



# ROOSEVELT PARK REVIEW

March 2025

## City Hall Closings

### **April 18th**

Closed in observation of  
Good Friday

### **May 26th**

Closed in observation of  
Memorial Day

## Upcoming Events

### **Blood Drive**

March 4th

### **Spring Forward**

March 9th

### **Board of Review**

March 11th & 12th

### **Water Bills Due**

April 1st

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Sat. April 5th

10:00 am

Community Center Park

### **Full Service Saturday**

May 3, 2025

6 am - 2 pm

### **Election Day**

May 6, 2025

## **Manager's Message**

We are thrilled to continue updates on two significant infrastructure improvement projects slated to begin this summer. Thanks to a strong partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the Roosevelt Park Downtown Development Authority, the Roosevelt Park community will see vital enhancements to two key roadways:

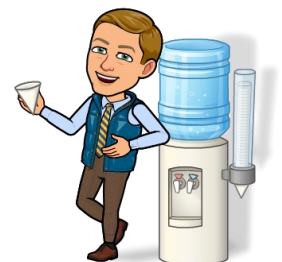
- **Broadway Avenue:** Resurfacing from Henry Street through the Clock Tower.
- **Maple Grove:** Complete resurfacing from Norton Avenue to Broadway. The brick crosswalks will be removed during the project and will be replaced with stamped concrete to ensure the roadway and crosswalks are both viable for the next decades of use.

These projects are part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving our city's infrastructure for the benefit of our residents, businesses, and visitors.

### **Project Details**

Both projects are scheduled to begin in the summer of 2025, with each expected to take three to five weeks for completion. In addition to resurfacing, the scope of work will include:

- **Drainage System Improvements:** Minor enhancement of drain systems to better manage stormwater and replacement of select portions of curb that are in poor condition.
- **Water System and Valve Replacements:** Upgrades to ensure long-term reliability of water services and reduce needed future work within the roadway, numerous water valves and hydrants will be exercised and replaced prior to the project completion.
- **Sidewalk Enhancements:** Including ADA-compliant upgrades for improved accessibility and added safety.



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## Partnerships and Funding

We are grateful for the collaboration of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in supporting these efforts with a total of \$176,000 of project funding or roughly 23% of the total project funding. Additionally, the City has secured state and federal grants totaling \$404,000, which covers approximately 52% of the total project cost. These funds are a testament to the value of strategic partnerships and advocacy for our community's needs and allow for only 25% of the project costs coming from the City's general street funds.

## Engaging Our Community

We are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way. In the coming weeks, we will mail detailed notices to all businesses along the affected routes. Additionally, we will host a **Project Open House**, where you can meet the team of contractors from Michigan Paving and Materials, as well as representatives from our engineering firm, Prein & Newhof. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the project's timeline, process, and how it may impact you. Please keep an eye out on our official Facebook and website for the formal dates and times of our project open houses.

## Looking Ahead

These improvements will bring lasting benefits to Roosevelt Park, enhancing safety, accessibility, and the overall appeal of our City. Your patience and cooperation during the construction period are greatly appreciated, and we are confident that the results will be well worth the effort.

The Planning Commission and Recreation and Parks Board have officially begun the initial stages of updating Roosevelt Park's five-year Community and Parks Master Plan. This vital process ensures that our community's vision for growth, development, and recreational opportunities remains aligned with residents' evolving needs. To gather as much input as possible, public input sessions and a comprehensive survey will be scheduled throughout the summer and fall. These efforts aim to engage community members, giving everyone a chance to share their ideas, priorities, and concerns. Your feedback will play a critical role in shaping the future of our parks, trails, and community spaces. Stay tuned for announcements on dates and details—we can't wait to hear your voice!

Stay tuned for further updates via mail and our city website. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me here at City Hall.

Here's to a productive, transformative, and fun year for Roosevelt Park!

*Jared Olson, City Manager*

## PARK'S PARK HAPPENINGS

Spring is here, and the Roosevelt Park Recreation and Parks Commission is buzzing with excitement for all the incredible activities we have planned for the coming months! We're kicking off the season with our much-loved **Annual Egg Hunt** at the Community Center Park. Mark your calendars for April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and bring the whole family for a morning filled with laughter, prizes, and, of course, plenty of eggs!

We continue to look for not only candy sponsors (who will get some great shout-outs and advertisements at the event) but also some teams to help with stuffing 10,000 eggs with candy and prizes.

As the summer sunshine rolls in, our parks will come alive with a variety of events to bring the community together. From outdoor concerts to family movie nights, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Stay tuned for a full schedule of activities, which we'll share soon through our website and social media channels. And don't forget to save the date for **Roosevelt Park Day on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**! This cherished tradition will feature a **parade**, live music, delicious food vendors, fun activities for kids, and more. It's the perfect way to celebrate our amazing community and the end of summer.

The Recreation and Parks Commission is dedicated to creating memorable experiences for all residents, and we're thrilled to see you at these events. Be sure to explore our parks, trails, and community spaces, and keep an eye out for more fun announcements throughout the year. Together, let's make 2025 a year to remember in Roosevelt Park!

### SLIDE INTO ACTION – Help Build the PLAYGROUND of DREAMS!

Grab your hard hats (or just your enthusiasm) and join us in creating the **BIGGEST PLAYGROUND YET** at Davies Park! No experience? No problem! If you can hold a hammer, carry a plank, or cheer us on, we want YOU!

- ⇒ **When:** April 23–25
- ⇒ **Where:** Davies Park (off Sherwood and Drexel)
- ⇒ **Why:** Because who wouldn't want to be a hero to kids everywhere?

#### What's in it for you? So glad you asked!

- A **FREE lunch** (yes, there will be snacks and water too).
- Endless bragging rights: "Oh, that swing set? WE BUILT IT."
- Team-building opportunities—bring your coworkers, scout troop, or book club!
- The satisfaction of knowing you're shaping a generation of fun for the entire community.



**WE NEED EVERYONE!** Corporate teams, local legends, and anyone with a love for monkey bars and merry-go-rounds. Think of it as leg day, community-style.

Sign up now and be part of something monumental (and a little bit sweaty). Let's make history—playground-style!



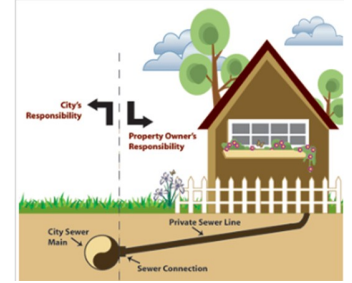
Call the team at City Hall to get more info and to get on our volunteer list.

**Let's swing into action!**

# DPW Dirt

## Are you experiencing a sewer back up or noticing slow moving drains?

If it is during regular business hours 8am-5pm Monday - Thursday, call City Hall at 231-755-3721. After hours call 231-722-3524. Crews will be sent out to check sewer lines in your area to determine what steps will need to be taken. If you're having an emergency back up and meet the requirements for our senior millage funding, please contact city hall to inquire about how we can assist you with your backup.



### Plowing Damage

The snow will soon be melting. With that your attention will hopefully turn to spring cleanup. You may notice that our sidewalk plow created damage to your yard, if this is the case and damage has occurred please reach out to the DPW superintendent at [bvanhoeven@rooseveltpark.org](mailto:bvanhoeven@rooseveltpark.org) or by calling City Hall.

### Brush Chipping

Brush Chipping will begin on Monday April 7th, 2025. Brush Chipping will generally be done on Mondays but may be delayed due to inclement weather or other emergency situations. Please be aware that if you see City workers out taking care of fallen branches or brush before that date, that does not mean chipping has begun. The Department of Public Works often has cleanup they must do after the snow melts before they can begin chipping for the residents.

As chipping resumes please remember a few things:

- Keep all cut ends facing the same way.
- Stack in multiple piles with cut ends facing the roadway.
- We do not pick up stumps or tree bases, our chipper can only handle smaller limbs.
- Brush pickup is for residents doing general trimming not complete tree removal.

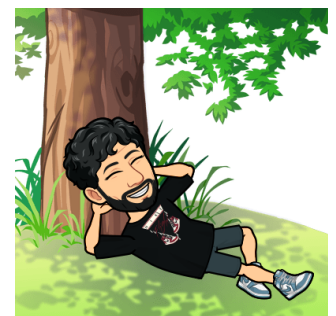


### Lead Service line Replacement

Each year the City is required to replace 20 water service lines. We are also required to verify water service line materials as part of our record keeping. We are asking all residents that have a water meter in their basement to send us a photo for our records (see example). Please send the photos by email to [bvanhoeven@rooseveltpark.org](mailto:bvanhoeven@rooseveltpark.org) with the subject line reading: Water meter photo for 1111 Your Rd.

After recording the data, we will reach out to those homeowners that still have a steel line or are believed to have a lead service line to get the replacement scheduled. If you already sent your photos, Thank you! If you have further questions or concerns, please email [bvanhoeven@rooseveltpark.org](mailto:bvanhoeven@rooseveltpark.org).

*Ben VanHoeven, DPW Superintendent*



## Pointers from the RPPD

### MAKE CRIME PREVENTION ONE OF YOUR 2025 RESOLUTIONS!

Being proactive is key to preventing crime. Eliminating opportunities for criminal activity is the most effective way to stay safe.

- Home Security:** Install motion-activated lights to deter intruders.
- Garage Safety:** Keep garage doors closed when unattended to prevent theft.
- Secure Entry Points:** Invest in high-quality locks for doors and windows.
- Protect Against Identity Theft:** Always shred mail containing personal information.
- Monitor Your Credit:** Obtain your FREE annual credit report to check for suspicious activity.
- Freeze Your Credit for FREE:** Did you know you can freeze your credit—and your child's—to prevent unauthorized accounts from being opened in your name? Learn more at [consumer.ftc.gov](https://consumer.ftc.gov)
- Report Fraud & Cybercrime:** If you suspect online fraud or scams, file a report with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at [www.ic3.gov](https://www.ic3.gov).

### SAFE DRIVING STARTS WITH YOU!

Speeding and ignoring traffic control devices put everyone at risk. Whether you're heading to work, running errands, or just passing through Roosevelt Park, following traffic laws helps keep our roads safe for all.

- Obey Speed Limits** – They're set for a reason! Speeding reduces reaction time and increases the severity of crashes.
- Stop Means STOP** – Rolling through stop signs is dangerous and illegal. Come to a full stop and check all directions before proceeding.
- Red Lights Save Lives** – Running a red light can lead to serious accidents. Always stop on red and be alert for pedestrians and cross traffic.
- Watch for Pedestrians & Cyclists** – Especially near crosswalks, parks, and school zones. Give them the right of way.
- Drive Defensively** – Stay off your phone, minimize distractions, and keep a safe following distance.

Roosevelt Park Officers are on patrol to ensure compliance with traffic laws. Let's work together to keep our roads safe!

### TRAIN YOUR DOG – START THE YEAR RIGHT!

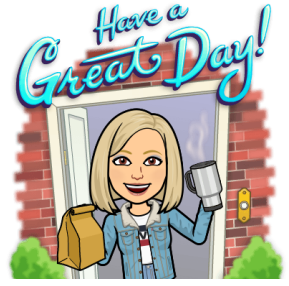
January was National Train Your Dog Month—a great time to reinforce good behavior with your furry best friend. While not every dog will be a show champion, every pup benefits from basic training. Visit [trainyourdogmonth.com](https://trainyourdogmonth.com) for helpful tips.

Reminder for Roosevelt Park Residents: Dogs must always be leashed when out in public and owners must clean up after their pets, so don't forget to bring those **poop bags** on your walk. Let's keep our community safe and enjoyable for all!



*Shawn Bride, Chief of Police*

# CLERK'S CORNER



## 2025: Not So "Off" After All!

Think 2025 is an off-election year? Think again! This year, we're gearing up for **three** elections—because democracy never takes a break! Mark your calendars for these important dates.

**May 6, 2025**

**August 5, 2025**

**November 4, 2025**

Whether it's local decisions or community changes, your vote matters. Stay informed and be ready to make your voice heard! But elections aren't the only thing filling up the calendar! Our city is buzzing with **events and activities** to keep you entertained all year long. Here's a sneak peek at what's coming up:

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Get ready to hop into some springtime fun!

**Movies in the Park** – Enjoy summer nights under the stars with family-friendly films.

**Roosevelt Park Day** – A fall favorite packed with food, fun, and community spirit!

Stay tuned for more details on these events and ways to get involved. 2025 is shaping up to be a busy (and exciting) year—we can't wait to see you out and about!

< **Election Riddle Time!**>

Why did the candidate bring a ladder to the election?  
Because they were trying to reach **new heights** in the polls!

*Ann Wisniewski, City Clerk*

## TREASURER'S TIDBITS



Hello Roosevelt Park! Has anyone else noticed a difference in the time it takes to receive your mail? We sure have at City Hall. There is no guarantee on the timeframe for receiving a letter when it is mailed, and the City does not accept postmarks for payment. Take advantage of our paperless billing and ACH autopay options to ensure your payments are received by the due date and save yourself some money! Those late fees and penalties sure do add up quick, not only will you avoid those extra costs but you will also get a \$1.00 billing credit for each option you select. Check out our website at [rooseveltpark.org](http://rooseveltpark.org) for the enrollment forms or reach out to me by email at [treasurer@rooseveltpark.org](mailto:treasurer@rooseveltpark.org)

Did you know you can also make unstructured payments on your water and sewer account? Many of our residents find it helpful to make small payments on their account each week, bi-weekly or monthly to avoid having to make one larger payment each quarter. If you are facing a past due balance and need assistance to avoid service shut-off, resources are available through [Mid Michigan Community Action](#) and [MDHHS](#). If you know you will not be able to make your payment before the due date, look into these agencies to see if they can help!

*Kate Dibble, City Treasurer*

## Intern Introduction

We are delighted to welcome Laila Rance, who joined us at the beginning of February as our new Media & Special Events Intern. In her role, Laila has jumped right in, contributing to a variety of projects and helping us with everything from website updates to creating engaging graphics. She's also been a valuable asset to our social media team, managing our Facebook presence and connecting with the community.

In addition to her digital work, Laila is lending a hand with some of our upcoming special events, including the much-anticipated Easter Egg Scramble, Movies in the Park, and Roosevelt Park Day. We're thrilled to have her on board and look forward to seeing all the wonderful contributions she'll continue to make. Stay tuned for more exciting updates from Laila as she helps us make this spring one to remember!



*"Hello everyone! My name is Laila, and I am beyond excited to be here!*

*Joining the Roosevelt Park City Hall team has already been such a wonderful experience, and I'm thrilled about everything that's yet to come. I'm passionate about all things creative and social, so being able to contribute to Roosevelt Park's media while being part of such a vibrant community is the perfect fit. A few fun facts about me: I'm an animal lover, avid hiker, and enjoy photography. I also cherish time spent with friends and family, leading at my church's student ministry, writing, reading, and cozy campfires. And, of course, I'm a huge fan of eating s'mores at said campfires. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to be here and can't wait to continue this journey with all of you!"*

## Intern Insights

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### Recap of February:

In February, we created graphics and established event pages on Facebook to drum up excitement for our upcoming gatherings! We've also been connecting with vendors and spreading the word about the much-anticipated Roosevelt Park Day 2025. It's shaping up to be an unforgettable event, and we're thrilled to be part of the planning process.

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### What's Ahead for March:

Looking ahead to March, we're eager to keep the momentum going with event planning and website updates. Our focus will be on ensuring all links, resources, and event details are up-to-date and easily accessible. Plus, we're giving the website a refreshing revamp to enhance the user experience and keep everything looking sharp and organized.

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*Laila Rance, Media/Special Event Intern*

## Visit us online for updates and news

The official website is [www.rooseveltpark.org](http://www.rooseveltpark.org) Find up-to-date information regarding events happening in the City, City Council meeting minutes and other important documents such as the City budget. You can also keep in touch with what is happening in the City on our official "Roosevelt Park Michigan" Facebook page. Have suggestions? Contact City Hall.

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