

HUDSONVILLE HOMETOWN NEWS



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Spring, 2016

IMAGINE HUDSONVILLE 2030 IMPLEMENTATION, PHASE I INTRODUCING *TERRA SQUARE*

YOU SPOKE. WE LISTENED.

When surveyed for the Imagine Hudsonville 2030 master plan, we heard loud and clear from our residents that there was a strong desire to see an enhanced farmers market in our community (91.7 percent of respondents ranked this somewhat to very important.) We are the *Salad Bowl City* after all.

We are excited to announce that in June of 2017, the doors will officially be opened to a new city venue that will serve as, among other things, a new permanent home for the Hudsonville Farmers Market. The venue's name, is *Terra Square* ("Terra", from the root word "earth" or "ground").

Terra Square will be located at 3380 Chicago Dr. in the former Hartman Chevrolet building. The former dealership and service garage will be renovated and updated to accommodate a variety of public uses and activities that we hope the community will love. The preliminary concept for *Terra Square* includes the following amenities:

- Serve as a permanent home for the farmers market, with both indoor and outdoor vendor spaces.
- Provide nearly 6,000 s.f. in banquet-type facility space that may be rented out to the public (at a reduced rate for city residents) for events such as wedding receptions, graduation parties, and corporate events.
- Provide a co-work office space made available to small businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Include space for a small café, coffee shop, or other permanent food vendor.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

The city wants this to be a community driven project. Therefore, we will be working with GMB Architects throughout the design process to include a series of public input sessions on this exciting project. Please mark your



Before & After

calendars for June 8, the date of the first community open house where we will be seeking your input. This is your opportunity to share with us your ideas for the new venue—what you like about the concept as well as what changes you might like to see.

THE SPECIFICS

The transformation of 3380 Chicago Dr. into *Terra Square* will cost approximately \$1.9 million. A fund-raising committee has been assembled and has set a goal of \$200,000 that they hope to raise in the community. Requests have already been submitted to several foundations and a newly established fund-raising committee will soon be having conversations with local corporate sponsors.

The committee will need the support of the Hudsonville community to see this project become a reality! If you are excited about *Terra Square*, about what it mean for supporting our local growers and downtown merchants, about the increased access to fresh foods it will provider to our community, and about the many amenities it will offer you as a resident, then please consider supporting this project financially. Visit www.hudsonville.org for details.

The City Commission intends to bond to cover the remainder of the cost of the project, as well as two other quality-of-life projects (see page 2 for details). This will NOT result in an increase in your taxes.

We hope you are as excited as we are about this project and are looking forward to the first day of the farmers market in it's new space!



IT IS FINALLY HAPPENING: THREE KEY PROJECTS

On March 15, 2016, the City Commission unanimously approved a resolution to bond for three quality-of-life enhancement projects. This bond resolution will not cause an increase in taxes, but it will cause some major changes in the landscape of this great community.

Here's an overview of what will be happening.

HARVEY STREET

The official terminology is a *woonerf*, a term from the Netherlands which mean “shared” or “living” street that prioritizes the pedestrian experience. Below is an example of the first woonerf in the midwest (Batavia, IL)



The City of Hudsonville will be extending Harvey Street to the east to intersect with Terra Square and later the existing section of Harvey Street will be converted to match the walkable, pedestrian-friendly street. You can expect this street to offer fun seating areas, bike racks, art, and interactive areas for your family to hang out before grabbing a bite to eat or shopping at one of the shops along Harvey Street. (We expect more of those types of venues to pop up after the conversion takes place!)

CHICAGO DRIVE

Chicago Drive will undergo a series of aesthetic enhancements. Along the north side of the road, pine trees will be planted to help screen the railroad tracks. In the median and on the south side of the road, the landscaping will become more intricate. This serves two purposes. The first is to help to calm traffic through the downtown and the second is to draw motorists' eyes to the business district on the south side of the roadway.

TERRA SQUARE

This project was discussed in greater detail on the front page of the newsletter, but in overview, an existing building at 3380 Chicago Drive will be re-developed into a multi-use building. Specific uses are expected to include a permanent home for the farmers market, an event space that will be available for rent, a cafe or coffee shop, and co-work space to support entrepreneurs and small businesses.

TIMELINE

These types of projects do take time, but we are excited that we are now finally in the homestretch after working towards these projects for nearly a decade.

Terra Square and the eastern extension of Harvey Street are both scheduled for 2017, and the western section of Harvey Street and the Chicago Drive Landscaping are scheduled for 2018.

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING... THE DRINKING WATER IS SAFE

With the ongoing Water Crisis in Flint Michigan, the City of Hudsonville would like to assure our residents of the safety of your drinking water. The City purchases water from the City of Wyoming's Water Treatment Plant that provides safe, high-quality drinking water that meets or exceeds the stringent requirements set forth by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The City issues an annual Water Quality Report and mails it directly to every customer address. These annual reports are also available on the City's website. The most recent report available is 2014. The 2015 report will be published in 2016.

How do I know our water is safe?

The City conducts numerous types of tests and monitoring to ensure safe, high-quality water. Some monitoring is continuous or hourly for operations oversight; other tests are done on a weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual basis.

Does our water have high levels of lead in it?

No. The City of Hudsonville has pro actively removed all known lead-based water service lines. The most recent round of lead testing conducted in Wyoming's water distribution area showed no detectable amounts of lead from any of the residential sampling sites.

Where does the lead in drinking water come from?

Every home is served by a service line, which is the pipe that connects the water main in the street to the plumbing system in the house. The presence of lead in drinking water is primarily due to the lead service lines that were in common use historically, and in some cases, interior plumbing and fixtures inside the house. Because the City of Hudsonville does not have any lead-based water service lines, there is no concern for lead in Hudsonville's drinking water as it is supplied to your home. If you have concerns about your interior plumbing and fixtures, contact Ottawa County Health Department.

How is lead testing conducted in Hudsonville's water distribution system?

The MDEQ mandates that testing for lead be conducted

every three years in a representative number of Hudsonville residences. Samples are drawn from residential taps in homes that are known to have been built during the era when lead-based solder was commonly used as a plumbing material. The EPA action level for lead is 15 parts per billion (ppb). If the 90th percentile of the residential samples is at or above 15 ppb, then the City would be required to make changes to its treatment scheme to prevent the corrosion of service lines or plumbing systems. No detectable amounts of lead have ever been found from these residential sampling events in Hudsonville.

Some of the trouble in Flint happened in the service lines between water mains and residences. How many lead service lines are there in the City of Hudsonville and who is responsible for replacing them?

There are no known lead-based service lines in the City of Hudsonville as far as the City is aware. If the City knew of a lead-based service line, it would replace that line immediately.

If someone is concerned about their water, can they ask or pay to have their water tested?

Before having any testing done, customers may want to consult with the Ottawa County Health Department or the Healthy Homes Coalition. With lead in particular, there are other concerns such as lead-based paint. Homeowners should speak to one of these agencies first to better understand their concerns before getting water tests done.



TRUCKS ON DISPLAY

Join the Department of Public Works on May 19 between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for an open house.

The public is invited to stop by the Public Works building on Balsam, where staff will be on site to answer questions and kids are invited to explore the trucks, snow plows, and other equipment.



CONCERTS ON THE GREEN

Thursday nights are better with free live music and kids activities in Veteran's Park. The West Michigan Community Bank Concerts on the Green series is every Thursday night in June, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Make sure to bring your blanket or lawn chair, grab dinner from one of our food trucks, and enjoy the variety of bands we scheduled for you and your family. The series kicks off on June 2 with 5 O'clock Somewhere, for a tropical/Jimmy Buffet experience. On June 9, Sydney Burnham, a soul rock and blues artist will be performing, followed by Kris Hitchcock and his band Small Town Sons who will bring a rock and country sound to the stage on June 16. On June 23rd, the a capella group, THUMMp will blow you away with their unique style and energy. Lastly, on June 30th, the Deep Green and Blues will leave us wanting to hear more with their indie folk and rock music.

For those who can join in the fun for 4 out of the 5 nights with us will have a chance to win an iPad Mini. Visit the West Michigan Community Bank booth for your punch card. We will see you on the green for Hudsonville's Free Summer Concert Series every Thursday night in June. For more information visit www.hudsonvilleconcerts.com.



FARMERS MARKET

The Community of Hudsonville is able to purchase locally grown produce, homemade crafts, and fresh products at the Hudsonville's Farmers Market beginning Wednesday, June 1. Shop at the market every Wednesday from 8am-2pm in Farmer's Co-ops parking lot at 3302 Prospect Street. Make sure to keep up to date on future plans, recipes, and new produce coming to the market on the Hudsonville Farmers Market Facebook page. Help support the local farmers and come gather with friends and family at the market every Wednesday from June 1 to October 12.

SPECIAL ELECTION - MAY 3

A Special Election will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. The ballot will contain one proposal for a millage renewal for the Hudsonville Public Schools. It is an operating millage renewal proposal requesting the Non-homestead 18 mills, which is an annual renewal and does not apply to a person's homestead. This is a renewal of a millage which expired with the 2015 tax levy. A sample of the proposed ballot is available at the City Clerk's office and on the City's web page at www.hudsonville.org.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. election day. The polling locations for Wards 1 & 2 are at City Hall, 3275 Central Blvd. Ward 3 is located at the Hudsonville Congregational UCC, 4950 32nd Avenue. Absentee ballots for the May 3 election are available at the City Clerk's office. If you wish to apply for an absent-voter ballot, please stop by City Hall or contact Jan Wiersum, City Clerk, at 669-0200 ext. 1412 to obtain an application. The City Clerk's office will also be open on Saturday, April 30, until 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of issuing absentee ballots.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Here are the major construction projects planned for this summer

- **36th Avenue water main replacement and resurfacing work from Oak Street south to Chicago Drive:** This will be the city's largest street construction project this summer. It will result in a new water main and much-needed resurfacing on this rough section of road.
- **Barry Street Culvert Repair/Replacement:** The culvert that carries the DeWeerd Drain under Barry St. has rusted out at the bottom and water now runs under the culvert instead of through it. As a result the metal has twisted and buckled. This will continually erode the dirt away and will become dangerous.
- **Install non-motorized pathway through Hughes Park:** In order to improve and enhance accessibility throughout the park, a new asphalt pathway running east and west is proposed through the center.
- **40th Avenue Cape Seal from Van Buren Street north to city limits:** The city is anticipating over \$24,700 in grant funding for this project. The cape seal process is essentially the same as a Fibermat Chip Seal but without the small fibers. It is a combination chip seal with a micro surface over the top. All adjacent sidewalk crosswalks will be brought up to ADA standards within this project.
- **Van Buren Street partial mill and resurface from Wilson east to city limit:** This section of Van Buren is rated very poorly on the Paser scale. Last fall the city "skip paved" the low areas of the road with the idea that follow-up repairs would occur this summer.



REVALUATIONS

Just as you are spending more time outdoors this summer, so is the Assessing Department! Tony Rewers, Assessing Assistant, and our summer intern, Tim Van Dyke, will be out conducting a complete revaluation of the remainder of Creek View Estates.

Homes found south and west of Hill Side Drive, in particular those on Creekview, Sidehill, West Side and Glenview will be measured, sketched, and photographed.

Tony will also contact you personally to evaluate the interior components of your property. This study is done in order to maintain equitable assessments throughout the city, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Because our goal is that each assessment reflects the current market value of each property, it is essential that we obtain accurate information. If your home is to be revaluated, you will be receiving a letter from our department before the visit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tony Rewers at 669-0200 x 1443 or Jan Sal, at extension 1413.



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

The City of Hudsonville remembers and celebrates those who fought for our country on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, at 10am in Veteran's Park at 3275 Central Blvd. Hudsonville's Mayor Mark Northrup, The Civil Air Patrol, and one of the State Representatives will pay respect to those who served in the military. Be sure to join us on this special Remembrance Day at Veteran's Park at 10 a.m. on May 30. This service is free to the public.



KIDS PROGRAMMING

STOP-ANIMATION PROGRAM

On Thursday, June 30, join us for our stop-animation program. Every student will build their own stop-motion puppet and bring it to life using the art of stop-motion animation. Each participant will get a free DVD of all their work. (For grades 6 and up.) Registration required.

LEGO CLUB

On Wednesdays June 22nd to July 20th from 11:15 to noon, we will have a building challenge with Legos. If you are in 2nd to 6th grade, bring a gallon size zip lock baggie of your own Legos. A theme will be announced and you will have 30 to 40 minutes to build. Two prizes are given: one for best builder and one by raffle. Come on over and build!!!

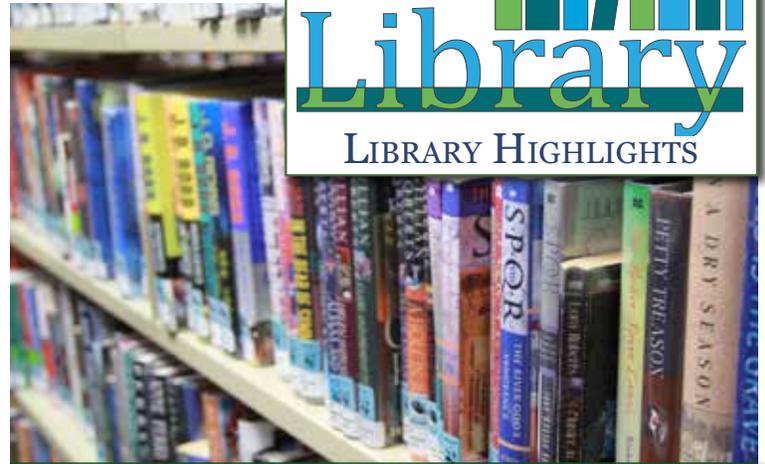
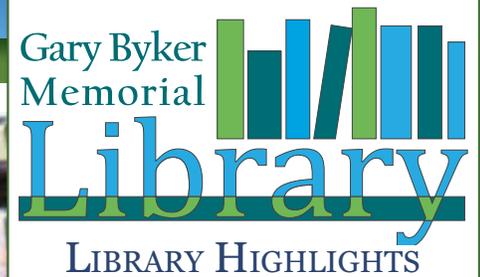
MACIEK THE MAGICIAN

Tuesday, July 12th, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. See awarding winning, Maciek, perform astounding magical tricks. (a family program)

FLYING ACES AT HUGHES PARK

This program is informative and humorous, but its obvious attraction is the spectacular athletic skills displayed by the Frisbee performers.

The show ends with an audience participation contest where teams of two compete for autographed Flying Aces Frisbees.



UPCOMING EVENTS

GET FIT AT THE LIBRARY!

The library offers ongoing classes in Yoga/Pilates, Zumba Gold, Tai Chi, and Yoga for Children. Call the library at 669-1255 for a class and fee schedule.

DO YOU LIKE TO WRITE?

A new Writers Group meets monthly in our local history room. It is held the 2nd Monday of every month at 6 p.m. Call Wilma Rabidoux for more information at 638-0813.

VIRUS SHAWL

Learn how to crochet a virus shawl! This class will be held on Monday, April 25, from 7-9 pm. Call the library at 669-1255 for more details or to register.

ADULT FICTION BOOK CLUB

Our Adult fiction book club will meet on May 19th to discuss *Unlikely Promise* by Rachel Joyce. Come join us!

ADULT SUMMER READING CLUB

The Adult Summer Reading Club is back for another year, sponsored by Gemmen's! Read 8 books in 8 weeks and you will receive a \$5 gift certificate to Gemmen's (plus other prizes) and a chance at their \$100 grand prize gift certificate! Registration and reading begins June 12.

DROP-IN KNITTING

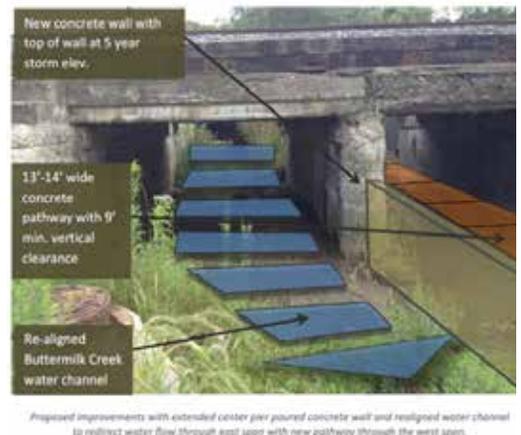
Drop-in Knitting is offered Thursday afternoons at 1 pm.



MORE PATHWAYS!

One of the implementation strategies in the Imagine Hudsonville 2030 Master Plan is to enhance the connectivity of our community through non-motorized pathways. The Barry Street pathway extension is planned for this fall from 24th Avenue to 22nd Avenue, and along 22nd Avenue from Van Buren Street to the existing pathway that terminates at Bridlewood Drive. This extension will provide a connection to the Fred Meijer Kenowa Trail that goes east-west through Jamestown Township, and is part of the regional trail system. This connection will enable people from Hudsonville to get to Grand Rapids or Holland and beyond by non-motorized trail! This project has received a conditional grant commitment from MDOT.

Another significant trail that will provide a safe link between the north and south halves of Hudsonville is a proposal to go under Chicago Drive and the railroad bridge alongside Buttermilk Creek, just west of 32nd Avenue. This key connection is currently going through a review process with MDOT and has received a conditional approval from CSX Railway. It is planned for construction in 2018 and competitive grants are being applied for with MDOT and MDNR to help fund this project. This is the key piece of a trail system that is being built along Buttermilk Creek from the north end of the city to the south end, and it will provide a great way to get places in Hudsonville and beyond.



REMINDERS FROM THE ZONING DEPARTMENT

- The parking of any vehicle on grass or landscaped areas are prohibited by city ordinance. If you are selling your vehicle, please display it in your driveway, not on the grass. If you have questions about parking requirements, or need to make arrangements to come into compliance, please contact the zoning department at (616) 669-0200 x 1416.
- Only your own vehicle may be sold from your property. A license and proper zoning are required to sell someone else's vehicle.
- Contact the Zoning Department before installing a fence, pool, driveway, shed or any other addition to ensure setbacks and dimensions are compliant. A permit may be needed.
- Grass can be no higher than 8" tall, including around utility poles, mailboxes, fire hydrants, etc. Vacant property requires mowing by June 1, August 1, and October 1. Grass clippings cannot be mowed or blown in streets, sidewalks, or drains. Also, please make sure to clean up after your pets.
- Signs (including portable or temporary) have location requirements so they don't inhibit traffic vision, damage utility poles, or clutter the community. Sign permits are required!
- Motor homes, boats, trailers, and other large recreational equipment are not allowed to be stored for more than 3 consecutive days in any area between house and street.



Please contact the Zoning Department at (616) 669-0200 x 1416 with any questions about improvements to your property. Thanks for your cooperation and have a safe and enjoyable summer!



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