

CITY OF ST. JOHNS/CITY MANAGER NEWSLETTER
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CITY APPLIES FOR MAHLE CDBG GRANT—At the June 23, 2008 City Commission meeting a public hearing was held as part of the Community Development Block Grant application process for road funds. This grant will assist the City in its effort to build a public road adjacent to the Mahle Corp. /Allied Ring plant expansions. Upon approval of the grant application by the MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) road construction design work will begin. It is expected this roadway will be completed by November 2008. The construction of this public road was pivotal in Mahle's decision to expand at its St. Johns facility. This road will also allow public access to the future Rails-to-Trails recreational pathway from the west end of town.

CHANGE IN SPEED LIMIT ON SCOTT ROAD—The speed limit on Scott Road north of M-21 to the northernmost city limit has been increased from 25 mph to 35 mph. This change was accomplished by passage of a Temporary Traffic Control Order voted on by the City Commission on June 23, 2008. This order will be in effect for 90 days, at which time the City Commission will make a determination as to the propriety of making this a permanent change. The adjustment in speed limit is a function of a Public Safety/Engineering study and review.

SUMMER PARKING—As a reminder, overnight parking of vehicles, including RVs, is prohibited on city streets from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. However, in exceptional situations a homeowner or resident can contact Central Dispatch (911) or the City Police (224-6721) and request permission to park on the street during these restricted hours.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT/REPAIR—Sidewalk repairs are the responsibility of the property owners per city ordinance. Safe sidewalks make our city more "walkable" for residents, and assist in promoting healthy lifestyles. As in the past, the City has allocated funds to "partner" with property owners for sidewalk repairs and replacements. This fiscal year the Commission has authorized up to \$35,000 to assist in defraying the cost of replacing deteriorating sidewalks. If you would like to apply for funding assistance please contact Jeff Stephens, Director of Public Services, or Steve Rademacher, DPW Supervisor, at 224-8944 (extensions 281 or 229).

TORNADO WARNING SIRENS PUT TO THE TEST—As the last severe weather event in our area demonstrated, early warning sirens serve an important public safety purpose. Please heed the early warning sirens whenever they sound. Also, re-examine your family's emergency plan as we continue into the severe weather season. More information on proper safety measures for families can be found at www.redcross.org.