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The underpass located near the 2400 block of Michigan Avenue carries vehicle and pedestrian traffic beneath a railroad owned by Canadian National Railway in Stevens Point on Feb. 27. ERIK PFANTZ/STEVENS POINT JOURNAL

Stevens Point to host road project open house

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STEVENS POINT – Residents may learn on March 5 about planned reconstruction work for the Michigan Avenue underpass and resurfacing of Green Avenue set for this summer.

The City of Stevens Point will hold a construction open house event from 5 to 8 p.m., Thursday, March 5, in the Conference Room at the City Streets Garage Facility at 100 Sixth Ave. in Stevens Point, according to a Feb. 26 news release.

Those who are interested — including area residents, property owners or local officials — may stop in any time during the open house as no formal presentation will be given but city staff will be available to answer questions, according to the release.

Michigan Avenue, Green Avenue projects will rebuild pavement but leave broader flooding fixes for future work

Pavement, utility structures, and other surface elements will be reconstructed along about 1,200 feet of Michigan Avenue, Scott Beduhn, public works director, said in an email to the Stevens Point Journal.

The planned work will not fully address issues that commonly result in flooding in the underpass beneath the railroad, Beduhn said, but replacement of the street's underdrain system as a result of reconstruction work should keep the pavement dry during dry weather.

A solution to the area's flooding issue would take further improvements to surface water management systems possibly both upstream and down-

stream of the surface water flow, Beduhn said. Two key causes of the flooding are being evaluated by city staff for future work, including the overflow of the underground water collection system from the manhole at the intersection with Patch Street and limited surface water collection on Patch Street.

The issue with system overflow needs to be resolved before work can be completed to route more water through the underground collection system, Beduhn said.

Green Avenue's about 4,650 feet of pavement will be pulverized and repaved along with improvements to the gravel base, Beduhn said.

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INSPECTIONS

Soda nozzles & soft-serve machines found dirty

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The following are the latest results of Portage County Health Department inspections on licensed food establishments and other types of businesses, which the Stevens Point Journal reports monthly.

Amherst

- Hideout II, 10180 State 54: Jan. 27: Four violations: Soda nozzle in bar dirty (corrected during inspection); freezer and upright in kitchen not equipped with thermometers; refrigerator-freezer not approved; pizza boxes and plastic single-use food containers improperly stored on the floor in storage area.
- The Landmark Coffee House, 1025 Main St.: Jan. 15: One violation: Spray nozzle on three-compartment sink in kitchen falls below flood level rim of sink.

Amherst Junction

- Tomorrow River Community Charter School, 10186 Portage County MM: Jan. 15: No violations.

Plover

- Colorful Plate Cafe, 3400 Innovation Drive: Jan. 8: No violations.
- Mikey's Bar & Grill, 1798 Plover Road: Jan. 22: No violations.
- Springville Sports Barn, 2811 Plover Springs Drive: Jan. 14: Three violations: Soda nozzle at bar dirty (corrected during inspection); gasket on door of walk-in cooler in back storage area is deteriorated; areas of the kitchen floor are worn, pitted and no longer cleanable.
- Tulum Mexican Restaurant, 3066 Village Park Drive: Jan. 13: Six violations: Table mounted can opener dirty (corrected during inspection); cutting boards on prep line refrigeration units excessively scored; clean beverage glasses being stored or stacked without being air dried; lights near dish machine not shatter resistant; a few tiles in walk-in cooler cracked or not in good repair and a few floor tiles near the back door cracked or missing; walls in walk-in cooler dirty.

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- Tomek's II, 3168 State 54: Jan. 27: Two violations: Sides of ice cube trays in interior of ice machine dirty; Styrofoam containers and souffle cup lids stored on floor in storage area.

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- Back In Time Bison Ranch, 2606 Portage County C: Jan. 27: No violations.
- Icon, 956 Main St.: Jan. 30: No violations.
- Jimmy Johns, 108 N. Division St. Suite A: Jan. 13: Two violations: Ice dispenser shoot in lobby soda machine dirty (corrected during inspection); clean plastic food pans stored and stacked without being air dried.

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Wisconsin DOJ announces settlement for Walmart delivery program drivers

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Wisconsin drivers for a Walmart grocery delivery program will receive over \$600,000 as part of a settlement the retail giant agreed to with multiple states and a federal agency.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice announced the settlement on Feb. 27, saying it came following allegations that Walmart misrepresented payments to drivers, including withholding portions of tips and changing pay after orders were accepted.

Wisconsin was one of 11 states, along with the Federal Trade Commission, that sued Walmart. In total, the settlement is for \$100 million.

The settlement includes other stipulations. Walmart must give annual drivers' pay reports to the Federal Trade Commission for 10 years, and the company cannot modify orders following a driver's acceptance or misrepresent the earnings from a delivery.

"People deserve to get honest information about what they'll be paid," said Attorney General Josh Kaul in the news release.

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Walmart's program is called Spark Driver, and it pays people to deliver groceries and other goods to customers. The DOJ's news release said the program has nearly 1 million drivers, who have made 272 million deliveries.

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