

At Your Service...

A Newsletter for the Citizens of the City of Midland

March 1999



Springing Into Spring Cleaning... Three Ways to Dispose of Heavy Refuse Items & Brush

* Curbside *

* Borrow-A-Container *

* Free Landfill Drop Off *

With signs of spring a young heart turns to thoughts of cleaning the garage?!? Well, maybe it's not your first spring thought, but there will come a time when that big cleanup project will wait no longer. And, with better weather right around the corner, the City of Midland would like to remind you of three different ways that you can dispose of your heavy refuse items or brush trimmings.

Curbside Collection

As a service to City of Midland residents, heavy refuse and brush piles are collected from the curb once a month on your scheduled collection week.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Items must be placed at the curb by 8 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week, but no earlier than the Saturday prior to your collection week.
- City collection crews will pick up your items by 3:30 p.m. on the Friday of your collection week.
- Items placed at the curb earlier than the Saturday prior to your collection week or after your street has been collected may be subject to a \$50 special collection fee.

These Items Are Collected:

- ☞ Moving boxes
- ☞ Carpeting
- ☞ Scrap metal
- ☞ Asphalt
- ☞ Furniture
- ☞ Mattresses
- ☞ Appliances (remove refrigerator doors)
- ☞ Demolition, remodeling & building materials (from occupied residences only)
- ☞ Logs, branches, tree trimmings & brush (cut into eight-foot lengths or less)

These Items Are NOT Collected:

- ☞ Old car bodies
- ☞ Explosives
- ☞ Dead animals
- ☞ Loose soil & sod
- ☞ Household hazardous materials

Same Service... Different Twist...

In January the City of Midland made a change to the heavy refuse program when it consolidated the collection areas from 19 down to four. While the service is still primarily the same, there are **2** differences you should note:



1 Your collection date may have changed. Be sure to double check the new area map included in this publication and note your new monthly collection week.



2 It's important that your heavy refuse and brush be at the curb by 8 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week. This improves the productivity of the collection crews and reduces the cost of this popular service.

Borrow-A-Container

Great for those big projects, the Borrow-A-Container Program delivers a **4x6 foot dumpster to your house for overnight or weekend loading - free of charge.** Available Monday - Friday, a container is placed on either your outlawn or driveway approach before 3:30 p.m. and collected the following day. Friday reservations may load over the weekend for Monday pickup. There is no charge, however containers must be reserved in advance. Due to disposal regulations, containers can be filled with brush OR refuse, but not both. Call 835-2531 to reserve your borrow-a-container.

Free Landfill Drop Off

If you want to immediately dispose of up to **3 cubic yards of heavy refuse, brush or any other refuse for free, you can take it to the City's Sanitary Landfill and dispose of it for free.**

All you need to do show the gatehouse attendant a current drivers license, Michigan ID or current property tax billing to verify residency. A fee is charged for any excess yardage based on the type of material and the amount of cubic yards being disposed.

The Sanitary Landfill is located at 4311 E. Ashman St. and is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. The landfill is open on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. - noon in the months of March through November only.

Heavy Refuse & Brush Collection Schedule & Area Map

Please double check your heavy refuse collection week against this new heavy refuse collection map.

Area A

First Monday
of each month

Area B

Second Monday
of each month

Area C

Third Monday
of each month

Area D

Fourth Monday
of each month

Here are some common questions and answers about recent changes in the Heavy Refuse & Brush Collection program:

Q "I put my brush and heavy refuse at the curb on Monday. Today is Wednesday and my stuff still has not been collected. Did I miss the collection?"

A No. If your brush and heavy refuse items were placed at the curb by 8 a.m. on the Monday of your designated week, rest assured that your items will be collected by 3:30 p.m. on Friday. City crews begin collecting in your designated area on Monday and continue until all the brush and heavy refuse items have been collected for your area.

Q "Are these changes going to affect any of my other curbside collection days, such as regular refuse, recycling or fall leaf collection?"

A Your regular refuse collection day and recycling schedule are not affected by the brush and heavy refuse collection schedule changes.

Beginning in late October, fall leaf collection will follow the new brush and heavy refuse collection area schedule. Additional information regarding fall leaf collection start dates and instructions will be mailed to you in the fall.



Please See Page 5 for
the Heavy Refuse &
Brush Collection Area
Map

Q "My brush and heavy refuse items always seem to be collected on the Tuesday of my collection week. Can I just wait until Tuesday morning to put my stuff at the curb?"

A To ensure collection, your brush and heavy refuse items must be at the curb by 8 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week. You can't rely on your collection taking place on a particular *day* of the week because the amount of refuse placed at the curb throughout the collection area can vary from month to month, this affects how quickly collection crews can get through your area. Timely placement of your heavy refuse and brush materials permits collection crew supervisors to route the trucks more efficiently.

Q "My street borders on two collection areas, how do I know in which collection area my house is located?"

A A breakdown of borderline streets and the collection areas in which they are located is as follows:

Rodd St. (downtown to the circle)	Area A
E. Ashman St. (from circle east to the county line)	Area A
Wheeler St. (east of Jefferson Ave. to the county line)	Area B
Jefferson Ave. (from Wheeler St. north to the city limit)	Area C
Wheeler St. (west of Jefferson Ave. to N. Saginaw Rd.)	Area C
N. Saginaw Rd. (from Wheeler Rd. to Stark Rd.)	Area C
Jefferson Ave. (from the circle north to Wheeler St.)	Area D
N. Saginaw Rd. (from the circle to Wheeler St.)	Area D
Ashman St. (from downtown to the circle)	Area D



WE'RE THROUGH WITH SNOW... IT'S TIME TO MOW!

Lawn mowing season is closer than you think. How will you dispose of your yard waste this year? Here are a few options:

Yard Waste's Free Three

April 5 through 23 are the dates for the 1999 yard waste season's free three weeks of yard waste disposal.

During these three weeks you may use compost bags without the \$.25/bag sticker and your bin without the annual collection sticker. Bag and Bin Stickers are required beginning April 26.

For more information about the City of Midland Yard Waste Program, contact the Department of Public Services, 835-2531 or look it up on the web at www.ci.midland.mi.us

There are two ways to dispose of grass clippings, leaves, small twigs and garden waste using your weekly refuse collection day. Just place the yard waste in:

-Or-

For free yard waste disposal try:

Kraft paper compost bags with a \$.25 per bag sticker.

Compost bags and collection stickers can be purchased from local lawn and garden retailers.

-Or-

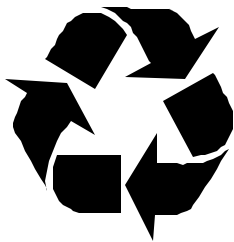
Yard waste bins on wheels can be purchased from the City of Midland for \$50 per 96-gallon bin. Bin users must purchase one annual \$25 collection fee sticker.

To order a bin or renew your annual sticker, send a check or money order for the cost of your order, payable to the City of Midland to: City Treasurer, 333 W. Ellsworth, Midland, MI 48640. Allow one week for delivery.

Back yard composting...

the Midland Area Recycling Center (MARC) will sponsor a truckload sale of backyard composting bins as a fundraiser on May 22. The recycled plastic bins sell for \$35.00. The MARC is located at the City Landfill.

For information, call MARC at 631-1668.



Recycling Reminder...

In an effort to encourage recycling, empty cardboard boxes are not collected by City of Midland refuse trucks for disposal in the sanitary landfill. Empty cardboard boxes can be flattened and placed with the green recycling bin for bi-weekly collection. Refuse placed in cardboard boxes is not collected. Please use garbage cans, plastic bags or refuse carts for household refuse and save flattened cardboard boxes for the recycling bin. Thanks!

City Employees Featured in Safety Announcements

City of Midland employees whose jobs take place on Midland's streets are reminding motorists that Our Safety Is In Your Hands. The message is being delivered through a series of one-minute public service announcements produced for MCTV

Channel 3 by the City of Midland Employee Safety Action Committee. Watch MCTV for the reminders and be sure to slow down when driving through work zones.

Remember, the safety of our City employees is in your hands.

Our Safety is in Your Hands

"Ron Munger is a City of Midland employee. He and his wife, Jean, have two grown children. Ron has worked for the City for 30 years.

His office isn't at City Hall - it's on Midland's streets.

He's a forestry worker.

When you drive by his office, please slow down and be patient.

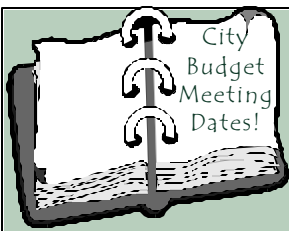
When Ron's working, his life depends on you.

All City of Midland employees and their families thank you for your help.

Our Safety is in Your Hands."

photo courtesy of the Midland Daily News...





Mark your calendars and plan to help the City of Midland determine the 1999-2000 City Budget. **Here are some important meeting dates to note:**

- April 12 City Manager Presents 1999-00 Proposed Budget 7 p.m., City Council Chambers
- April 19 City Council Study Session - General Fund 7 p.m., City Council Chambers
- April 26 Public Hearing on City Manager's Proposed Budget 7 p.m., City Council Chambers
- April 28 City Council Study Session - Other Funds 7 p.m., City Council Chambers
- May 10 Public Hearing on the Budget 7 p.m., City Council Chambers
- May 17 Budget Adoption 7 p.m., City Council Chambers
- July 1 Budget Implementation

~all meetings cablecast on MCTV 3~

MCTV: On The Grow

MCTV is growing from two to three channels! The City of Midland's public/government access cable TV station, Midland Community Television, will soon be MCTV 3, 5 & 15. Here's the new channel line-up:



MCTV Channel 3 features public access programming (programming submitted by area residents or by residents trained in the use of MCTV's video production equipment.) Examples of the shows you'll see on Channel 3 are high school sports, church services, talk shows, concerts, and more.



MCTV Channel 5 features City Council and Planning Commission meetings and other programs submitted by the City or other government agencies. Watch MCTV 5 for the government message board -communicating valuable information about your local government services. Channel 5 will also show emergency messages for severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, chemical releases, etc.



MCTV Channel 15 features the community message board that's currently shown on both MCTV 3 & 5. This message board is for you to use to promote your nonprofit events, activities or services.

Watch MCTV 3 & 5 for further information on these changes. For more information contact MCTV, call 837-3474 or e-mail: rbeacom@vlc.lib.mi.us.



Road Work Ahead!

This summer the City of Midland will conduct more than \$2.3 million worth of street improvement projects. This list will let you know what streets will be worked on and when that work will begin!

MAJOR STREETS

James Savage @ Waldo Ave. - intersection improvements, new traffic signal, curb & gutter, street reconstruction (May); **Saginaw Rd., Dartmouth to Patrick** - street reconstruction, curb & gutter replacement (May); **21st St., Saginaw to Bay City Rd.** - street reconstruction (May); **St. Andrews Rd., Orchard to Michigan Molecular Institute** - street reconstruction, curb & gutter replacement (July); **Sturgeon Ave., Gibson to Wackerly** - street reconstruction, curb & gutter replacement (July); **Waldo Ave., Ashman to Whitewood** - street reconstruction, curb & gutter replacement (July); **Waldo Ave., Whitewood to Overpass** - street reconstruction, curb & gutter replacement (July); **Wheeler St., US10-ramp to Waldo** - street reconstruction, curb & gutter replacement (July).

LOCAL STREETS

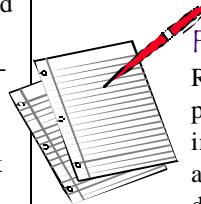
Wexford St., Lincoln to Tibbs - asphalt paving, curb & gutter (May); **Applewood Rd., Valley to Sugnet** - street reconstruction, curb & gutter replacement (May); **Natalie St. Extension, Natalie St. to east end** - asphalt paving, curb & gutter (July).

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Flood Insurance Information Available

Residents are reminded that, because the City of Midland participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, flood insurance may be purchased through your insurance agent. This is of particular importance for those residents living within the flood hazard areas of the City.

Please note that this flood insurance applies to damages from overland flooding only. For further information about your property and the location of flood hazard areas, or how to protect your property from flooding, contact the City Planning Department at 837-3374.

SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATION

Midland Mall Forcemain Sewer (May); **E. Ashman St. Sewer** (May); **Isabella St., south side west of Currie Pkwy** (July); **Isabella St., south side east of Vance** (July); **Natalie St. Extension** (July); **Moorland Dr. Forcemain Sewer** (July)

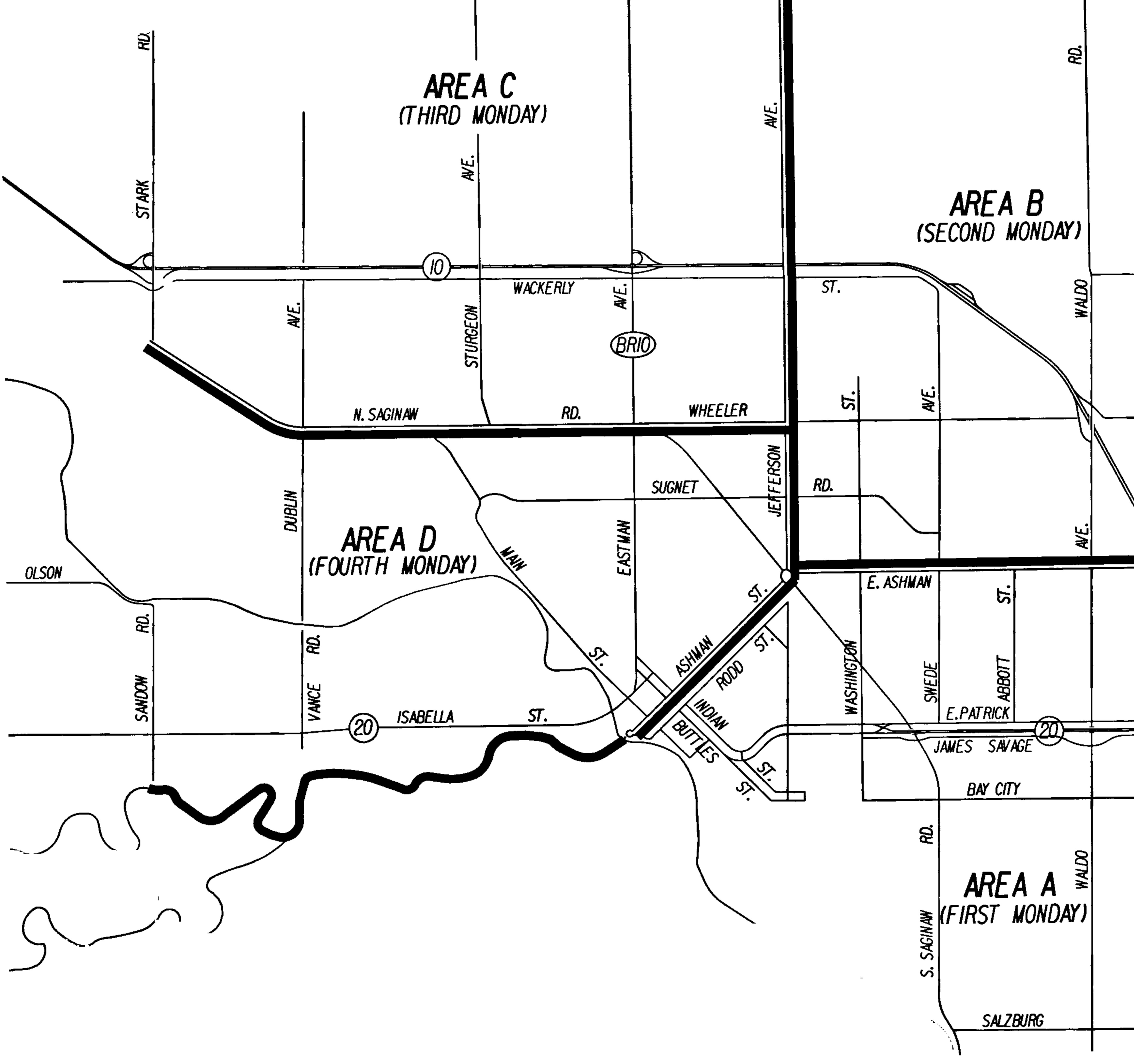
WATER MAIN INSTALLATION

Concord St., St. Andrews to Sugnet (May); **Dartmouth Dr., Ashman to St. Andrews** (May); **Salem St., St. Andrews to Sugnet** (May); **Huntley Ln., Isabella to end** (July); **Laughton Dr., Isabella to end** (July); **Natalie St. Extension, east of existing** (July); **Welch Dr., Isabella to end** (July)

This summer the Michigan Department of Transportation will begin work on the new full interchange at Bay City Rd. and US-10.

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POSTAL CUSTOMER



AREA C
(THIRD MONDAY)

AREA B
(SECOND MONDAY)

AREA D
(FOURTH MONDAY)

AREA A
(FIRST MONDAY)

STARK RD.

RD.

AVE.

AVE.

10

BR10

AVE.

STURGEON

WACKERLY

AVE.

ST.

WALDO

N. SAGINAW

RD.

WHEELER

ST.

AVE.

DUBLIN

SUGNET

RD.

JEFFERSON

AVE.

OLSON

AREA D

MAIN

EASTMAN

SANDOW RD.

VANCE RD.

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ISABELLA

ST.

ST.

ASHMAN

RODD ST.

ST.

E. ASHMAN

ST.

WASHINGTON

SWEDE

ABBOTT

E. PATRICK

20

JAMES SAVAGE

BAY CITY

S. SAGINAW RD.

WALDO

SALZBURG