The Paper City Newsletter

December 2017 City of Parchment www.parchment.org

Mayor's Message

With the opening of the Urban Alliance Technical Center in a portion of the LC Howard warehouse, we're seeing the dawning of a new era in Parchment. This training facility, including KVCC and WMU personnel, is not supported by tax dollars and will help many citizens learn employment skills not addressed by public education. We're very proud to have this one of a kind facility in Parchment.

The Parchment Community Veterans' Memorial planning and fund drive has begun. The sale of engraved bricks will finance this beautiful tribute for our veterans. The location will be on the south lawn of City Hall. I hope you can help make this a reality with your donation. Donate for this long overdue memorial on the City's website or in person at City Hall.

It's wonderful to see some progress in these areas, and we hope to have more positive change in the coming year!

Rob Heasley, Mayor

Drug and Lab, Inc Disposal Opening in 2018

In the fall of 2014, the former Hercules plant was purchased by Drug & Laboratory Disposal, Inc. (DLD) with a plan to expand its environmental and chemical waste treatment and disposal services. Since then a number of repairs, renovations and environmental remediation activities have taken place. The 5.5 acre property along the river will be a licensed treatment, storage and disposal facility. The majority of wastes processed are disposed of at offsite locations by high temperature thermal destruction. DLD has a strong belief in protecting the environment and has been helping its customers do so for 40 years.

Their 100 year old administration building combines the old architecture and design with fresh paint, carpet, and a lot of hard work to become a beautiful work space for sales and administrative staff. Pete Van Bruggen, Vice President, has been supervising the project from the beginning. Due to Hercules employees' superb efforts and record keeping, the integrity of the property and much of the infrastructure has remained intact.

The City of Parchment extends a warm welcome to Drug and Laboratory Disposal, Inc. and wish them success in all of their endeavors!

Veterans' Memorial Donations accepted at www.parchment.org

To honor a Veteran with an engraved brick, Go to Donate on the Home Page

Wassailing on December 6 from 6-8pm

Join in the fun of **Parchment's Wassailing!** Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be here along with a live Nativity, musical entertainment, and special treats, starting with the Mayor's **lighting of Parchment's holiday display** at 6:00 pm at the Library! Wassailing maps will be available at the library soon.

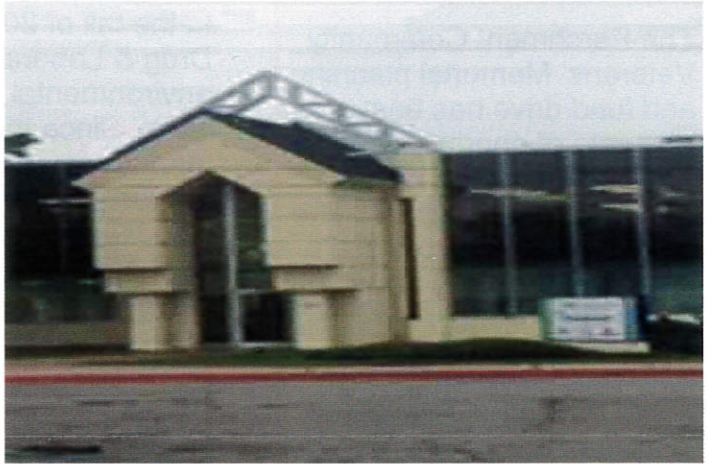
Enjoy a **trolley ride** as you visit Parchment's businesses and enjoy a splendid variety of refreshments and activities: hot soup, breadsticks, hot dogs, popcorn, and more. The Parchment Garden Club will once again (for the 22nd year) serve their special homemade hot chocolate and cookies made at the **Holiday Chocolate** at the library, while the Mall City Harmonizers sing holiday favorites.

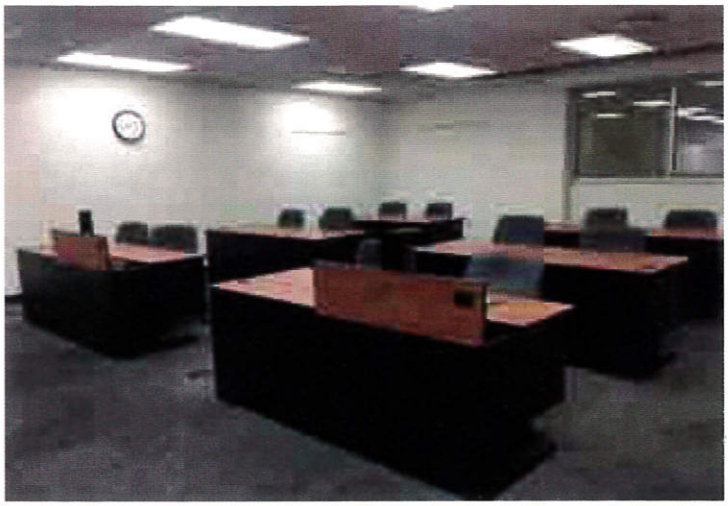
Don't miss the Friends of the Library Wreath Raffle held in the Library! Tickets on sale now at the library - just $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00. 12 gorgeous wreaths to choose from.

Pick up a **Commissioners Christmas Game Board** at the Library. You will need to get a stamp from each Commissioner/City Manager who will be at businesses throughout the Wassailing route. Get 6 stamps and your name will be put into a drawing to win one of six - $50 VISA cards. Turn your game board into any of the participating businesses when you have six stamps and you will be put into the drawing.

Urban Alliance Technical Center

On November 2, the Urban Alliance Technical Center opened its doors at 400 Island Avenue to celebrate the start of an innovative venture in training offered by the Urban Alliance Momentum Program. The UA has partnered with LC Howard, WMU, and KVCC to provide advanced technical training that will focus on Warehouse Management/Inventory Control. The academy itself will have its first class beginning in December, and will be the only organization in SW Michigan providing this type of training.





The facility includes staff office space for UA, WMU, and KVCC, a cafeteria/break area, multiple classrooms and faculty space. Additional mixed-use space is available for certain business partners to use for training/offsite meetings. The warehouse area being utilized includes multiple docks/bays, ~5k square feet of initial practicum area with the ability to expand to 20k. Additional warehouse and mixed use space is available in partnership with LC Howard to develop business ventures. The open house was well attended and we are pleased to have this incredible facility and opportunity right here in our city!

Consumers Energy Tree Planting Grant

Many thanks for the Consumers Energy Tree Planting Grant, as the City of Parchment has been able to plant 12 new trees with $1200 of the funds coming from the grant! The grant is designed to help replace trees that were damaged by storms, aged, or diseased.

Eleven of the trees were planted in Kindleberger Park and the twelfth tree was planted in the south lawn at City Hall.

Species include: Red Bud, Service Berry, Birch, Black Spruce, Beech, Fir, Oak, Red Maple, White Pine, and Hemlock, and Dogwood.

Swearing in Of New Parchment City Commission

December 4, 2017

7 pm

Richard Bagley

Robert D Britigan III

Chester Emmons

Holly Evans

Doug Fooy

Robert Heasley

Tom Jordan

Did you know.....

- Historically, Wassailing is going door to door, singing and wishing good health to a person! Come join us on December 6, 6-8pm!
- Snow removal from the sidewalk keeps pedestrians safe from the street traffic.
- Shovel snow from the curb lawn edge of your driveway to provide a place for trash and recycling containers.
- Remember to keep your mailbox free of piled up snow so that your mail arrives in a timely fashion.
- Use a pooper scooper! Bacteria, parasites and viruses from pet waste wash into storm drains and end up in the river untreated.
- Check your vehicles for fuel and oil leaks. When it rains, grease and oil drippings wash into storm drains, and go straight into our rivers and streams.
- Arrangements for water bills must be made before the due date passes.

A Big Thank You to Our Volunteers!

On a cold, rainy Saturday eight brave volunteers worked diligently on the sunken garden in Kindleberger Park. The work in the garden consisted of pruning shrubbery, spading, removing weeds, mulching, cutting back perennials, and poison ivy removal along with weeds from the rocks. In the ensuing weeks these awesome volunteers worked independently to accomplish even more in the garden.

Our special thanks to Garden Club members: Judy Resler, Carol Schmitt, Ida Pearson, and Cheryl Lyon-Jenness. From our community, our thanks go out to the following: Ann Kaiser, Lucas Harger and two of his friends, Thimgan Hayden, and Dave Schmitt.

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SIDEWALK SHOVELING - It won't be long until the snow flies. Help your neighbors by shoveling the sidewalks in front of the homes of those that are unable to do it themselves. Your willingness to help neighbors is greatly appreciated!

HOUSE NUMBERS HELP EMERGENCY SERVICES - We are asking that residents take the time to put house numbers on their homes to help emergency services find your home faster. Thank you!

SNOWMEN AND WOMEN NEEDED - The 2nd & 4th Mondays and Tuesdays of each month, November through March. Snowmen/women will work on assigned days if 2" or more of snow falls or when conditions are slippery. Snow shoveling and/or salting the library's entrance/sidewalk needs to be completed before opening at 10:00 am. The library provides the salt and can provide a snow shovel.

Town Hall meetings 3rd Thursday of Every month 7pm at Parchment Community Library

Building, mechanical, plumbing & electrical permits are available at www.parchment.org