

Hello Clarkston Residents and Business Associates!

Following are the communication items for this week:

August 28th City Council Meeting

In Monday's City Council meeting, Council will hear a presentation on sewer billing cost increases and will discuss improvement to Depot Park proposed by the Friends of Depot Park. Council will then consider resolutions to repave Depot Road, renew the City Website, and renew the Assessing Services agreement with Oakland County. 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.

Mill Pond Dam Status

As you will recall, the City received a grant of \$95,400 from the State of Michigan under their Dam Risk Reduction Program to design and engineer a new water level control mechanism to replace the Mill Pond's existing dam. When combined with \$10,600 in local funds, the total planned expenditure for this phase is \$106,000. The first step in this phase has been to establish what the official water level will be for Mill Pond going forward. That study, which entailed looking at the historical water levels as well as the levels of any basements and septic fields in the nearby properties, is within a week or two from being complete. Upon completion, the design of the new control mechanism will begin. Our thanks to Bob and Tara Roth for assisting with the effort as well as resident Jim Markwalder for his water level data collection efforts!

Status of the Planned Repairs to the City Sidewalks

Plans are progressing forward to replace the 301 broken or heaved sidewalk slabs throughout the City. Efforts are currently underway to secure a contractor performing similar work in the City of Berkley, but no firm dates have been established.

Magic Bus Hippie 6th Birthday Concert

The very popular local musical group Magic Bus will once again be returning to Depot Park for a free "Hippie 6th Birthday" concert, thanks to sponsor Jessica Spencer and the Spencer Realty Grpup. The concert will be held on Thursday, August 31st starting at 5:00 PM. Visit the Spencer Realty [website](#) for more information.

Love Locks



Perhaps you've noticed the padlocks on the Gini Schultz bridge in Depot Park. These are referred to as Love locks and are very common in Europe, where couples commit their eternal love for one another by placing the lock on the bridge

and then throwing the key into the water. It's a very cool sentiment but has started to become a problem in Europe where the weight of all the padlocks is causing issues for their historic bridges, forcing maintenance crews to cut them off. That could become a problem here too someday, but not just yet!

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
- Monday, September 11th, 7:00 PM - **Regular City Council Meeting**, at City Hall
- Tuesday, September 12th, 7:00 PM - **Regular Historic District Commission Meeting**, at City Hall

Have a great weekend!

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