



## Letter from the Mayor

### Please do it the correct way...



If you are interested in filling-in your swale for more parking, there is a correct and legal way to do it. Below, please find some pictures as to how to add parking to your property, while at the same time allowing for the proper drainage of rainwater. Often this process is referred to as installing a “French Drain”.

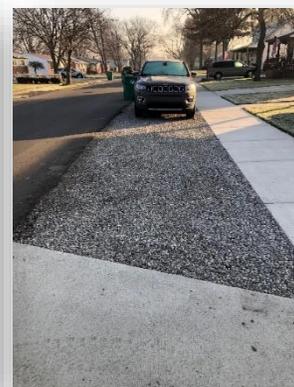
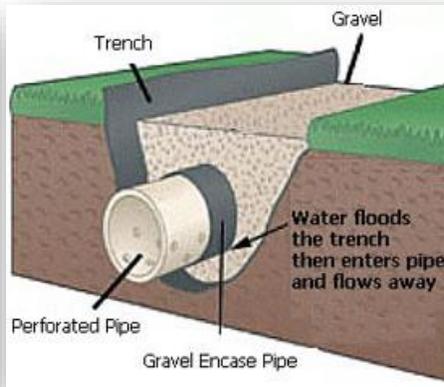
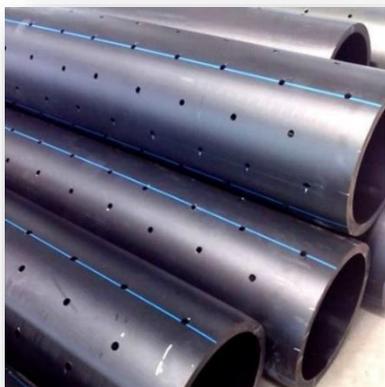
The reason that homeowners are not permitted to fill in their swales between the sidewalk and the street is because then the rainwater has no where to go but sit along the edge of the roadway. This is why most of the damage on the roads in the City is along the edges. If the rain would run into the ditches as they were designed, then the roads would be in better shape.

To stop homeowners from inappropriately filling in their swales with asphalt, concrete, clay, or compacting stone, the City would like to share with everyone the proper way to fill in their swales and still remove the rainwater. When a perforated pipe is installed to run from one end of the swale to the other, then water can flow to wherever the drain is located. The perforated pipe allows the water that collects in the crushed limestone to enter into the pipe and easily drain the swale. Be sure that the pipe you install connects to the pipes under the driveways on both sides of your property. **Go to the Building Department in City Hall to obtain the directions and permit.**

Whereas homeowners have wrongly filled-in their swales without permission and have stopped the water from flowing to the drain, this permitted process is easy to do and will fix a lot of issues – mainly, the water disappears quickly and the homeowner has clean, sustainable parking along the roadway at a cheaper price.

*Randy Walker*

Mayor of Garden City



To see a representation of the final product for this technique, visit the 32900 block of John Hawk

## Community Shred Day

Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

City Hall Parking Lot  
6000 Middlebelt Road Garden City, MI 48135

We will accept up to five paper grocery bags or cardboard banker's boxes of sensitive paper documents from Garden City residents & businesses to shred at no charge - NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE!

### PLUS:

#### Prescription Drug Disposal

Pills only, no liquids/needles

#### HOME Pantry Food Donations

Non-perishable foods, toiletries, and cash donations

COMMUNITY  
SHRED DAY

### Arbor Day

Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – FREE event for all ages

5:30 p.m. - Garden City Park

Come join us for a celebration of Arbor Day and learn how to plant a tree properly. Bring some dirt from home so you can bring a little of your home to give our tree a new home.

### Spring Adult Kickball League

Starts Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> - \$300 Per Team

6:00 p.m. - 2 games a night/week - Garden City Park

Relive your childhood glory days on the playground with an adult **Coed Kickball League!** Don't have a team? Come as a free agent.

### Coed 4v4 Volleyball League

Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$200 Per Team

6:00 p.m. - 2 games a night - Garden City Park

Come out and get sandy at our GC Volleyball League

### Parents Night Out

\$10 Per Child and \$5 per sibling

Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> / 5:30-9 p.m. / Maplewood Comm. Center  
Go out for date night, run some errands, or simply have a silent night while the kids are safe watching movies, making crafts, playing games, and eating pizza.

Questions about events and activities, call 734-793-1882

# The Public Works Department (DPW) and Snow Maintenance

Although we are on the backend of the winter season, City Hall is often asked why the City does what it does when it comes to snow removal. Here are a few facts that you might find interesting.

## Miles of Roadway

Although there is approximately 107 miles of roadway in Garden City, all of the roads need several passes with a snowplow. Therefore, the combination of miles driven by our trucks is over 500 miles for a city-wide plowing event. That is from Garden City to Nashville.



## When Does Plowing Start?

On snow events less than 3 inches, DPW will treat the roads with salt. Salt will normally break up this amount of snow and make a safe driving surface. Snow falls with amounts of 3 inches or higher, the City will declare a snow emergency which prohibits all on-street parking on city roads. This allows DPW to plow the roads thoroughly. *Note:* Temperatures influence the effectiveness of salt. Salt starts to lose its effectiveness with temperatures below 20 degrees, and almost not effective at below 10 degrees. Sunshine and traffic will help in these conditions.

## How Long Does It Take?

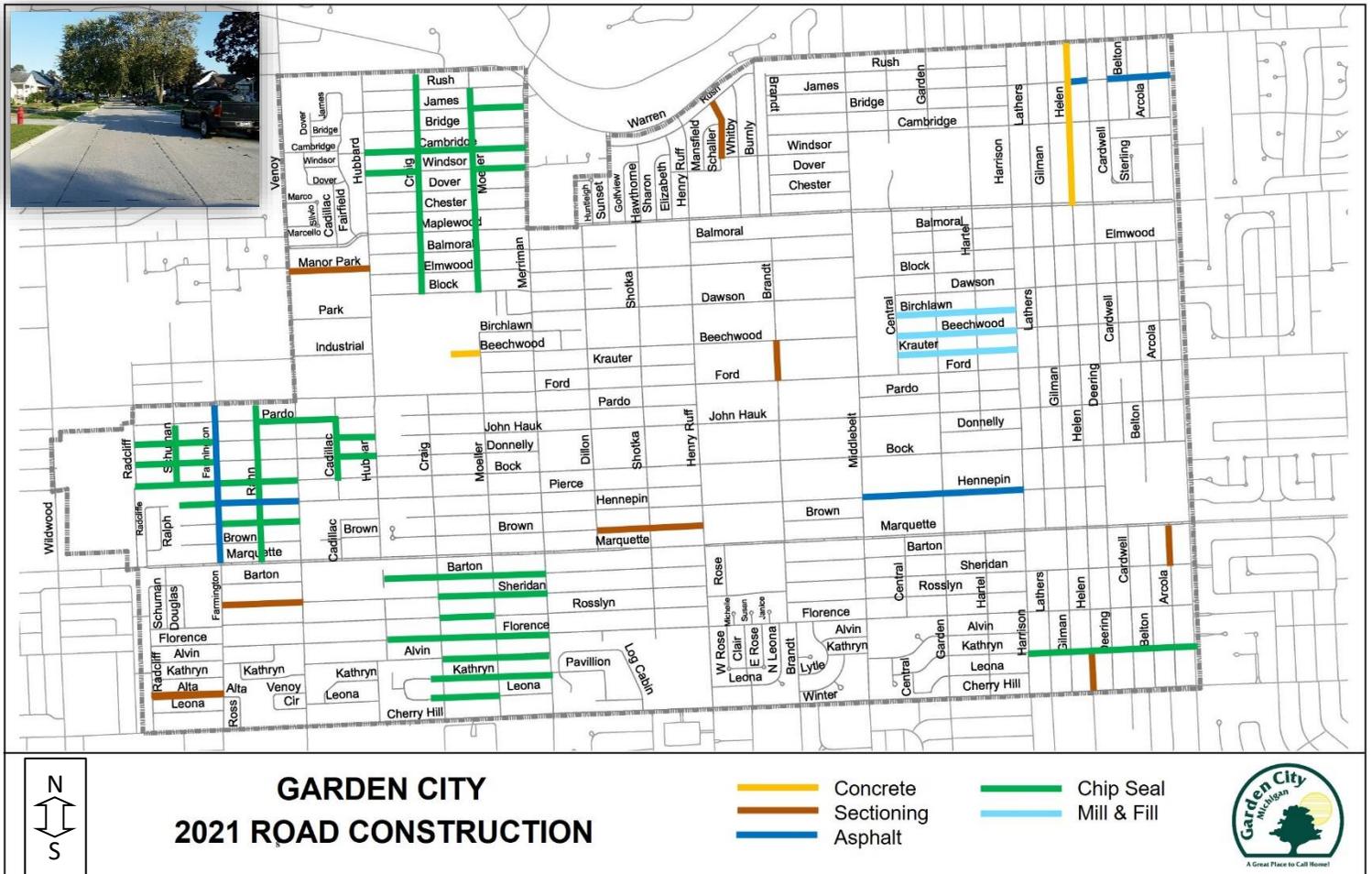
It takes DPW 8 to 12 hours to plow and salt the entire City. This also involves the clearing of all City owned parking lots and sidewalks. Although the snow fall totals, duration of the snowstorm, and the work force available will influence the amount of time it takes to clear the entire city, we will usually use a minimum of 12 trucks to accomplish this. Keep in mind, if we can't start plowing snow until there is 3 inches, and it could take 12 hours to complete, this is the reason that it may take most of the day until your street is finally plowed.

## What Roads Does the City Not Plow or Salt?

DPW prioritizes its roads. We start with our major roads Maplewood, Marquette, Farmington, Harrison, etc., and then we move to all our local roads. We do not maintain Ford, Middlebelt, Merriman, Venoy, Inkster, etc. These are County roads and are maintained by Wayne County.

## 2021 GARDEN CITY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

*The following roads will be repaired starting this spring/summer*



### Asphalt Reconstruction/Reclamation

Pierce - Venoy to Farmington  
Farmington - Ford to Marquette  
Hennepin - Harrison to Middlebelt

### Concrete Reconstruction

Helen - Maplewood to Warren

Roads scheduled to be redone this year may change without notice.

### Mill & Fill Asphalt Roads

Birchlawn - Harrison to Central  
Beechwood - Harrison to Central  
Krauter - Harrison to Central

### Chip Seal Asphalt Overlay

Numerous asphalt roads

### Concrete Sectioning/Patch Repairs

Alta - Farmington to Radcliff  
Arcola - Sheridan to Marquette  
Brandt - Beechwood to Ford  
Brown - Henry Ruff to Dillon

Helen - Cherry Hill to Kathryn  
Manor Park - Hubbard to Venoy  
Schaller - Windsor to Rush  
Sheridan - Venoy to Farmington

