular Historic District Commission Meeting, in the City Council Room

Have a great weekend!

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