

## **Valparaiso's City Hall Operations to Move to Hayes Leonard During Construction**

In preparation for the upcoming renovation and expansion of Valparaiso's City Hall on Lincolnway, City Hall workers and services will temporarily move to Hayes Leonard Elementary School, 653 Hayes Leonard Rd, during construction. City Hall will be closed for business the week of Nov. 19 and services will reopen on Monday, Nov. 26 at the Hayes Leonard location, offering full services through the construction period. "We hope to move back into the renovated City Hall late next fall, in time to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the building," said City Administrator Bill Oeding.

"We can better serve the community and expedite the construction process by relocating our operations during the construction process," said Oeding. "Not only was the construction going to be disruptive and inconvenient for the staff, but the need to construct temporary access ramps and facilities added to the cost and construction schedule. The Valparaiso Community Schools had the temporary space available, so the move makes sense for both efficiency and community service," he said.

Beginning Nov. 26, the public can visit the temporary City Hall at Hayes Leonard Road for all City Hall Services. City services will operate from a series of rooms on the east side (rear) of the building, near a generous parking lot. The temporary location is handicapped accessible and offers enough room to host public meetings, such as City Council and Board of Works.

The renovation and expansion of City Hall is expected to be complete in 2019, the building's 100-year anniversary. The beloved Lincolnway location will be getting a 6,345-square foot addition, plus renovations to better serve the community. City Hall houses a number of the city's administrative offices, including Building, Engineering, Clerk-Treasurer, Human Resources, Planning, Transportation, Community Engagement, and the Mayor's office. City Hall also includes the Council Chambers, which hosts most city meetings. The remodeled facility will be more spacious, efficient, and offer better accessibility to all floors.