

**Date:** June 20, 2007

**To:** Mayor and Council Members

**From:** John Archocosky

**RE:** Monthly Activity Report

The month of May has clicked by and we are already well into June. Dick has finally been able to get his college student crew together and the grass cutting has begun. With the warm beginning to this summer the long grass complaints have started earlier than usual and are coming in more quickly than normal. The city crew experienced a problem with the water quality at the RV Park. For several days they worked at trying to sanitize the water distribution system so it could be used by the campers. Last fall during reconstruction of the sanitary sewer interceptor line in the RV park, several lines were disturbed and we felt that was the cause the water quality test failures. After several attempts to correct the problem we discovered the bacteria problem was actually entering the RV Park system from the city's water main. Once the downtown system was chlorinated, we were able to get test results that permitted us to open up the park system as well. Unfortunately, the park lost about 10 days worth of revenue as a result of the loss of water to these sites. The DPW is trying to keep up with a normal summer schedule but we seem to be drawn in many more directions than in the past. The fact that the U.P. Championship Rodeo was moved from late July to early June required that the crews focus on dressing up the main parts of town for sidewalk days and letting the normal early summer chores slide for a while. This summer will be packed with all sorts of events in the downtown area and will keep the DPW moving quickly to try to keep up.

The July weekend that has traditionally been saved for the Rodeo will now be used for a new event, "The Rum Rebellion." The group that is putting this together believes that it will be a major draw to our community and they are working hard to be sure it succeeds. It will be a multi-day event and with good promotion should help keep our visitors and guests entertained and draw many to our city.

As you are all aware, the Michigan Municipal League Region 7 meeting was hosted by our city and drew participants from across the U.P. as well as several attendees from the below the bridge and the Lansing area. The MML and guests were all extremely pleased with the programs and accommodations and feel the event was a great success. We owe our Mayor Char a very special thanks for organizing this complicated meeting. She worked diligently for many months to be sure all the details were covered. Also, it was a pleasure to see that all our council members were able to take time to attend various programs.