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## CITIZEN UPDATE - MARCH 2010

**WELCOME** to the first E-Newsletter being sent by the City of Lockport to update you on current and future issues, projects, events, and successes involving the city. In this e-issue, we will be updating you on economic development, Public Works programs, community programs, special events, and other miscellaneous information. This is our sincere way of showing our residents and businesses that “We Care”.

### **Economic Development in Lockport**

**Target Development.** As you know, the state of the economy has put much of the development that was to occur in Lockport on hold, i.e., the Target development. Although the infrastructure is in place, Target is waiting for signs of improvement in the economy before they proceed. Please note, all infrastructure work that was done was paid for by the developer and NOT the City of Lockport.

Although some developers are choosing to hold off until the economy improves, we are working with others that would like to proceed, despite the economy.

### **Corwins Shopping Center Redevelopment.**

We are sure you are familiar with this older business complex on 9<sup>th</sup> Street, which is anchored by the former vacated Fairway Food store. You will be happy to know that a developer purchased this complex and already has a redevelopment design in place. Next time you pass by, take a look at the billboard sign at the border of the development that shows the proposed design.

**Porter Plaza Redevelopment.** Heading west from Corwins Shopping Center, you will see another mature, established strip mall that we call Porter Plaza. Again, despite the economy, the owner of this plaza would like to move forward with revitalizing this property as well.

**Dreams.** It was almost 2 years ago that Dreams Bar & Grill burnt to the ground in a tragic fire. The city is working with the owners to see what needs to be done to rebuild this business in our downtown.

**Downtown Development Commission.** Speaking of downtown Lockport, the next meeting for the Downtown Development Commission will be on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Any updates from the Commission or on downtown development can be found at [www.lockportworks.com](http://www.lockportworks.com).

### **UPCOMING SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS**

Please watch in future issues of the E-newsletter for more detailed information on the following events.

**Lockport Chamber Community Expo – March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Celebrity Scoops – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm, Cold Stone Creamery**  
**Clean Sweep – May 15, 2010**  
**Farmer’s Market on the Landing – June 14<sup>th</sup>-October 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Cruisin’ Lockport Car Show – June 14<sup>th</sup> – August 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Canal Days-Lockstock Festival – June 18<sup>th</sup> – June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Water System Update.** The city held a public forum on February 24<sup>th</sup>, in which several options were given to use as our source of water, i.e., wells, Lake Michigan water, etc. Recently, city staff has completed the rate structure for each alternative and this information will be presented to the Council as well as the public on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Please join us.

### **WATER FACT OF THE MONTH...**

**In just 16 hours, US water utilities produce as much potable water as the oil industry produces oil in one year. In just 24 hours, as much water tonnage is produced as the steel industry produces steel in an entire year.**

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### PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMS

**Branch Program.** This year the branch program will begin on Monday, May 3rd. Public Works crews will be out every weekday in May, with the exception of the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 31st. Then, during the first week of June, July, August, and September, branches will be picked up by Public Works on the regularly scheduled garbage day for that area of the City. For the final clean up, Public Works will pick up branches every weekday during the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>, so this year's program will end on October 8th.

**Spring Hydrant Flushing.** Hydrant flushing will begin the first week of April and will continue until complete. Residents should look for signs at the entrance to their neighborhood and in the immediate area where the flushing is occurring. Please do not do laundry or run the water while we are flushing near your residence. If you notice discolored water after the flushing, run cold water at the outside tap or in the bathtub until clear. The hours for flushing will be from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. We apologize for any inconvenience, but this is necessary to remove accumulated iron deposits from the water mains. Any questions please contact the Water Department at 815-838-0549, option 3.

**Road Projects.** Roads that will get new asphalt this year are Oak Ave-- Briggs to Farrell; 163rd Street--- I-355 to Farrell; Gougar Rd/147th ---151st to Lemont Rd; Bruce Road---Gougar to Farrell, and sidewalk on 9th Street from Madison to Farrell Road. Funding for these road projects came from federal and state programs.

If you enjoyed this e-newsletter and found it to be helpful and informative, please spread the word to family, friends and neighbors who may be interested and tell them to subscribe at [www.lockport.org](http://www.lockport.org). and click on Subscriptions. Just enter your e-mail address and create a password.

### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

**Community Service for Seniors Program.** The city is currently working with the Lockport Township High School to pair up senior citizens who need help with home improvements with high school students needing “community service hours.” Students can help with small projects such as mowing grass or raking leaves to larger projects such as painting decks/porches, etc. Certain criteria must be met in order to qualify for this program. If you are interested, please contact Jodi Herman at [jherman@lockport.org](mailto:jherman@lockport.org) or 838-0549, ext. 2102. If you know of any senior citizens that may be interested in this program, please pass the information along to them.

**Beautification Commission.** The city has created a Beautification Commission that meets regularly to discuss projects that can be implemented to help beautify Lockport. The first project is to plant flowers/plants at specified locations along 9<sup>th</sup> Street, from Farrell Road to State Street; and State Street from Dellwood Park to Thornton. The Commission has received a commitment of funds from Homer Tree Service to purchase the flowers and we have several community groups and volunteers willing to plant on May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering to plant or in making a monetary donation, please contact Jodi Herman, [jherman@lockport.org](mailto:jherman@lockport.org); or Ashley Collier, [acollier@lockport.org](mailto:acollier@lockport.org).

If you would like to get updates from our Police Department through the Police Blotter, please subscribe at [www.lockportpolice.info](http://www.lockportpolice.info), and click on Community Bulletins. Just enter your e-mail address and create a password.

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### **Lockport's Depending on You!**

Look for your 2010 U.S. Census questionnaire in the mailbox within the next week. It's a simple form that should take you no more than ten minutes to complete. Fill it out and toss it back in the mail right away. It's the only way to ensure Lockport gets its fair share of many of the federal resources our community is entitled to by law.

***Don't take Lockport's future for granted...answer the Census! Do it now.***

