

Hello Clarkston Residents and Business Associates!

Following are the communication items for this week:

August 14th City Council Meeting

In Monday's City Council meeting, Council approved a DTE Underground Easement Agreement for property adjacent to City Hall and also approved a resolution to purchase four picnic tables for Depot Park, replacing four very worn-out tables. The next Council meeting will be Monday, August 28th at 7:00 PM. 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.

Rudy's Construction Kick-Off



Rudy's owners Robert Esshaki and Chris Thomas held a construction kick-off press conference on Wednesday inside the Rudy's building. With the interior demolition complete, it was interesting to see remnants from many years ago when this building was a Ford Dealership. Robert outlined the steps that will lead up to their launch of the new *Rudy's Steakhouse* in June or July of 2024. This is a very exciting project for Clarkston and the City extends its congratulations – and thanks - to Robert and Chris. A second restaurant, with a Mediterranean cuisine, is planned for the old Clarkston News building, following the Steakhouse opening.

Please note that renovations to the exterior walls and roof of Rudy's will require that the six parking spots on Mill Street be closed, primarily for safety reasons. At times, the sidewalk and parking spots in front of Rudy's will also need to close. Your patience during this time is appreciated.

Big News from the Clarkston Area Optimist Club!

Another exciting development on Wednesday was news from the Clarkston Area Optimist Club that they are committing to donate \$25,000 this year and \$20,000 each for the next two years (\$65K total) towards improvements to the City's Depot Park, including a new picnic pavilion. Thank you Optimist Club for this amazing gift to the community! Plans are in process to formally thank the Club in the City Council's August 28th meeting.

Upcoming City Events

- Monday, August 28th, 7:00 PM - **Regular City Council Meeting**, at City Hall
- Thursday, August 31st, 5:00 to 10:00 PM - **Magic Bus “Hippie 6th Birthday” Concert**, sponsored by Spencer Real Estate, in Depot Park
- Monday, September 4th – **Office Closed** in recognition of the Labor Day holiday
- Tuesday, September 5th, 7:00 PM – **Regular Planning Commission Meeting**, at City Hall

Have a great weekend!

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