



**City of Allen Park
State of Michigan**

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To: Mayor and City Council
From: Mark A. Kibby, City Administrator
Date: March 22, 2022
Re: City Administrator's Report to Council

1. For the Lead Water Service Replacement Program, the contractor has replaced 26 services out of approximately 38. They should be finished with the balance by the end of the week. Restoration at the various locations will start in a few weeks.
2. In order for Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) to replace their water meter and install a pressure relief valve (PRV) for the City, they have to go through a process to shut water off to the meter pit so the work can be completed safely. The first test had a few issues in which the water pressure spiked and resulted in approximately 14 water main breaks. After a few adjustments, the meter pit known as AP-06 was taken out of service this past Friday and should be operational by early next week. On a positive note, a PRV that was installed in another meter pit, as part of coordinated project with GLWA, worked as it was designed to and did not result in any water main breaks in that service area.
3. With the construction of the new football field for Allen Park High School, the three (3) football teams will be utilizing Millward/Rotary Park (area north of the parking lot) to practice for the months of August and September. The area will be restored when the practices end.

4. There were three (3) student-athlete basketball players that were nominated for awards as part of the Parks & Recreation Department's affiliation with the Junior Detroit Pistons Program.

- Saddiq Bey Sharpshooter Award: Keller Johnson
- Hamidou Diallo Hustle Award nominee: Oscar Moran
- Priority Health Best Teammate Award nominee: Joey Sackrison

These players were recognized on Friday, March 18 at the Detroit Pistons Academy Awards Ceremony at the Wayne State Fieldhouse.

5. Yard Waste/Compost starts April 4th.

6. The following employees have, or will, reach a milestone in years of service with the City –

- Tom Murray (DPS Director) – 20 Years – April 1st
- Michael Stetz II (Fire Department) – 15 Years – April 2nd
- Eric Taylor (Fire Department) – 15 Years – April 2nd



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March 21, 2022

Dear Allen Park Resident:

A few weeks ago, the City of Allen Park selected the streets listed below to be part of the 2022 Street Improvement Program, which is funded by the 2021 Street Improvement Millage (Winter 2021 Tax Collection), Michigan Act 51 Gas Tax, and the Allen Park General Fund. The Contractor for this project will be Hardrock Concrete.

- Park Avenue – Angelique Avenue to Champaign Road
- Rosedale Boulevard – Wick Road to Moore Road
- Philomene Boulevard – Park Avenue to Colwell Avenue

As the starting date gets closer, you will receive informational flyers providing more specific details regarding construction days and hours, parking options, trash and yard waste pickup, access to the homes for the Police and Fire Departments, and contact phone numbers for the Project Inspectors.

We understand the inconvenience that these projects will cause over your spring, summer and fall, but the long term benefits should be better for your neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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Dear Allen Park Resident:

A few weeks ago, the City of Allen Park selected Winona Avenue from Champaign Road to Ecorse Road to be part of the 2022 Water Main Replacement Program, which is funded by the Allen Park Water Fund. The Contractor for this project will be Bricco Excavating.

As the starting date gets closer, you will receive informational flyers providing more specific details regarding construction days and hours, parking options, trash and yard waste pickup, access to the homes for the Police and Fire Departments, and contact phone numbers for the Project Inspectors.

We understand the inconvenience that this project will cause over your summer and fall, but the long term benefits should be better for your neighborhood.

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March 16, 2022

Governor Gretchen Whitmer
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Re: Impact of Highland Park's Nonpayment of Water and Sewer Charges on Allen Park

Dear Governor Whitmer:

The City of Allen Park receives water and sewer services from the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA). The City of Highland Park receives water and sewer services from GLWA, as well.

The State of Michigan has a direct role in the City of Detroit, now GLWA, providing water services to Highland Park. By way of background, the State of Michigan requested the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD) provide emergency water services to Highland Park because the State of Michigan determined the City's water treatment plant was creating a public health risk to its residents. On November 12, 2012, the State of Michigan represented the repairs to the water treatment plant were to be completed in 3-4 days. Neither the State of Michigan nor Highland Park made any repairs to the water treatment plant. To this date, it remains shuttered.

Highland Park's payment history for these critical services is troubling. They have paid less than 1% of the water services charges since 2012. Highland Park has paid approximately 50% of the sewer services charges from 2013 through March 2021.

Since April 2021, Highland Park has not made any payments for GLWA's sewer services.

When Highland Park does not pay, the costs are borne by the other member partner communities receiving GLWA's water and sewer services. By the end of the current fiscal year, Highland Park's water and sewer services arrearages will exceed \$54,233,700.00, if no payments are made. If this pattern continues, Highland Park's arrearages will exceed \$60,977,600.00 by the end of FY 2023.

Of the \$54,233,700.00 allocated to GLWA's member partners, Allen Park has been allocated \$198,900.00 of Highland Park's arrearages. For FY 2023 charges, Allen Park has been allocated \$26,000.00. On behalf of the City of Allen Park and other impacted member partner communities, we are asking for greater involvement from the State in resolving this dispute. I would ask that you contact Suzanne Coffey, GLWA's Interim Chief Executive Officer, on how you can assist in resolving this dispute.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (313) 928-1883, or by email at mkibby@cityoffallenpark.org.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Mayor Gail McLeod
Allen Park City Council
Amanda Wertz, Finance Director
Tom Murray, DPS and Water & Sewer Director
Suzanne Coffey, GLWA
Randal Brown, GLWA



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To: State Representative Tullio Liberati
From: Mark A. Kibby, City Administrator
Cc: Mayor McLeod
Date: March 15, 2022
Re: Allen Park Project List

During our meeting on February 17, 2022, you asked for a list of projects from the City of Allen Park that could be submitted for possible funding. Listed below are a number of projects that the Administration would like to submit for consideration.

1. Resurface Pinecrest Drive \$1,744,000.00

Funding will be used to remove existing asphalt by roto milling to the existing concrete pavement on both the east and west lanes of Pinecrest Drive and seven (7) crossovers between Southfield Road and Pelham Road. All lanes and crossovers would be resurfaced with asphalt.

2. Allen Park Theater Site \$500,000.00

Funding will be used to assist with the demolition of the Allen Park Theater and begin the preliminary work that will be necessary for the redevelopment of the 1.75 acre site in Downtown Allen Park.

3. Cunningham Park ADA Improvements \$842,000.00

Funding will be used to install a new ADA compliant play structure within a new 6,000 square foot play and swing set safety zone at Cunningham Park. The entire 6,000 square foot safety zone will have an interlocking rubber tile surface installed that is ADA compliant, making the safety zones and play structures accessible to park visitors in wheelchairs. The project will also include 150 linear feet of new ADA compliant sidewalk and ADA curb ramps as a means to access the new play area and existing shelter.

4. Lead Water Service Line Replacement **\$360,000.00**

Funding will be used to replace 40 Lead water service lines throughout the City. The average cost of replacing one Lead water service to a residential home is approximately \$7,500.00. This cost does not include all inventory work, administrative, inspection, pavement replacement and restoration costs, which may average \$1,500.00 per residential home. The total for each Lead service replacement cost is estimated to be \$9,000.00.

5. ADA Bleacher Replacement **\$300,000.00**

Funding will be used to make the bleacher area of the Allen Park Ice Arena compliant with ADA for spectator access and viewing by replacing the existing wooden bleacher system that does not provide adequate area for elevated viewing access for ADA with new aluminum bleachers that are fully ADA compliant.

6. Old Goddard Water Main Replacement **\$964,000.00**

Funding will be used to replace the existing 1,800 linear feet of eight (8) inch cast iron water main with a twelve (12) inch Fusible PVC C-900 DR 18 pipe. The estimated cost of \$964,000.00 includes installation of the new water main (using the pipe bursting method), temporary potable water during construction, pavement removal and replacement, permit fees, inspections, and restoration.

7. ADA Park Improvements **\$1,210,000.00**

Funding will be used to add a new ADA compliant interlocking rubber tile surface to the play structure and swing set safety zones at six (6) existing parks throughout the City of Allen Park - Champaign Park, Millward/Rotary Park, Pretty Family Park, Sudman Park, John Riel Memorial Park, and Thomas Brand Memorial Park. The project will replace 22,660 square feet of wood chip mulch with rubber safety tiles, making these safety zones accessible to park visitors in wheelchairs or those that have difficulty walking on uneven surfaces. The rubber safety tiles are also much safer, as the wood chip mulch has a tendency to get displaced - exposing the hard ground, while the tiles always remain in place.

The City of Allen Park greatly appreciates the opportunity to submit these projects.