

MAYOR'S CORNER  
FOR  
NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>  
2018

We have successfully navigated through another election cycle. Regardless of your political persuasion or your perspective on the candidates or proposals there is no greater a privilege or responsibility than that which is guaranteed under our Constitution. To vote means you have a say. Whether the candidate or proposals that you support were successful or not, your efforts ensure that these United States continue to be "By the People and For the People."

The annual Eaton Rapids Downtown Trick or Treat event was hugely successful as was the bridge lighting. It was a continuous flow of Super Heroes, Witches, Ghosts and I especially enjoyed the "inflatable costumes." A far cry from when I was a kid. Not that we didn't have imagination but there was a lot more conformity and not as many options.

I hope you had the opportunity to watch the Witches Dance on Hamlin Square. It was a sight to behold and carried out flawlessly. So to was the Girls Volleyball Roller Coaster. It all added up to a fantastic evening.

The State St bridge is basking in a mellow orange glow. The event was attended by close to 100 hardy folks who braved the dropping temperatures. We even had kayakers in the water (Thanks Dave and Adam) who had a particularly up close and personal view.

The Halloween Trick or Treating extravaganza went off without a hitch. The streets and sidewalks were packed and there were no reported problems. That's always a good thing.

Small business Saturday will be observed on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Please take the opportunity to support your local shops and restaurants. We are working

diligently to attract out of town visitors but it's us, you and I, that our neighbors depend on for day to day success. Nothing is sadder than an empty store front so get out there and buy a coffee, a set of wiper blades, a can of paint or a sweat shirt to take the chill off.

This Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> , is the annual Veterans Day observance. A time set aside to honor those brave women and men that chose to serve in our Armed Forces. Public service is truly a commendable act. Not everyone hears the "calling." To those that served and continue to serve in both our armed forces and in our public safety professions I am profoundly grateful. There will be a Veterans Day ceremony at Memorial Park located next to the Red Ribbon Hall at 11:00 am on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>. The public is welcome to attend.

Earlier this year the City Council made the decision to offer the Metropolitan Block Company bricks that had been removed from Main St. during the excavation and re-paving to the public for \$1.00. I would like to report that, to date, we have sold 500 plus. All funds generated from the brick sales will be used for our Parks and the Arts projects. People are drawn to the arts. They enhance livability, they stimulate conversation and they bring a community together. If you are interested in purchasing 1 or a 1,000 you can visit the City of Eaton Rapids website for the specifics or send me an email at [pmalewski@cityofeatonrapids.com](mailto:pmalewski@cityofeatonrapids.com).

As always, we are glad that you are here. We value you as residents and neighbors and wish to thank you for making our little corner of the world a truly spectacular place to live, work recreate and raise your family.