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Hello Montreal Friends/.

It's been a minute! (Pun intended) My sincerest apologies for missing the last issue. I was out of state at a conference. I really hope everyone was able to spend some time outside this summer. It really does do the mind and body good. I know I'm looking forward to the cooler nights, the colorful tree filled streets, and a pumpkin pie latte.

## City Happenings & Updates

Annual Audit Costs over the past 5 years:

2018 -\$30,460.50 2019 -\$36,111.35 2020 -\$32,323.44 2021 -\$19,000.00 2022 -

\$19,950.00

- **City Audits:** The City received the 2022 audit back from our accounting firm, KerberRose. We are happy to report that the ongoing hard work of our City Clerk and Mayor continue to pay off!
- Water Filtration Project: With the help of MSA, the City completed the bidding process for the Water Filtration Project. We received 1 bid for the project, which came in much higher than anticipated. As a result, we are currently waiting to hear from the DOA (Dept. of Administration) for approval on that bid before moving forward.
- Garbage Update: The City recently renewed its annual contract with Waste Management. This year the price increased from \$10.68 to \$15.35 per resident, per month. Rates are also subject to a fuel charge.
- Roads Update: Ontario and Bessemer streets are currently under construction and are expected to be completed shortly. The City will be completing gravel work on Isabel, Quebec, and Saxon roads as well. In October, the City will also be submitting applications for possible funding for Minnesota and Oshkosh.

### Gratitude Corner VyVyVy

**Cookie Laguna**- Seriously Sir, you ROCK! Thank you for all of the time and dedication that goes into manning the Gile Park boat landing!

**Laverne Morello** - Our Fairy Gardening Goddess! The flowers were absolutely stunning this year. Thank you for all of the time and dedication you put into our making our City beautiful all season long!

**Opie Douchette** - To you and all of your helpers & volunteers, Thank you for bringing Corny back! The Cornfest was quite literally Corntastic! Music, food, drinks, people, fun, community, connection...we appreciate all that you are doing for our community!

# Upcoming Community Events

NICER (Northern Iron County Engaged Residents) will be hosting 2 upcoming outdoor spooky events this fall:

#### Outdoor Horror Movie Night featuring SCREAM (the original 1996 version)

September 23 at 7:30 pm Gotta's Baseball Field in Gile \$5 per person BYO blanket or lawn chair. Concessions will also be available!

# Spooky Halloween Trail Walk & Terror Trail

Saturday, October 21 Trick or Treat Trail 1-2:30pm Terror Trail 7-8:30 pm.

Check out www.nicer715.com for all the details.

Your Friendly Veighborhood Councilwoman.

-Maleah Cummings