

CITY OF ST. JOHNS/CITY MANAGER NEWSLETTER

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CITY ISSUES BONDS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES: Initial financing has been obtained for much needed wastewater treatment upgrades. Because of a favorable investment climate and a good bond rating, the City received a preferred rate for these municipal bonds. At the last City Commission meeting elected officials were provided a project update by the consultant engineers and city staff. To date, the construction design is approximately 50% completed. Steven Martin, Supervisor of the treatment plant, has been in contact with other local communities in an effort research the best and most cost-effective technology to incorporate into the project.

Updating you on a completed wastewater treatment plant equipment upgrade, two six-ton Internalift sewage pumps have been installed at the plant and are now in use.

CITY RECEIVES BALLOTS FOR THE JANUARY 15 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY: The City Clerk has sent out absentee ballots for the upcoming Presidential primary election. The precinct polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on primary election day. Please remember to bring your picture id with you to vote or you will need to sign an affidavit to obtain a ballot. Questions regarding this election can be directed to the City Clerk at 224-8944, ext. 223.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYLCING: Once the holiday festivities are over, you may want to put your Christmas tree between the curb and sidewalk for city crew pick-up. Please remove all ornaments, tinsel, and plastic tree bags. The city will recycle the organics in an environmentally friendly way.

SAFE AND CLEAR SIDEWALKS: City Code 95.84 requires that homeowners, business owners and other premises occupants clear ice and snow from sidewalks abutting their property as soon as is practical. Time requirements are set out in the above-mentioned ordinance, which can be reviewed on-line at the City's website (www.cityofstjohnsmi.com).

CONSUMERS ENERGY GAS LINE UPGRADES: Sometime in December Consumers Energy will begin the replacement of underground gas lines along BR-US 127 between Baldwin and Railroad streets. This work is being done preliminary to the M-DOT BR-US 127 reconstruction project slated to begin sometime in the spring or summer of 2008.

HOLIDAY FUN IN THE CITY: Last week the City hosted another successful Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Management Board. That same night many family activities were held in and around the Railroad Depot and Briggs Public Library. Please continue to check the City's access channel (channel 3) for other scheduled events during this festive season.