



City Waves

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Upcoming Street Resurfacing Project

During the 2020-21 fiscal year, the City Council has recommended that funds be allocated for street resurfacing projects. Hubbard St. (from Superior St. to Phoenix St.), Michigan Ave. (from Prospect St. to Hubbard St.) and Prospect St. (from Michigan Ave. to Huron St.) were part of the projects that were budgeted for this fiscal year. The streets were designed and put out to bid.

The work on Hubbard St. consists of removing and replacing the surface course to improve ride quality, installing barrier-free ramps for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and performing other minor repairs to the storm system and roadway. The work on Michigan Ave. and Prospect St. requires a partial reconstruct to widen the road, install curb and gutter, storm catch basins and a storm outlet to the ravine. This work will also require rebuilding the slope from the back of the curb to the ravine bottom.

Additionally, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy has mandated that municipalities must replace lead or galvanized water services at an average of 5 percent per year beginning January 1, 2021. As part of the upcoming street resurfacing project, the City of South Haven will replace twenty water services from the water main to the meter pit, and then from the meter pit to the existing plumbing within the house itself.

At their September 21, 2020 regular meeting, the City Council awarded the contract for the project to Compton, Inc. Compton will tentatively start construction in March 2021, weather dependent, with a substantial completion date of May 14, 2021, and a final completion date of May 28, 2021.

For more information on the project, please contact City Engineer Mike Dopp at (269) 637-0719, or at mdopp@southhavenmi.gov.

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Leaf Pickup Reminder

Fall is here, and the City of South Haven will soon be picking up leaves. In an effort to assist the city street crew, please rake your leaves into the parkway (the area between the sidewalk and the street). **Please do not rake leaves into the street, as this can clog storm drains and make pickup difficult.** The City of South Haven appreciates your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding leaf pickup, please contact the Department of Public Works at (269) 637-0737.

** Please note: Leaf trucks work within the City Limits only.*

24 Hour Absentee Ballot Dropbox

The City Clerk's office would like to inform City residents that absentee ballot requests, as well as the ballots themselves, can be dropped off 24 hours a day in the secure dropbox located in the City Hall parking near the exit along Quaker Street. The box is emptied each morning, and will be emptied one final time at 8:00 p.m. on election night.

Additional signage identifying the dropbox as an absentee ballot return location has been paced on the sides of the box facing the road and the parking lot.

A few more reminders...

- The City of South Haven Code of Ordinances states that trash containers may be placed on the curb no more than 24 hours prior to pickup, and removed no more than 24 hours after trash pickup.
- South Haven City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Beginning November 15, there is no parking allowed on any City street between 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. to allow for snow removal. This parking restriction will be in effect until March 15, 2021.
- The City of South Haven will mail Winter Property Tax bills to City residents on December 1, 2020. If you have not received your bill by December 20, please call the Customer Service Manager at (269) 637-0706. Winter taxes are due on February 15, 2021.
- Every person who owns, occupies or leases any land within the City must cut, destroy, and remove all noxious and poisonous weeds growing on the property, as well as dead grass and brush. The resident must also prevent grass from growing in excess of nine inches in height.

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