

City of Ecorse

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A Message from Mayor Tidwell

We hope your summer is going well and we want to take this opportunity to bring everyone up to speed on the positive events that have recently taken place in Ecorse and some of the things we are looking forward to in the near future.

We are nearing completion of the City's updated Master Plan which is being funded by a \$15,000 state grant. This updated plan will allow us to apply for additional funds for various projects.

We received \$378,000 for demolition and deconstruction from Community Development Block Grant and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program for the removal of blighted homes. We were successful in obtaining 2.19 million dollars in Distressed Cities Grant for the removal of another 60+ blighted structures. We are using another \$300,000 from CDBG funds for payments on our fire truck, Ordinance Officer, sidewalk replacement and rehabilitation of blighted homes. The County Land Bank awarded us \$270,000 for demolition of blighted homes. This totals \$3,138,000.

We were awarded a Financially Distressed Cities Grant from the state for \$350,000 to be used for a complete conversion of the city's streetlights to LED. The total cost of this project is \$480,000.00. We received another \$121,000.00 in credits from DTE for a total cost of only \$9,000.00 to Ecorse taxpayers. This conversion is expected to save Ecorse \$92,000.00 per year in energy costs. This is an annual tenfold return on our money for the foreseeable future. Total amount of grant funds for this project is \$471,000.

We were successful in obtaining three million dollars in State Revolving Funds for a storm water project on Outer Drive and 15th street and at the entrance of Great Lakes Steel to prevent basement flooding.

The total amount of grant funds and low interest funds received for these projects is \$6,624,000.00.

We have torn down over 60 blighted burned out homes to date and hope to have another 70 more torn down that are in the pipeline by the end of November.

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A Message from Wayne O'Neal

City Administrator

I want to thank the Mayor and City Council for appointing me to the permanent City Administrator position. I have been back for eight months and have been working closely with Mayor Tidwell and the council removing blighted houses and cleaning up blighted properties through the efforts of our building department and code enforcement officer.

I have prepared the annual budget for 2015-2016 and am finalizing the five-year budget forecasting fiscal trends and requirements for capital expenditures as well as needed infrastructure improvements. We are required to have a balanced budget without the use of prior years' funds.

We are working with the State Department of Treasury and neighboring communities to find ways to combine services thereby saving both communities funds in these tough economic times.

I look forward to serving the citizens of Ecorse through the efforts of the Mayor and City Council!

*Sincerely,
D. Wayne O'Neal*

Phase 1 Demolition Program

Below is a list of the first homes that are a part of the properties to be demolished under the 2.193 million dollar grant with Wayne Metro.

21 Broadway
71 Broadway
3997 14th
3660 High
4525 5th
11 W Woodward
11 W Charlotte
16 W Charlotte
37 E Alexis
4238 High
55 W Rockwood
3736 18th

The demolitions will hopefully start in the next 30-45 days once the paperwork is approved from the State.

Message cont'd...

Mayor and council recently passed a "Snow Emergency Ordinance" that will assist the city in our efforts to clear snow from our streets in an efficient manner. Mayor and Council also passed an ordinance that requires all trash be stored in approved containers and these containers must not be visible from the front of the property.

Mayor and Council endeavor to keep all lawns cut and are now levying these costs to the property owner as well as having our Ordinance Officer enforce all property codes.

As always the Mayor and Council welcome your comments and ask all Ecorse residents to help us help you by notifying the proper authorities of any problems you may observe.

Sincerely,

Mayor Lamar C. Tidwell



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

CITY WIDE YARDSALE

Fees will be waived to honor the City Wide Yard sale on August 7-9, 2015.

Board of Review

Will meet in the City Council Chambers in City Hall on Floor 2 on Tuesday July 21, from 10-11 a.m.

Community Pot Luck

August 20, 2015 @ 6:00 at Dingell Park Weather Permitting. **Please** bring a dish to pass. All other potlucks will be on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Hazardous Waste Collection August 15, 2015

Wayne County department of Public Service's Land Resource Management Division is pleased to announce the scheduled countywide Household Hazardous Waste collection from 8:00 am- 2:00 p.m. For any questions you may have, you can call 734-326--5708

DTE Street Lighting Project

This project is set to start July 20th 2015.

2015 Senior Olympics hosted by the City of Woodhaven this year

July 27- July 31, 2015. Call 734-675-4926
For more information

Breakfast of Champs, Softball Throw, Tennis, Billiards
Pinochle, Bowling, Bocce Ball, and much more!



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Attorney	386-2410
Boat Ramp	285-0318
Building Dept.	386-3636
City Clerk	386-2520
Controller	388-9325
25 th District Court	382-8603
Dept. of Public Works	294-3731
Garbage Collection	586-772-8900
Grant Manager	386-2400
Human Resources	386-2410
Library	389-2030
Ordinance Enforcement	436-4009
Police Non-Emergency	381-0900
Recreation	551-1574
Senior Center	382-3305
Smart Bus Service	382-3305
Treasury	294-3731
Water Dept.	294-3707

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE
FOR 3rd QUARTER

CITY COUNCIL
 7:30 p.m.

July 21

August 4 & 18

September 1, 15, & 29

***ECORSE RECEIVERSHIP TRANSITION
 ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)***

9:00 a.m.
 Council Chambers
 Open Meeting

Tuesday, July 14

Tuesday, August 11

Tuesday September 8