

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
April 22, 2019

Community:

All steps approving and adopting the Marihuana Establishment Prohibition Ordinance are complete. Although not required, we have also notified the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) of our ordinance adoption. We have begun the steps for codification.

Our Prosperous Places grant is in the final review stages. We will meet the May 3, 2019 application deadline.

The US Highway 8 bridge between Niagara and Norway will be CLOSED for repairs beginning on May 29, 2019. Project completion is mid-September.

We have begun to include redacted complaint forms in the FYI section to help convince residents that the process is always being refined to better meet its goals.

This year's Tire Grant will run from June 1 – December 1, 2019.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day has been announced as Saturday May 11th, from 9:00- 12:00.

DPW:

The advertising campaign for our surplus equipment is underway and the vehicles have been on display in front of the DPW building.

Hazardous materials inspection of the foreclosed properties on Breitung Avenue has begun. Evaluation of abatement requirements, if any, will be made after the reports are complete. Utilities are being disconnected. The buildings are being monitored and secured by our DPW.

Good comments have been received by how responsive our crews have been during the current thaw/freeze/melt cycle.

The recently acquired tanker's modifications are almost complete. New identification lettering is expected this week.

Included in the FYI section is a draft version of a letter we will be sending out to our East Kingsford residents as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please reach out to Guy Forstrom.

Planning and Zoning:

The Planning Commission has approved a group home daycare application in East Kingsford.

Among our 13 zoning permits issued so far this year are 5 new homes, 1 garage and 1 storage unit. Office staff has been busy juggling multiple calls per day related to zoning and various permitting processes. Use of our website is increasing. The addition of fillable online forms will be a great help in our attempts to meet the ever-evolving needs of our residents.

Assessing:

The Assessor and I are working on our compliance report for PA 660. Mike has reached out to the State Tax Commission for some answers to question we've had on compliance dates and language. We expect to have our report available in May with recommendations for policy changes and other suggestions that will lead to full compliance.

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