

GLENSIDE BOULEVARD PHASE II PROJECT:

By the time this newsletter arrives in homes throughout Roosevelt Park, the next phase in reconstruction of a portion of Glenside Boulevard will have begun. This second project on Glenside will start on or about June 1st, just south of its intersection with Greenwich and terminate at Eastland. All construction is to be completed by Labor Day.

As mentioned before this is a “good news – bad news” story. The obvious “good news” is that once completed, City residents will have another segment of Glenside that will be in top notch driving condition with vastly improved storm drainage for properties adjacent to this roadway. The “bad news” is that it will mean another summer of construction, noise, dust and traffic detours and right in the heart of Roosevelt Park. The intersection at Glenside and Roosevelt will be especially problematic as the contractor will have to extend a storm sewer under a large concrete water main that extends north to Muskegon Heights. We hope to obtain funding for Phase III of the Glenside Improvements...from Coolidge to Norton, in 2012 or 2013.

A typical question is, “*why improve Glenside...what about my subdivision street*”? There are two answers, with the first being is that Federal Surface Transportation Funds are only available to Major Streets, which in Roosevelt Park includes, Roosevelt Road, Glenside, Maple Grove and Summit. They are not available to fund improvements to Local Streets. The maintenance of **local streets** is seen as a **local responsibility** to be funded by State Gas and Weight Tax, local tax millage or special assessments. The other major reason behind the Glenside project is that this is the only possible option for dealing with some of the local flooding that occurs in areas such as Coolidge and Glenside or Kloap and Davis. The first phase of the Glenside Project extended a 66 inch storm pipe from the Ruddiman Creek down to Greenwich. Some areas adjacent to this segment of Glenside that used to flood with nearly any rain don't flood now. We need to extend that storm drain down to the southern boundary of the City to address the lack of storm sewer in these neighborhoods. It will take years to implement tributary connections and improvements, but at least the main storm drain trunk line will be in place.

SUMMIT AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION:

One of the direct benefits of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (generally known as the Economic Stimulus Package) that was approved last February, was to fund some \$27.5 billion in highway infrastructure projects. Michigan received over \$850 million in ARRA funds which were distributed across the State for various road and transit projects. Roosevelt Park submitted competitively for this funding as did all highway agencies in Muskegon County. Because immediate turn-around

ARTS AND CRAFTS IN THE PARK FOR KIDS:

Will start of June 9, 2009 and run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

MUSIC IN THE PARK:

July 16th, 2009 – Old Timer Orchestra
July 30th, 2009 – Noir Kitty
August 13th, 2009 – Old Timer Orchestra
Mark your calendars.

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE:

August 8, 2009 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ROOSEVELT PARK DAY – AUGUST 29, 2009:

ATTENTION ARTS AND CRAFTS VENDORS: Spaces are available for Roosevelt Park Day. \$50 for a 10' x 10' space. Call City Hall for more information, or stop by for an application.

Applications are also available for the Roosevelt Park Day Parade. Call City Hall for details.

GRASS/LEAVES/YARD WASTE:

Curbside yard waste pickup began on April 1, 2009. RMS will pick-up yard waste ON THE SAME DAY as the regular garbage collection. All yard waste must be in recyclable paper bags or special waste containers. Bags will continue to be available at City Hall for a small fee. Yard waste containers can be rented directly from RMS (call 788-5096) for the annual charge of \$32. Your cooperation in maintaining your grass and yard is of great importance in keeping Roosevelt Park an attractive place to live.

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED:

Monday, May 25, 2009 – Memorial Day
Friday, July 3, 2009 – Independence Day
Monday, September 7, 2009 – Labor Day

GYPSY MOTHS

TAX BILLS – JULY 1ST