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Stepping in to help out Pasquale comes out of retirement for now

It's been hard to miss the twists and turns of our City government lately. It has been rocky, but it has also brought a lot of people out to get more involved in our community. To help us come together and move forward, Dave Pasquale has set aside retirement to serve our community once again.

You may remember Pasquale serving as our City Manager for many years prior to retiring. With the recent vacancy, he has agreed to return as Interim City Manager while the search process begins for a new City Manager. As a long time resident of Lowell, past City Manager and member of community boards, he understands our community, business environment and new development efforts that are under way. Pasquale will be a bridge to a brighter future for our community.



The Michigan Municipal League has been tapped to help with the search for a new City Manager. They are working with the City Council to develop a clear job description with expectations, experience requirements and advertising for a nationwide search. Generally, this type of search takes approximately four months. Pasquale hopes to return to retirement by mid-summer.

The Department of Public Works Director position has been reposted as well. Ron Woods continues to fill in temporarily since the retirement of Dan DesJarden early last year. The plan is to fill this position soon, so the new City Manager has a full team when he/she starts.

With the retirement of Frank Martin from Fire Chief, the Lowell Area Fire & Emergency Services Authority has begun the process to find his replacement. Currently, Ron VanOverbeek is serving as Interim Fire Chief while the process continues.

We are fortunate in Lowell to have so many dedicated individuals serve our community and step up to fill gaps when vacancies occur. We wish those departing well and hope to see you around the community in the future.

If you have any questions about vacancies, contact the City Manager or check the City website for job postings.

Head outside and play

We are fortunate in Lowell to have great parks for all of us to relax and play. Our Public Works folks and volunteers do a great job of spring clean up to get them ready for the warm season.

Keep an eye out for children on bikes or on foot traveling to and from our parks. Traffic is heaviest around Richards Park, Creekside Park, Stoney Lakeside Park and Recreation Park. However, many families enjoy Rogers Field, the Washington Street Property/Boy Scout Cabin and the Upper Bridge Property, as well.

Get out, unplug and explore our parks. We have many wonderful opportunities here in Lowell for children of all ages to play outside. If you would like more information, call City Hall or check out the Parks, Recreation & Culture page of our website.



The frisky season is upon us

Spring fever takes hold of our four legged friends, as well. The energy and exuberance can be contagious spurring us on to bouts of running wildly through the neighborhood. Just be considerate of your neighbors, please.

Both dogs and cats need a bit of management to be good citizens. Remember to keep Fido and Tabby on their leashes, clean up after them when outside of your yard and manage their noise levels.

Also, females in heat must be contained.

For more information, check out the City Ordinance section of our website or call City Hall.

Celebrate the leaves

Arbor Day is fast approaching and we have lots to celebrate! Once again, Lowell has been named a Tree City USA for the ninth year. The Arbor

Board develops and maintains a comprehensive tree plan to keep our city green. This plan is part of keeping our Tree City designation.

To celebrate, the Arbor Board will be donating a red maple to the Health & More Store property on the corner of West Main and Center Street. The planting ceremony will be April 29th at noon. Join us by stopping by or planting a tree in your yard.

Ah, spring!

The crocuses are poking their heads up and our gardens are beginning to come back to life! That means, it's also time for spring clean up to begin. Starting April 14th, yard waste removal begins and continues every other week all summer long.

Be sure to pick up your yard waste bags at all locations that sell City trash bags. If you have any questions, call City Hall. We'll be happy to help.

April Meetings

April 4, 7:00 p.m. City Council
April 7, 12:00 p.m. Downtown Development Authority
April 11, 12:00 p.m. Arbor Board
3:30 p.m. Fire Authority
7:00 p.m. City Planning Commission
April 13, 6:00 p.m. Lowell Area Recreation Authority
7:00 p.m. Airport Board
April 14, 6:00 p.m. Lowell Light & Power Board
April 18, 7:00 p.m. City Council
April 19, 6:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Authority
April 26, 6:00 p.m. Lowell Historic District
Commission
April 29, 4:00 p.m. Look Fund Grants Due