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THE HARVEY STREET WOONERF - A STREET FOR THE PEOPLE

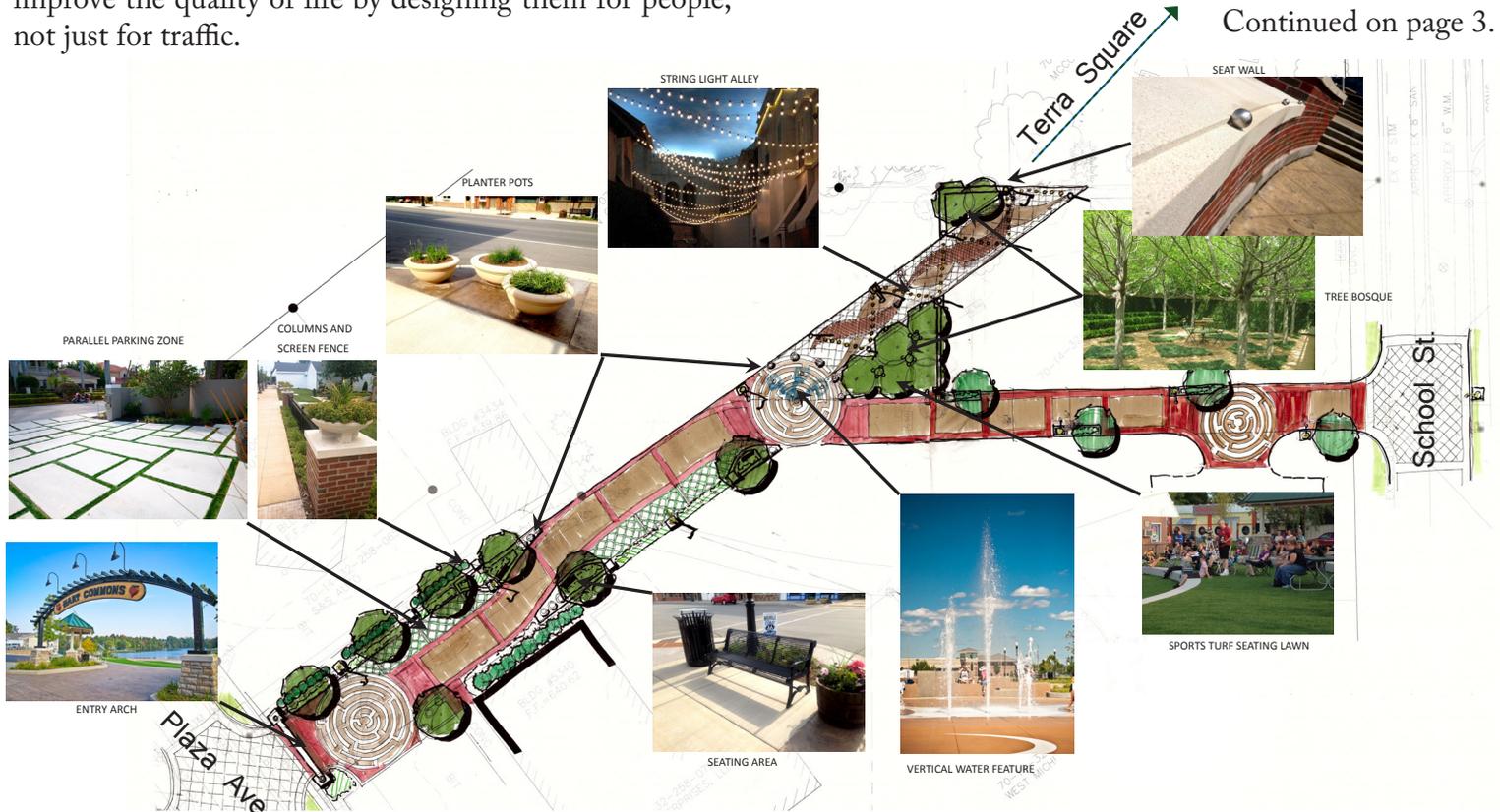
As reported in the previous edition of the Hudsonville Hometown News, the city will be completing three key quality of life enhancement projects within the next two years. One of the first projects to get underway will be phase 1 of the Harvey Street “woonerf” project. This project is expected to be completed by next June.

The concept of a woonerf was developed in the late 1960s in the city of Delft, Netherlands. Residents were upset with cut-through traffic speeding through their neighborhood, making it unsafe. The residents decided to remove their brick streets and replace them with winding paths. This resulted in the first woonerf, a street in which the living environment predominates rather than vehicular infrastructure. Through the physical alteration of the street, the woonerf provides space for vehicles while also accommodating the needs of pedestrians. The main goal of a woonerf is to change the way streets are used and to improve the quality of life by designing them for people, not just for traffic.

The woonerf concept is becoming increasingly popular in the United States. Hudsonville’s woonerf will be the third of its kind in the Midwest and the second in the state of Michigan (one is currently under construction in Traverse City). City leaders and planners believe Hudsonville will benefit from such a street given that we do not currently have a traditional downtown with a walkable, storefront-lined main street.

This first phase of the Harvey Street woonerf will establish a new connection from Plaza Ave. to Terra Square – future home of the Hudsonville farmer’s market and many other community events. Phase 2, which will be completed by 2018, will convert the existing section of Harvey St. (between Cherry Ave. and Plaza Ave.) into a similarly-designed woonerf. The city will work with existing businesses along this stretch to ensure the design is coordinated with their existing traffic movements.

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Above is a preliminary conceptual drawing of the proposed Harvey Street woonerf drawn by city engineer Fleis & VandenBrink.



UPDATE ON TERRA SQUARE

First off, a big ‘thank you’ to all of the residents and businesses that were represented at the focus group on June 8. The feedback you gave for Terra Square was so valuable!

You may be wondering what’s next. Staff is working with GMB Architects to finalize the building and site plans and have pulled together a team of City Commissioners and Downtown Development Authority representatives to assist in several key areas. This group will also be reviewing several candidates for the new cafe/bistro space this month and hopefully making a recommendation to the City Commission soon. They are also assisting in determining rental rates for the various spaces, as well as policies and procedures for the building.

Staff is currently organizing, partnering, and committing to dates for programming at the new facility, including a Wednesday farmer’s market, Saturday farmer’s market, festivals and vintage markets, yoga classes, and other programming.

Staff is also working with the incredible business community and residents to secure donations to help us reach the local goal of \$200,000. If this is something you’d like to support, please connect with city staff to find out the ways that donors will be recognized!

Please consider saying ‘thank you’ to the following businesses who have already made financial contributions to support the project. If you have any questions at all about the project or are interested in making a donation, please contact Michelle Fare at mfare@hudsonville.org.

Leader Level: \$10,000

- Gemmen’s Home & Hardware
- Manufacturer’s Supply Company

Patron Level: \$5,000

- Hudsonville Family Dentistry
- River City Flooring
- Royal Technologies
- Spectrum Health Zeeland Community Hospital

Collaborator Level: \$1,000

- Cedar Crest Dairy
- DeBoer, Goodyke, Kahler, & Tuttle PC
- J&H Family Stores
- Hudsonville Farmer’s Co-Op
- Hulst-Jepsen Physical Therapy
- Speedwrench

THANK YOU!

Congratulations to Firefighter Reggie “Reg” Neerken for his 32 years of service with the fire department and to Sue Borda for 19 years of service at the library.





HARVEY STREET CONTINUED

The Harvey Street woonerf will be constructed within acquired easements across undeveloped portions of property. It will incorporate a number of European-themed design elements that will work in harmony to create a truly unique pedestrian experience. These include utilizing surfaces of various textures, colors and patterns, a multitude of seating areas, outdoor lighting and music elements, pocket parks, plants and trees, water features, and art components. With the exception of the “String Light Alley” section, which connects directly to Terra Square, the woonerf will be open to two-way vehicular traffic.

HUGHES PARK UPDATE!

The bathrooms at Hughes Park will be receiving a major renovation soon. The DNR has approved a grant for \$45,000 through the Recreation Passport program for this project to update the facility and make it ADA accessible. The target construction date is late summer.



MAILBOX GUIDELINES

If you are installing a new mailbox, here are some helpful guidelines from the United States Postal Service:

- Position your mailbox 41” to 45” above ground level
- Place your mailbox 6” to 8” back from the curb. If you do not have a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance
- Put your house or apartment number on the mailbox
- If you are attaching the box to your house, make sure the postal carrier can reach it easily from your sidewalk, steps, or porch
- The best mailbox supports are stable but bend or fall away if a car hits them. The Federal Highway Administration recommends:
 - A 4” x 4” wooden support or a 2” diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe
 - Bury your post no more than 24” deep

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM

Residential customers of the Hudsonville Water System who have a lawn irrigation system may be required to have their system inspected in the near future.

During the past few years, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has elevated awareness of the potential hazards that residential cross connections pose to public water systems. A cross connection is an arrangement of piping which could allow undesirable water, bacteria, or chemicals to enter your drinking (potable) water system as a result of back flow. It is the responsibility of the City to have a comprehensive cross connection control program for the elimination and prevention of all cross connections and it is the responsibility of the customer to maintain their water systems in a manner free of cross connections.

MDEQ Cross Connection Rules and the State Plumbing Code require irrigation systems to have approved back flow prevention devices installed on their supply lines. Most of these devices are required to be routinely tested. The test must be done at least once every five years by an individual who has obtained a cross connection control “Certificate of Award” from the Michigan Plumbing Board.

Please watch your mail for requirements regarding cross connection inspections in the near future.



CRASE PROGRAM

In the past two decades, horrific mass shootings have been thrust into public consciousness. Mitigating the effects of these sudden incidents is the responsibility of those who serve in our communities public safety organizations. The public in the City of Hudsonville expect an effective and swift response to these threats and the sequence of events that follow them.

Research has shown, however, that many of the mass shootings, or active shooter events, are over before law enforcement responders arrive on scene. Civilians who find themselves in an active shooter event must be prepared to take immediate action to save their own lives before law enforcement arrives. The average response time for police response to an active shooter event is three minutes. Without effective, pre-planned response options for civilians at the scene of the attack, many victims can be seriously injured or killed during these three minutes.

The **Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)** is a recent program that was launched by the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office with a model response program that our office can deliver to civilians within the City of Hudsonville. The course, built on the Avoid, Deny, Defend (ADD) strategy, provides law enforcement with the materials and presentations to be able to deliver the CRASE program to any civilian group including schools, businesses, civic organizations, faith-based organizations and others. If you have any questions regarding this program, or questions about how to react in such a situation, please contact Sgt. Mike Bagladi (mbagladi@miottawa.org) or Deputy Mike Petroelje (mpetroelje@miottawa.org).

DDA SEAT OPEN

A big 'thank you' to Joel Keegstra for serving on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for the past 15 years! What a service to our community! Your insight has been greatly appreciated. As Joel's term ends, there is now an opening on the DDA Board for a downtown business or property owner.



FARMERS MARKET

Homegrown produce, homemade pastries, home-built products. Farmers Co-op is home to the Hudsonville Farmers Market at 3302 Prospect St. Wednesday's, running from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. between June and October, locally grown fruits and vegetables, along with jerky, honey, baked goods, flowers, salsa, purses, makeup, and candles, are available to the community.

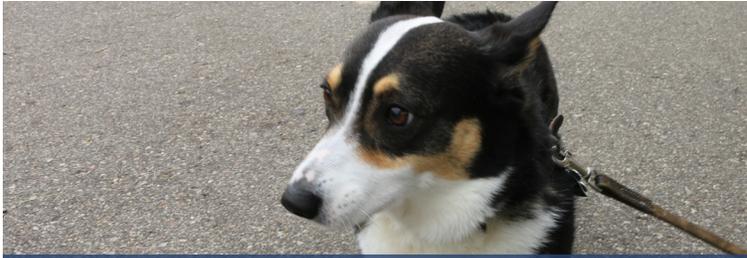
When you stop by, make sure to search for Nile the Carrot. He will be hopping around from booth to booth.



NEW T-SHIRTS

For all of the residents out there rocking their Hudsonville gear, we have exciting news... there are new designs!! The two new designs 'Salad's Hometown' and 'Lettuce Turnip the Beet' can be purchased at Hudsonville City Hall during normal business hours - and all of the shirts are just \$10.

We are also excited to feature another partnership. Hawthorne Collection is now selling the 'Oh Snap' design on a summery tank top style shirt with proceeds benefitting the Hudsonville-Jenison Community Foundation.



WHY TO USE PLASTIC BAGS

Did you know that dog droppings are one of the leading sources of E. coli bacteria pollution which can make our streams and lakes unsafe for swimming? Although a single animal's droppings will not have a significant impact on the environment, the cumulative effect of many dogs in a concentrated area can create serious contamination problems. The runoff from droppings left on sidewalks, streets or yards is washed into storm drains. This will lead to contamination of our water sources and creates hazards for people, fish, ducks, etc.

Please do your part as a pet owner by disposing of your pet's waste by double wrapping it in a plastic bag and throwing it in the garbage. Never throw pet waste into a storm drain or waterway. Picking up pet waste is not only good for the environment, its also courteous and it gives you insight into your pet's health.

DAYTIME FIREFIGHTER

The fire department is seeking a daytime firefighter. If you are interested and live within the city limits, please pick up an application at City Hall.



KIDS SIGHT VISION TESTING

On Friday, July 22 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., stop by the library to have your child's vision checked quickly and for free by Project KidSight, a vision screening program to detect potential vision disorders in children that can cause permanent vision loss when treatment is delayed. This free screening is sponsored by the Hudsonville Lions Club and is for children ages one to six years old.



PICKLEBALL!

Check out the new pickleball courts at the Hudsonville Early Childhood Education Center at 5535 School Avenue. A single tennis court was converted into four new pickleball courts and are now open for use.

The project was completed as a joint partnership between Hudsonville Community Education and the City of Hudsonville. A special thanks to the Hudsonville Recreation Committee members for their hard work on the project.



SAFETY NIGHT

Meet the fire department and Sheriff Department staff at the annual Safety Night.

The event will be held at a new location, **Hughes Park**, on Tuesday, August 30 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Free dinner is provided, so bring your family to watch the live demonstrations, meet the K-9 dogs, tour the fire department's smoke trailer, check out emergency vehicles, and participate in kid's activities.

The event is sponsored by Vredevoogd-Brummel Insurance and Rainbow International Restoration and Cleaning.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CRAFT CLASSES

Register by calling the Library at 669-1255 or online.

- Basket Weaving with Lori Zientek on August 6.
- Victorian Crazy Quilting with Mary Beth Westhouse. Sew a small wall hanging using fabric scraps and learn how to embellish it. (\$5 cost)
- Walk in Crafts & Coloring for kids 11 and under on August 9th from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to color or make a craft. A walk-in program.

LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

Join the library for the Friends of the Library Summer Book Sale July 21-23! The hours are:

- Thursday, 10 am to 8 p.m.
- Friday, 10 am to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 am to 1 p.m. (\$5 bag sale)

FITNESS CLASSES

The Library hosts a number of weekly teen/adult fitness classes including Tai Chi, Zumba Gold, and Yoga/Pilates. Visit the library for more details and to register. Costs vary per class. In addition check out these different offerings:

- August 2, 7:15 p.m. Join ARMR Athletics and learn some simple ways to keep fit including exercises to improve your strength, agility, balance, flexibility and power. Free but please register.
- In early August, youth 8 -14 can join us for an interactive program to learn the basics of Muay Thai. Muay Thai is a martial arts technique that uses all parts of the body. Free, but sign-up and liability waiver required.

BOOK CLUBS

- Fiction: September 15 at 7 p.m.: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.
- Serious Readers: September 1 at 7 p.m.: *Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage* by Alfred Lansing.
- Mini-book club for kids & teens: August 1st to August 19th—Read two non-fiction books, one Newbery (if you are eight and up) or one Caldecott book (if you are 7 or under) and one book of your choice to win one of the remaining summer reading club prizes and a book. Books read must be age appropriate. Get your form at the front desk or online.

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PRESENT

Join this new monthly program that will present on a variety of interesting topics! No registration is required. Meetings will be held from 1 - 2 p.m. at the Gary Byker Memorial Library.

- Sept. 8: Explore the best selling book of the Middle Ages, the Book of Hours, or illuminated manuscripts, with Dr. Henry Luttikhuisen, professor of Art History at Calvin College.
- Oct. 13: Journey back in time to the 1950's with Wilma Quist, the Hat Lady, as she shares songs and stories from the "Rock Around the Clock" era.



TAX BILL UPDATE

The City was informed that the Ottawa County Community Mental Health (CMH) millage passed in the fall of 2015 would not be collected until 2017. That information was passed along to citizens and mortgage companies.

On June 9, 2016, notice was received from the Ottawa County Treasurers Office apologizing for the confusion regarding the CMH millage. The County Board of Commissioners requested a legal opinion regarding this millage and from that opinion, it is understood that they are able to bill this millage on the December 2016 tax bill. Therefore, your 2016 taxes will include the Community Mental Health millage. I too apologize for any incorrect information that you might have received.

Please note that if the aggregate amount of revenue from each individual millage that would be collected in the winter totals \$100 or less per individual tax bill those taxes will be collected in the summer. With the addition of the Community Mental Health Tax fewer property owners will be receiving a single summer tax bill.

So, please be aware that if the Ottawa County E-911, Parks & Recreation, Road Repair/Maintenance and Mental Health taxes for your property total \$100 or less they will be collected on the 2016 Summer Tax Bill. If not, you will receive a 2016 Winter Tax Bill

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Janice Sal Syswerda
Finance Director/Assessor



PRIMARY ELECTION

A Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at the polling places indicated below. All polling locations are handicapped accessible. Voting instructions in audio and Braille formats will also be available.

Ward 1

City Hall, 3275 Central Blvd.,
City Commission Chamber

Ward 2

City Hall, 3275 Central Blvd.,
City Hall Community Room

Ward 3

Hudsonville Congregational
United Church of Christ, 4950 32nd Ave.

Offices to be nominated include, Representative in Congress for the 2nd District, State Representative for the 90th District, County Offices, County Commissioner, and Precinct Delegates to the County Convention. There is also a County Proposal on the ballot for the renewal and restoration of the Ottawa County parks and open space millage. A sample of the proposed ballot is available at the City Clerk's Office and at www.hudsonville.org.

Absentee ballots for the August 2 election are available at the City Clerk's office.

A voter who is physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another person, who is at least 60 years of age, or who expects to be absent from the community while the polls are open, is eligible to receive an absent voter ballot. 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, July 30 until 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of issuing absentee ballots.



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Library Director	Melissa Huisman	669.1255	mhuisman@hudsonville.org
Emergency Services Director	Dave Dahl	669.0200 x 1404	ddahl@hudsonville.org

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