

Hello Clarkston Residents and Business Associates!

Following are the communication items for this week:

September 11th City Council Meeting

In Monday's City Council meeting, Council heard a great presentation on the work of the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance and their mission to strengthen local families through community involvement. Council was also updated on the City's efforts to repave failing roads and replace heaved sidewalks (see separate communication items below). 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.

Art in the Village this Weekend

This weekend, the Clarkston Community Historical Society will be hosting their 51st annual [Art in the Village](#) event in Depot Park. The Park will be full of artists of all kinds. And returning this year will be the Vintage Market and Pop-Up Shoppes as well as the popular Cider & Donut tent, the Antique tent, and food trucks. This free event, sponsored by Yellow Dog Marketplace, runs from 10AM to 5PM on Saturday and 10AM to 4PM on Sunday.

Final 2023 NoHaz Collection Event this Saturday

The final NoHaz (hazardous waste) Collection event of the summer will be held this Saturday, September 16th from 8AM to 2PM. 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 event will be held at the Oakland County Service Center Campus at 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. Visit the County's No Haz website (www.nohaz.com) to register for the event and/or more information on the program.

CIDL's Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Clarkston Independence District Library (CIDL) will be hosting their Fall Book sale at the library September 19th through September 23rd. The Members-Only preview will be September 19th from 3PM to 7:30PM followed by Sale days on September 20th and 21st from 10AM to 8:30 PM. The ½ Price Sale will be September 22nd from 10AM to 5:30 PM and the \$5 Bag Sale will be held September 23rd from 10AM to 2PM.

Road Paving Update

Our previously announced plans to repave Depot Road this fall are moving forward, piggybacking on an existing (vetted-price) contract the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) has with paving company Ace-Saginaw. You'll be happy to know that, over \$100K (83%) of the cost of this project will be coming from the federal government's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Oakland County's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) grant. But the good news doesn't end there... we recently learned that RCOC is planning on piggybacking on our piggybacking project and will repave W. Washington, S. Holcomb, and White Lake Road at the same time as the Depot Road project! There are more details still to be coordinated, but we're hopeful we can get all four roads repaved before winter. And yes, that will include the repair of the sunken manhole cover on S. Holcomb at W. Church Street!

Sidewalk Repair Update

In our historic village with many large mature trees close to the sidewalks, the task of replacing broken or heaved sidewalks is almost continuous. The City has just under 5 miles of sidewalk, or about 6,500 slabs (flags). Of these 6,500 slabs, there are 301 slabs currently in need of replacement, or about 4.6% of the slabs in the City. The criteria used for this assessment was significantly cracked slabs and slabs raised (or

sunken) ¾" or more versus the neighboring slabs. Finding a contractor who performs this type of work (replace 3 slabs here, 2 slabs over there, 5 slabs over there, and so on) is not easy and not cheap. The one quote received so far for this work, at \$73K, was well over the City's available budget, so I am seeking other quotes.

Regarding the deteriorating paver aprons downtown, a recent writer to *The Clarkston News* incorrectly stated that the City had decided to do nothing with the aprons. The truth is, the City is actively pursuing a cost-effective solution with City Engineer Hubbell, Roth, and Clark.

Well That Didn't Take Long

We were discouraged to see this week that someone decided to allow their children to finger-paint on one of the brand-new picnic tables that were installed in Depot Park last week. The same day, shortly after the DPW team finished pouring new park bench slabs in the park, someone made the decision that the wet concrete would look better with their handprint in it.

Upcoming City Events

- Saturday, September 16th, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM – Final **NoHaz Collection Event** of 2023, at the Oakland County Service Center (1200 N. Telegraph)
- Saturday, September 16th and Sunday, September 17th, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM – Annual **Art in the Village** event, sponsored by the Clarkston Historical Society, in Depot Park
- Tuesday, September 19th through Saturday, September 23rd – **Fall Book Sale** at the Clarkston Independence District Library (6495 Clarkston Road)
- Tuesday, September 19th, 9:00 AM – **Friends of Depot Park Committee Meeting**, at City Hall
- Monday, September 25th, 7:00 PM - **Regular City Council Meeting**, at City Hall
- Thursday, September 28th, 6:30 PM - **Clarkston Mill Ponds Lake Improvement Board Meeting**, at City Hall

Have a great weekend!

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