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Mayor's Report

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- Spring Clean Up at 1st St. Park, May 10 from 9 – noon; Wonderful experience with the JAWS program. (See correspondence)
- May 12, met with Dietrich and Bailey about roads. Toured the entire City assessing the condition of the roads. Making plans for road work for late summer or fall.
- May 14th met with City Clerk & Administrator on annual budget, making progress.
- May 15th attended Transportation Assessment Management Seminar for newly elected officials in Dundee. Sponsored by Monroe Co Road Commission and provided by Transportation Asset Management Council (TMAC). As Road Commissioner of Luna Pier I found this to be extremely helpful in educating me on the duties of this position. The basic concept is to maintain and upgrade the roads in the most cost effective way. The old way was “Worst First”, reconstructing the worst roads, and then the road receives no more attention until it needs to be reconstructed again. Roads last about 10 years under this concept and cost \$300,000 a lane mile. The new thinking is to do preventative maintenance after just 3 years lengthening the roads life by 6 – 10 more years at 25% of the cost. I plan to take training to be PASER certified so I can use the free Road Soft Management system to inventory all of our transportation assets and plan the best course of action in maintaining the roads. I think if we are asking the tax payers for additional money to improve roads we need to be fiscally responsible with that money and get the most bang for their buck. It may mean that we will spend money rejuvenating roads that do not appear to the untrained eye to be in desperate need for attention. It will take some time to see the benefit of this system and we will need to educate residents to the process.
- May 16th & 17th set up a table about Luna Pier for the Art & Culture Expo at the fair grounds. Plan to have a table top demonstration ready for events like this in the future.
- Planning for the Labor Day Community Walk
- Working with the Beautification Committee to place planters along Luna Pier road and around town.