



PARCHMENT PROGRESS

FEBRUARY 13, 2008

City of Parchment

MILL REDEVELOPMENT MAKING PROGRESS

After many years of work, redevelopment of the former Crown Vantage paper mill property is picking up speed with the completion of important tasks.

Acquisition of Railroad Property—

The City and Norfolk Southern Railway are in final discussions to complete the transfer of ownership of railroad property to the City.

Adoption of New Brownfield Legislation—

State Sen. Tom George and State Reps. Jack Hoogendyk and Robert Jones, worked in Lansing on the City's behalf to renew essential Brownfield laws.

Landfill Property—

The City is working with representatives from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to obtain the necessary plan approvals for initiating construction of the golf course facilities.



Larry Lundine of Lundine & Associates (center), discusses the next steps of the project with City Manager Dennis Durham, Mayor Rob Heasley, City Commissioner Terry Hageman and Commissioner Brian Sell (not shown).

Larry Lundine of Lundine & Associates LLC, the developer for this project, was in Parchment in January outlining the next steps for the project.

KINDLEBERGER SUMMER FESTIVAL AND PERFORMING ARTS (KSFPA) COMMISSION TAKES THE REINS

Kindleberger Park is the cultural and recreational jewel of Parchment. The park has brought enjoyment to families from all over the area and is the home to the community's annual Kindleberger Summer Festival. The park is also the site for a number of summer stage events treating residents with music and fun all summer long!

The KSFPA Commission needs your help! If you've ever considered volunteering your time for a great community cause, this is it. Come help with the stage performances! Work on the children or adult plays! Be a financial supporter of the Festival! Contact City Hall at 349-3785 to volunteer your time, provide financial support or become a part of the performances!

PARCHMENT POLICE DEPARTMENT SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The City of Parchment Police Department serves the citizens of Parchment with three full-time officers and seven part-time officers. With a total budget of \$389,243 for 2007-08, this service area represents approximately 27 percent of all general fund expenditures. The Department provides essential public safety services such as emergency response, traffic enforcement, crime prevention and other community policing activities. The Department is led by Chief William Bongers.



Parchment Police Department (front, l to r): Officer William Greene, Officer Kevin Hemstreet, Officer Justin Barts and Officer Dena Dykstra. (back row, l to r): Officer Frank Ayerdi, Officer Brad Fall, Chief William Bongers, Officer Wendell Mihalek and Officer Matt Davis.

Selective Traffic Enforcement

As a smaller-sized community, Parchment experiences a great deal of traffic in and out of the community during busy “rush-hour” periods. As a result, traffic enforcement is a top priority in an effort to keep our local roadways safe for motorists, pedestrians and school traffic. Be prepared to slow down on Parchment streets.

PARCHMENT DANCE STARS TO BATTLE FOR FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

Come watch the Parchment “stars” compete with professional dance partners in this exciting and fun event. The Kindleberger Summer Festival & Performing Arts Commission invites you to support the Kindleberger Festival and Kindleberger Stage events this summer. Hometown radio personality Ken Lanphear, of 106.5 WVFM, will host.

Tickets go on sale March 3 at Parchment City Hall and National City Bank, 317 S. Riverview Drive. Adults (\$10), Students (\$5) and Children under 5 are free. Visit www.kindleberger.org for more details. The “Dance Stars” participants are: Larry Bailey, Kelly Bagley, Paul Banner, Sue Banner, Tom Brown, Terese Banner, Greg Burghdoff, Michelle Burghdoff, Kim Boekhoven, Randy Hanson, Jodi Heaney, John Madaras, Brian Sell and Karen Spry.

Professional dancers represent the Kalamazoo School of Music and Dance, Kalamazoo Civic, Kalamazoo Dance Sport and the Patti Herm School of Dance.

ORDINANCE REMINDERS AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

Snow Removal from Sidewalks

City Ordinance 42-24 requires all property owners keep sidewalks clear of snow. Your help keeps pedestrians safe and out of roadways.

Parking on City Streets

City Ordinance 54-41 prohibits parking on city streets between the hours of 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.

City Code Violations

The Parchment Zoning Code prohibits parking of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles on residential property, as well as commercial vehicles or trailers and recreational equipment for more than 96 hours within any 30-day period.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 23, 2008

Walk for Warmth
First Baptist Church

March 21, 2008

City Hall Closed
Good Friday

May 3, 2008

Parchment Little League
Opening Day

March 3, 2008

Parchment Dance Stars Fundraiser
Tickets on sale

March 29, 2008

Parchment Dance Stars Fundraiser
Parchment High School

May 26, 2008

City Hall Closed
Memorial Day

March 9, 2008

Daylight Savings Time Begins

April 7, 2008

Brush Pickup Begins
First Monday of the Month

July 4, 2008

City Hall Closed
Independence Day

March 10-11, 2008

Board of Review

April 23-24, 2008

Citywide Trash Pickup

July 4 - 9, 2008

Kindleberger Summer Festival

CITY COMMISSION SEEKING CITIZEN INPUT ON 08-09 BUDGET

Parchment City Commissioners are planning a number of opportunities for citizens to provide input into this year's budget development. Following a goal setting session by the Commission in February, city staff will construct a preliminary budget document focused on achieving those goals for formal presentation by April 7, 2008.

City Commissioners will then meet in public work sessions to review the details of the proposed budget, hear input from citizens and discuss different aspects of the financial plan for the City. The first such session will be held on April 21, 2008 with an additional session on May 5 if necessary. The Budget will then be presented for a public hearing on May 19 with final adoption planned for June 2, 2008. The City of Parchment budget year is July 1—June 30.

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PARCHMENT CITY COMMISSION



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Commissioner



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Commissioner



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Commissioner

PARCHMENT CITIZENS SPEAK UP

“Excellent job on the snow plowing!”
- John & Carol Kepler, 349 Glendale

“Thank you so much for great snow plowing.”
- Mrs. Leon Albertson, 247 Espanola

If you have something to say about Parchment City services, please tell us. Call 349-3785 or write us at City Hall, 650 S. Riverview Dr., Parchment, MI 49004.

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

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| City Manager | Dennis G. Durham |
| City Clerk | Curtis Flowers |
| City Treasurer | John Frakes |
| Police Chief | Bill Bongers |
| Fire Chief | Timothy Bourgeois |
| Public Works | Thomas LeRoy |

The Parchment City Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at Parchment City Hall.