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Office of the City Manager

MEMORANDUM

MEMO TO: City Council
FROM: Sarah Purdy, City Manager *SP*
DATE: March 17, 2016
SUBJECT: Update 16/10

1. Department of Public Works Update –

WWTP Update

- DANC Agreement – To be finalized at the DANC Board meeting on March 24th. DANC will start to advertise for the position immediately.
- WWTP Fund Opportunities – C2AE is moving forward with requirements to allow us to submit for the second round of grants.

Equipment

- Cleaning up from the winter and starting to put some equipment away.

Snow & Ice

- Looking at warmer temperatures next couple of weeks. We have started sweeping operations. Night shift will end this Friday – March 18th with the exception of a skeleton crew for sweeping.

Road Cuts

- Currently cold patching pot holes. Wet weather hinders the process, but we are trying to stay on top of them.
- Case-by-case situation with cold patch as they arise.
- Hot mix will not be available until the middle of May.

Paving / Milling

- Have initial estimates for asphalt. Numbers are very favorable at this time. Will be finalizing the paving list over the next few weeks.

Sidewalks

- We have started to identify projects for 2016.
- We will be working with OFA to make improvements to the Canton & Franklin Streets intersection.

Unit “6”

- Also working on a few services.
- Continue winterization on hydrants. This process will continue until all temperatures are above freezing.

Brush Pickup

- 2016 pickup schedule has been completed.
- Spring cleanup is scheduled to start April 25th.
- Weekly program starts the first Monday in June.

Paterson St

- Punch List work has been suspended until spring. Final touch ups will be completed at that time.
- Met with NYS DOT about drainage near Burger King. Hoping for meeting next week with B&L so that we can get closure on this issue.

Solar Array

- Construction has resumed. Contractor is moving ahead slowly.

Storm Drops / Cleaning Sewer Mains

- Flushing the sewer mains as time permits.

Mowing / Trimming

- Activity will resume next spring.

Filters

- Next filters are scheduled for 3-18-16.

2. **Planning Department Updates** –

CDBG NY Avenue Project Press Release - The following is information released to the media and posted to the City website and Facebook page on March 17, 2016.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 17, 2016

Accepting Applications for New York Avenue Housing Rehab Assistance and Public Hearing Notice

CONTACT: Andrea L. Smith, Director of Planning & Development, 315.393.7150, or
asmith@ogdensburg.org

Ogdensburg, NY – The City of Ogdensburg is accepting applications to complete the last Phase of the New York State CDBG funded Housing Rehabilitation Program.

The City received \$ 400,000 in State CDBG funding in June 2015 to rehabilitate 10-12 homes on New York Avenue and or the side streets travelling 1 block off of New York Avenue.

To date the City, working in partnership the Development Authority of the North Country as the Program Sub-Recipient, is nearing completion of the first 3 homes (Phase I), and Phase II for the next 4 homes is underway. The City is now accepting applications for the final phase of the project, Phase III to assist approximately 5 additional homes.

“The City of Ogdensburg encourages eligible homeowners to participate in the Housing Rehabilitation Program,” said City Manager Sarah Purdy. “The CDBG funds provide a great opportunity for our property owners to make improvements to their homes.”

Applications for Phase III will be accepted by the Department of Planning & Development until 4:00 pm on Friday April 15, 2016.

To be eligible for this program, applicants must:

- Own and occupy a single family home on NY Avenue or side street – 1 block
- Based upon 2015 Income Taxes, have an adjusted household income of less than 80% of the area median income (ami) based upon household size
- Be current on all City & School taxes and all other municipal obligations (water & sewer)
- Have homeowner’s insurance

- Homes must be determined to be in substandard condition and need program assistance.
- Priority will be given to homeowners that are frail; elderly or disabled and have gross incomes of less than 60% Area Median Income (ami), which would also make them eligible for Weatherization Program assistance if they have not already received assistance from the Weatherization Program.

Income Limits – Not to Exceed

St Lawrence County	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person
80% Limits	\$33,350	\$38,350	\$43,150	\$47,900	\$51,750	\$55,600	\$59,400
60% Limit	\$25,200	\$28,800	\$32,400	\$35,940	\$38.82	\$41,700	\$44,580

A Public Hearing on the program will be held on Tuesday April 12, 2016 at 4:30 pm in the City Council Chambers at the Ogdensburg City Hall to review program materials, objectives and details.

Additional Program Information, Program Handbook and Applications are available on the City of Ogdensburg Planning & Development Page of the City’s website located at <http://ogdensburg.org/> or you can pick up a Program Handbook and Application from the Planning Department, 330 Ford Street, Room # 11 second floor.

If you have any questions pertaining to the program including eligibility, please contact Matt Taylor, Senior Project Specialist for the Authority at 315-661-3200 or mtaylor@danc.org.

3. **City Buildings/Offices Business Hour Changes for Good Friday** – On March 25, 2016 some City buildings will have a change of business hours as follows:

- Ogdensburg City Hall Offices are OPEN 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Ogdensburg City Court is OPEN 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. After 12:00 pm please use Caroline Street (Handicap Accessible) entrance closest to Ford Street and go to the 2nd floor.
- Ogdensburg Neighborhood Center is CLOSED ALL DAY

4. **Portion of Seawall Closed Due to Deteriorated Condition** - The Ogdensburg Parks & Recreation Department has announced that a 30-foot section of seawall along the Maple City Trail has been closed due to a deterioration of the stonework along that portion due to a strong current from the Oswegatchie River. The Parks & Recreation Department asks that the public refrain from entering this section of the seawall and to use caution whenever you are walking along or near the seawall.



5. **Pickleball Court Request** - On March 14, 2016, Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Curatolo, received a letter of request that the city move the skateboard park and use that area to create more tennis courts in order to offer more opportunities for pickleball.

At this time, the department does not have any plans to move the skateboard park.

Currently, one of the two tennis courts is taped and set up for pickleball. This spring, it is planned to tape (or paint) lines on the second tennis court to allow for more pickleball games. The department will also purchase some sets of paddles and balls that can be signed out at the Dobisky Center for use.

It is possible the department may offer pickleball at the Lockwood Arena during the spring and summer months depending on the cost of portable nets and cost of staffing the facility during the games.

6. **Status of Parcel A** – The EPA has approved our site eligibility request, which means the Phase I Environmental Assessment of Parcel A at the St Lawrence Psychiatric Center is an eligible cost in our Brownfields program. We have received and are reviewing a draft agreement from the NYS Office of Mental Health allowing us access to Parcel A in order to conduct a survey as well as the assessment.