

Hello Clarkston Residents and Business Associates!

Following are the communication items for this week:

Community Car Wash this Saturday!

Need a car wash? This Saturday, July 8th, a group of Clarkston High School students will be holding a car wash in the City's Depot Road parking lot from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The fee will be \$5.00, with all proceeds going to lighting and other improvements in Depot Park. Our thanks to Dane White and the other CHS students for organizing this great event!

July 10th City Council Meeting

In Monday's City Council meeting, Council will discuss the following four topics: (1) status of the Depot Road Paid Parking implementation, (2) a status update from our Code Enforcement Officer, (3) proposed methods of reducing speed on Depot Road, and (4) a status update on the November 2023 election. The public is always welcome to participate in the Council meetings, either in person at City Hall or virtually using Microsoft Teams. Video recordings of the Council meetings can also be viewed after the meeting by using the View City Council Meetings link on the City website.

Status of Road and Sidewalk Repairs

Funds were included in the City's new budget (which took effect July 1st) to utilize ARPA funds to repave Depot Road and Parking Funds to replace approximately 300 sidewalk slabs. Our City Engineer is currently researching road and sidewalk projects in other municipalities in an effort to piggyback on one of those projects to save time and money. Pending contractor availability, we are targeting this work to be completed later this summer and/or fall.

Depot Road Paid Parking Status

Paid Parking in the City's Depot Road parking lot is now fully operational during the hours of 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM Monday through Friday and 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Saturday. All other times remain free. Like the Washington & Main parking lot, the fee is \$1.00/hour, payable at the kiosk with a credit card or coins. But the easiest way to pay is to use the City's Passport Payment app (www.PassportParking.com) .

As part of this launch, we were able to include a recently added feature in the software of the payment kiosk whereby payments made prior to the daily start time will automatically be applied starting at the daily start time. For example, under this new setting, someone paying for 3 hours of parking in one of the City's paid lots at 2:00 PM on a Thursday (when paid parking starts at 4:00), will now be paid through 7:00 PM. Previously, the 3 hour payment would have begun at 2:00 and extended to just 5:00 PM. Furthermore, on Sundays (when parking is free all day), payment will be blocked altogether.

Temporary Ban on All Open Burning Lifted

The temporary ban on all open burning issued by the Independence Township Fire Department has now been lifted.

New City Hall Sign to be Installed Soon

The City's sign contractor, ASI Signage, will soon be installing the new Depot Road directional sign, pointing the way to City Hall, Depot Park, and the Optimist's Playground. Only time will tell if the new signage will help reduce the crazy *DoorDash* delivery attempts to City Hall... I'm hopeful!

Third No Haz Collection Event on July 22nd

Oakland County will be holding the third of this summer's four No Haz (hazardous waste) collection events on Saturday, July 22nd. City residents are encouraged to take advantage of Clarkston's participation in the program, allowing you to dispose of hazardous materials you may have such as paint, pesticides, computers, batteries, motor oil, etc. for just \$15/carload, knowing that the items will be disposed of in a safe and environmentally responsible way. This third event will be held at Kensington Church at 4640 S. Lapeer Road in Orion Township, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Visit the County's No Haz website (www.nohaz.com) to register for the event and/or more information on the program.

Upcoming City Events

- Friday, July 7th, 6:00 PM – **Concerts in the Park** (One Ton Trolley), in Depot Park
- Saturday, July 8th, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM – **Car Wash for Depot Park**, in the Depot Road parking lot adjacent to City Hall
- Monday, July 10th, 7:00 PM - **Regular City Council Meeting**, at City Hall
- Tuesday, July 11th, 7:00 PM - **Regular Historic District Commission Meeting**, at City Hall
- Wednesday, July 12th, 7:00 PM – (Rescheduled) **Regular Planning Commission Meeting**, at City Hall
- Friday, July 14th, 6:00 PM – **Concerts in the Park** (Elvis Tribute), in Depot Park
- Tuesday, July 18th, 9:00 AM – **Friends of Depot Park Committee Meeting**, at City Hall
- Saturday, July 22nd, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM – **Hazardous Waste Collection Event**, at Kensington Church in Orion Township (see above)
- Saturday, July 22nd, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM – **Bowties Car Club Annual Car Show**, in Depot Park
- Monday, July 24th, 7:00 PM - **Regular City Council Meeting**, at City Hall

Have a great weekend!

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