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Important Dates:

August 11, 9:00am
Board Meeting

August 25, 9:00am
Board Meeting

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
7:30am – 4:00pm

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Riley Street Improvements

The final stage of the Riley Street corridor improvements will be completed this summer. The project will include full reconstruction that will provide a 3 lane road section with concrete curb and gutter on each side from east of 112th Avenue to west of 100th Avenue.

The improvements will also include a full bridge replacement over Noordeloos Creek, a culvert replacement at the Brower Drain crossing, and intersection

improvements to 104th Avenue.



Shown above is the existing timber box culvert at the Brower Drain crossing on Riley Street just east of 104th Avenue. The culvert will be replaced with a 15' x 9'

concrete box culvert.

Construction will start in August with a complete closure from 112th Avenue to 100th Avenue. It is anticipated that the section of Riley Street from 104th Avenue to 100th Avenue will be open to traffic in the middle of September, and the entire project to be completed by the first part of November.

Almost half of the 3 million dollar project is being funded by federal aid.

Local Road Resurfacing

The Road Commission and Townships develop the annual local road resurfacing program based on available funds, road conditions, and public input.

Historically, the Road Commission has funded improvements to section line local roads and the Townships have funded improvements to subdivision streets.

Each Township's process for picking subdivision streets is different. However, the Road Commission provides

road condition data, pavement age, and cost estimates to assist the Townships in the selection process. Typically, streets are considered for resurfacing once the pavement surface age reaches between 15 to 20 years.

Bids for this years program have been received and the projects are as follows:

The Road Commission will be resurfacing the 1 mile section of James Street from 168th Avenue to 160th Avenue in Park

Township and the 1.2 mile section of Dogwood Drive from the city limit of Ferrysburg north to Hickory Street in Spring Lake Township. Both projects are anticipated to be resurfaced in August.

Georgetown, Grand Haven, Holland, Park, and Zeeland Townships have a program that includes almost 14 miles of subdivision streets. The contractor has started in Georgetown Township and is planning on moving to the other Townships and completing the work by the end of September.

Revised Mailbox Damage Policy

The Road Commission Board has revised the Mailbox Damage Policy to the following:

If a mailbox is damaged by Road Commission equipment or snow thrown from Road Commission equipment during winter maintenance operations, the property owner may receive a new standard mailbox and/or a single 4"x4" wood post at one of the 4 garage locations.

The property owner is responsible to remove the damaged mailbox/post and to install the replacement mailbox/post.

The locations are open Monday through Friday, except on holidays or observed holidays established by the Board. Appointments are made between the hours of 7:30AM and 3:30PM. Please call 616-842-5400 for an appointment.

The property owner shall provide either the actual damaged mailbox/post or a photo of the actual damaged mailbox/post before a new standard mailbox and/or a single 4"x4" wood post can be issued. Upon receipt of a new mailbox and/or post, the property owner shall sign a register and provide the property address.

More information can be obtained from our website.



The above picture shows a mailbox snow deflector. More information can be obtained from our website.

Safe Roads for Everyone

In 2005, e-Service was implemented on the Road Commission website as a tool for the general public to relay road service needs.

The online service request form is easy to use. Simply provide your name, email, telephone number, address, township, and the type of service requested with an approximate location. The Road Commission has

received thousands of electronic requests.

Most of the requests are for pothole repair, but other maintenance items such as washouts, ditching, and tree removals are submitted as well. Traffic concerns and traffic control inquiries are also submitted on this form.

The online requests are opened each business

day and then given to the appropriate department for a field review. Usually within a few days a response is given to the requestor or the service has been performed.

For more information, please visit our website at www.ottawacorc.com or try this direct link to the service request form at <http://www.ottawacorc.com/ContactUs/ServiceRequested.aspx>.



Shown above is retiree Doug Venebeg, and on the right is Mike Waldner who was promoted to Assistant Supervisor for the south garages.

Veneberg Retires after 40+ Years

With over 40 years of service at the Road Commission, Assistant Supervisor Doug Veneberg retired in July.

Doug is looking forward to spending time and traveling with his wife,

Glenna. His first stop will be Colorado, where one of his sons will be getting married. Then he will be headed to Orange Beach, Alabama for a few months of R & R.

Recently promoted Mike Waldner is looking forward

to the challenge of filling the big shoes as the new Assistant Supervisor for the south garages. Mike has extensive knowledge in field work and great leadership skills.

Congratulations to both Doug and Mike.