

## 2003 Street Construction Projects

Watch for these projects taking place this construction season in the City of Midland. For questions or further information, please contact the City of Midland Engineering Department at 989-837-3348. Watch the City of Midland website at [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org) for the latest updates on street construction projects.

### Spring 2003

- Bay City Rd., Rockwell to Railroad Crossing  
Street reconstruction, widening, storm sewer installation, curb and gutter.  
Estimated Construction: April - July
- St. Andrews Dr., Saginaw to Washington  
Street reconstruction, curb and gutter replacement.  
Estimated Construction: April - July
- Coolidge Dr., VanBuren to Washington  
Water main replacement, street reconstruction, new curb and gutter, asphalt paving.  
Estimated Construction: April - August
- Heathermoor, Hollybrook, Tyler, McKinley, Friar, Rollcrest Ct.,  
Street reconstruction, curb and gutter replacement.  
Estimated Construction: April - July
- Trinity Court, Valley Dr., Rollcrest Ct., Holyrood St.  
Water main replacement on Trinity Ct., street reconstruction, new curb and gutter, asphalt pavement on Trinity, Valley, Rollcrest & Holyrood.  
Estimated Construction: May - September
- Dilloway Dr., 250' east and west of Eastman  
Widening street to add left turn lanes, water main replacement on east side of Eastman, new curb and gutter, street paving.  
Estimated Construction: June - August
- George St. at Midland Community Center Cross-walk  
Narrowing street, new curb and gutter, street paving.  
Estimated Construction: June to August
- Wackerly Rd., Sturgeon to Schade  
water main replacement.  
Estimated Construction: June - August

### Fall 2003

Information regarding the commencement of these projects will be available in mid-summer. Please visit the City of Midland website for the most up-to-date information on the startup of these projects.

- Poseyville Rd., Ellsworth to St. Charles  
Concrete pavement repairs, shoulder paving.
- Swede Rd., Plymouth to Hillgrove Pkwy.  
Storm sewer construction, street reconstruction.
- Waldo Ct.  
Street construction, curb & gutter, storm sewers
- Jefferson to Midland Mall Paved Walkway  
Construction of paved walkway and bike path along the old service drive from Jefferson Ave. to Midland Mall
- N.E. Pressure District Water Main  
Water main construction from the Water Plant to Waldo Ave., along Waldo Ave. to E. Ashman St.
- Water Main installation  
Perrine Rd. Water Main, Letts St. to Letts Rd.
- Dublin Ave. Sanitary Sewer  
Sanitary sewer installation on Dublin Ave. from Countryside Dr. to 500' N.
- Isabella Rd. Sanitary Sewer  
Sanitary sewer installation on Isabella Rd. from Sandow to 300' east

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## Celebrating 25 Years of Senior Housing Excellence

### Riverside Place and Washington Woods Reach Milestones

It's a big year for the City of Midland senior housing program as Riverside Place celebrates its 10th anniversary and Washington Woods its 25th!

Both facilities will celebrate with open houses scheduled for Sunday, May 18 from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. You're invited to tour the facilities, learn about their fantastic senior services and enjoy refreshments with the staff and residents. For more information about the celebrations, please contact the staff at Washington Woods at 989-837-3494.

## 2003-04 Budget Adoption Process

- April 14 – City Manager's Proposed Budget Presented to City Council
- April 21 – First Budget Work Session with City Council (General Fund)  
7 p.m. City Council Chambers
- April 28 – First Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget  
7 p.m. City Council Chambers
- May 5 – Second Budget Work Session with City Council (Other Funds)  
7 p.m. City Council Chambers
- May 12 – Second Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget  
7 p.m. City Council Chambers
- May 19 – Scheduled date for adoption of budget by City Council  
7 p.m. City Council Chambers

All meetings will be cablecast live and replayed on MGTV-5. Watch for a special **Community Question: The City Budget** program on MGTV-5 in late April that will feature a discussion with city officials on elements of the proposed budget.

**Visit the City of Midland website [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org) to read a summary of the 2003-2004 proposed budget.**

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# At Your Service...

A Newsletter for the Citizens of the City of Midland

April 2003

## 2002 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Citizens of Midland,

On behalf of the Midland City Council, city staff and employees of the City of Midland, I am pleased to present the city's 2002 annual report.

The annual report serves as an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments and milestones of the previous year.

Over the past year the effort to improve our city's sewers – from collection to retention – has been a primary focus. Shaping Midland's future has also been at the forefront as Midland's Planning Department and Planning Commission have moved forward with updates to the city's zoning and subdivision ordinances. Other milestones have included major improvements to our city street system; enhancement of the police department's traffic services unit and partnering with other members of the community to further underscore the amenities that make our community a great place to live, work and play.

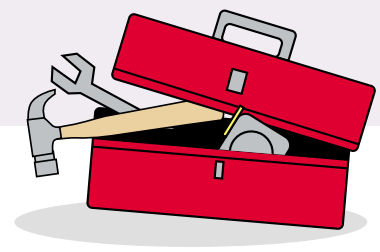
I invite you to read more about these, and other, accomplishments in the remainder of this newsletter. I believe you'll be pleased with the level of commitment and service your city government is providing you on a daily basis.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the employees of the City of Midland whose hard work, innovation and commitment to safety allows us to continually provide high-quality and cost-effective services.

The City of Midland values the citizen input and support that you provide along the way as, together, we shape Midland's future.

Sincerely,

Karl S. Tomion  
City Manager



## Community Development Toolbox .....At Work for Midland's Future

As the 18-month long Community Development Toolbox process to update and improve Midland's zoning and subdivision ordinances enters the home stretch, some say the journey has been as valuable as the updated documents themselves.

The zoning and subdivision ordinances serve as regulators for land-use and development in our community. While these ordinances have been modified over the years, they have not been modernized in a comprehensive fashion for more than 20 years. Updated subdivision designs, changes in State law and evolving case law are just a few things that are being incorporated into the update.

"The process used to update and improve these ordinances is a great example of community members putting their fingerprints on the future look and feel of Midland," said Planning and Community Development Director Jon Lynch.

The future look and feel of Midland is, for the most part, directed by these ordinances, which manage and direct land use and development in our community. These documents define such things as how property can be developed and provide design guidelines for subdividing property in the City of Midland.

From the beginning, community input has been an important part of the updates. The process began with three "nuts and bolts" work sessions in May and June 2002. More than 60 individuals from all walks of the community – homeowners,

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# Go With The Flow... Improving Midland's Sewers

**S**ewers. We know it's not a very glamorous topic, but for Midland City Council it's a top priority issue. In the past six years, we've enhanced all areas of our sewer system from conveying sanitary sewer to improving storm water management. Read on for an update on each of these projects:

**Sanitary Sewer Collection System:** Sanitary sewers carry sewage away from Midland homes and businesses to the wastewater treatment plant where it is chemically and biologically treated and discharged to the Tittabawassee River in accordance with State and Federal regulations.

In 2002, Midland celebrated the completion of a \$13 million, 18-month construction project that doubled the sanitary sewer system's capacity to convey sewage to the wastewater treatment plant.

*Photo: About 100 citizens and city officials joined together on a sunny day last summer to tour the new Circle Area Pump Station and celebrate the completion of the city's single largest sewer improvement project.*



**Wastewater Treatment Plant Retention Basin:** In June 2003, the city will complete the yearlong construction of a 43.5 million gallon retention basin to hold partially treated sewage and keep it from overflowing into the Tittabawassee River when extreme rain events or sudden spring thaws introduce excess water into the sanitary sewer system. Midland's Wastewater Treatment Plant can process 18 million gallons of sewage a day and can store an additional three million gallons.

Once operational, flows that exceed the combined 21 million gallon capacity of the WWTP will be stored in the new \$5 million retention basin and treated after peak flows subside.



*Photo: The storage basin's inlet/outlet structure is located at the deepest point and serves to fill and dewater the basin.*

**Storm Sewers:** Storm sewers transport rainwater and snowmelt from streets and footing drains to outfalls along local streams and rivers. Plans progressed in 2002 for improving Midland's storm sewer conveyance system. These improvements should help minimize street flooding during heavy rain events. The George St. Basin, which collects stormwater from locations south of E. Ashman St. and east of Eastman Ave., will receive storm sewer improvements including construction of a \$2.5 million relief storm sewer along Patrick Rd. This new storm sewer will convey storm water from the George St. Basin area to the Tittabawassee River. In addition, the city will continue with its aggressive storm sewer and open drain maintenance programs that have significantly reduced street flooding.

Watch for work to begin on the Patrick Rd. storm sewer in 2004.

**For more information on any of these projects, please contact the City of Midland Utilities Department at 989-837-3341.**

# Midland Police Department Receives Award for Excellence in Traffic Safety

**C**ongratulations to the Midland Police Department for receiving the 2002 Award for Excellence in Traffic Safety. The award, presented by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Michigan Office of Highway Safety and AAA Michigan, recognizes the outstanding commitment that the Midland Police Department has made during 2002 to overall traffic safety within the community.



## Traffic Safety Initiatives in 2002 included...

- City Council authorized the hiring of two additional officers for the purpose of traffic enforcement and education. The two officers patrol the streets of Midland stopping speeders, red light runners and other traffic violators. The traffic services unit implemented a new comment line for citizens to report non-emergency traffic related concerns. If you know of an area that needs a little extra attention, call the traffic service unit at 989-839-4714.
- Midland Police Department's Traffic Services Unit "Safe Driving Campaigns" have included education and enforcement of such issues as aggressive driving, neighborhood speeds and seat belt use.

"Much of the credit goes to the City Council for making traffic safety a priority and for providing the Midland Police Department with the tools we need to do our job," said Police Chief Jim St. Louis. "And, of course, it's the Officers of the Midland Police Department and, specifically, our Traffic Services Unit, who have very diligently worked to meet the traffic safety concerns of this community," said St. Louis.

## Ice: It's A Hot Topic

**A**fter an extensive study that brought together members from all walks of the community, Midland City Council gave conceptual approval in August 2002 to the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation that the current Civic Arena be replaced.

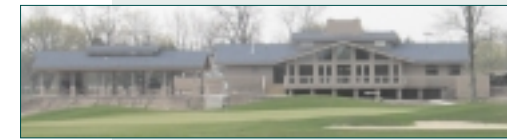
Several factors are being considered in the decision for a new or upgraded facility including:

- current economic conditions.
- how to best meet the needs of current and future competitive ice sports and recreational ice users,
- the most economical solution for repairing flooring and refrigeration problems at the 50-year-old civic arena and
- what to do about parking issues during large-scale ice events at the current location.

An owner's representative and architectural firm, hired by the city, is researching ice arena options and developing costs and construction concepts ranging from an upgrade of the current facility to constructing a new facility in various rink configurations.

The study will be completed in June at which time the ice arena concepts will be presented to the City Council and the community.

# New Currie Clubhouse Opened in 2002



**O**pening of the new clubhouse at the recently expanded and enhanced Currie Municipal Golf Course was icing on the cake for golfers in 2002.

The \$1.2 million 4000 square-foot clubhouse features large windows overlooking the beautiful 18th green. The fireplace and snack bar area provides a cozy haven of rest after a tough day on the course while the patio area and picnic shelter provide additional eating areas in the great out-of-doors. Funding for the new clubhouse was generously donated by the family of Gil Currie, whose father, Gilbert A. Currie, helped to fund – and actually designed part of – the original Currie Golf Course.

Following the death of Gil Currie, leaders of the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation, of which Gil was a board member, decided that expansion of the West Course would be a fitting memorial to Gil's contributions to the community. They enlisted support of the Strosacker and Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundations to make the project a reality.

The \$2.8 million expansion and renovation of Currie West was completed in two phases; the nine-hole addition to the course was completed in 2001 and enhancements to the original nine opened in 2002.

With the two-year improvement project at Currie now complete, golfers can look "fore"ward to a new and improved 18-hole golfing experience at Currie West.

## Partnering To Enhance Our Community

Several initiatives to enhance Midland and highlight the elements that make our community unique have taken shape in the past year. While each project is on an individual course, they all have a common direction – making Midland the best it can be. The Midland Planning Department has assisted each of these groups with important information about Midland development issues.

### Entranceways Initiative Task Force

- Who: Led by the Midland Area Community Foundation, this task force consists of citizens, city planners, business leaders and foundation members.
- Goal: Improving the appearance and function of the Entranceways into the City of Midland – a vital link to the outside world and a first impression of our community. Entranceways under current consideration include Eastman Ave. corridor and the US-10 / M-20 corridor.
- Current Status – Entranceway Concept Master Plan was introduced in February. It's defining goals include helping visitors find downtown Midland, showcasing Midland's amenities and connecting the existing greenways for bike and foot travelers.
- For more information: You can review a copy of the Entranceway Concept Master Plan at the Midland Area Community Foundation office or the City of Midland Planning Department.

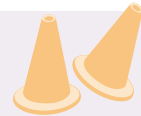
### Downtown Development Authority Marketing Plan

- Who: Led by the Downtown Development Authority.
- Cost: \$40,000 project funded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Downtown Development Authority.
- Goal: The DDA Marketing Plan is a study that will serve as a basis for the economic enhancement of the existing retail, service and office sectors of downtown Midland.
- Current Status: Study was released in November 2002 and downtown enhancement opportunities are currently being implemented.
- For more information: You can review a copy of the DDA Marketing Plan by contacting the Downtown Coordinators Office at 989-839-8433 or the City of Midland Planning Department.

### Ashman Circle Enhancement Plan

- Who: Circle Area property owners and businesses.
- Cost: \$36,000 project funded by the Dow Foundation, Circle Area business owners and the City of Midland.
- Goal: To encourage investment in the Circle Area while enhancing its attractiveness as a place to work, shop and live.
- Current Status: Concept development plan is complete and the traffic circulation options are being evaluated.
- For more information: You can review a copy of the Ashman Circle Enhancement Plan at Smith's Flowers or the City of Midland Planning Department.

# On The Road Again...



**S**afe and smooth travels for the motorists who live in and drive through Midland is a major focus of the City of Midland Engineering Department.

Street reconstructions and resurfacing projects on Jefferson Ave., Saginaw Rd. and Perrine Rd., were just a few of the street projects completed by the City of Midland Engineering Department in 2002.

The engineering department also oversaw the refurbishing of the Mark Putnam Bridge on Poseyville Rd. Built in 1968, the Mark Putnam Bridge received \$1.9 million worth of repairs that included replacing pavement on the deck, new guardrail, lights and expansion joints.

Speaking of bridges, the Michigan Department of Transportation was also busy with bridge work in Midland in 2002. During the past year MDOT completed two major bridge projects in Midland:

- The Jefferson Ave. bridge over US-10 was widened to three lanes and a new 10-ft wide bike and pedestrian path added to provide easier access to the Midland Soccer Complex and the mall area north of US-10.
- The Ashman St. bridge over US-10 was resurfaced and a new guardrail added.

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businesses, developers – came to the work sessions and shared their outlook on everything from beautification to billboards, driveways to roadways, signage to parking lots.

With community input firmly in hand, the city's planning consultants, McKenna Associates, began, in September, to incorporate these new standards into an updated draft of the zoning and subdivision ordinances.

The Midland Planning Commission, along with the rest of the community, began reviewing these drafts in January 2003.

The discussing, adjusting and modifying continues at the Planning Commission level through July when the ordinances are expected to be turned over to City Council for final review and approval.

## Zoning Ordinance Subdivision Ordinance Updates Will Feature...

- **A better organized zoning document**
- **Landscaping standards for commercial projects**
- **Modern parking standards**
- **Updated land-use categories**

**For more information on the updates or to review the draft please contact the City of Midland Planning Department at 989-837-3374.**