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Town Topics

Road construction on M-91 south of Lakeview is scheduled to begin May 13. There will be a meeting to discuss the project next week, April 17, 4 to 6 p.m. at the board room at the Village of Lakeview office, 208 Lincoln Ave.

Spring Forecast

Thu Rain, thunderstorms after 2pm. High 56. ENE wind 16 to 18, gusts 28. Precipitation 90%.

Thu Night Rain, thunderstorm before 2am, rain 2am-5am, rain, thunderstorm after 5am. Low 41. Breezy. Precipitation 80%.

Fri Rain, thunderstorm before 8am, showers, between 8am and 2pm. High 48. Breezy. Precipitation 80%.

Fri Night Showers before 8pm. Partly cloudy, low 37. Breezy.

Sat Sunny, high 59.

Sat Night Partly cloudy, low 41.

Sun Mostly sunny, high 67.

Sun Night Mostly clear, low 42.

Mon Mostly sunny, high 65.



Tamarack Family Dentistry Adds New Technology to Improve Patient Care



Patients at Tamarack Family Dentistry can now enjoy scenic Michigan views.

By Bethel Larsen

Dr. Daniel Green did not feel photogenic on the day when I stopped in to see the technological advancements in his Lakeview office. Just returned to his practice after the birth of his daughter, he was weary from nighttime diaper changes and helping his wife keep up with their active three-year-old. Nevertheless, he was excited about the technological innovations he has added to his office since I reported on his advanced computer diagnostics and Fastmill.IO™ system for crafting crowns and implants just over a year ago. At that time, also, he and his father were just beginning the renovation of the downtown office space that has housed several generations of dental practices.

The transformation of the office interior was evident from the moment I stepped inside the door, where photographs of Michigan landscapes now grace freshly-painted walls. Comfortable chairs and a window seat now frame the arched window

onto Lincoln Avenue, and a children's corner holds simple puzzles and books. Dr. Green said that his wife, Katelyn, had ordered the photographic prints online (to his regret, before he was introduced to the work of local photographer Jack Johnson). Though family and staff had pitched in with painting and decorating the numerous rooms, The Decorating Department in Howard City had installed the fresh new carpeting, completing the task in just over a week to minimize downtime at the practice. The result is a welcoming and relaxing atmosphere. State-of-the-art dental chairs and other furnishings also offer maximum patient comfort.

The cause of Dr. Green's excitement, however, was the new SprintRay™ 3D printer system that now stands next to the "baby" unit from just one year ago. The hoped-for advances that would make in-house construction of dentures possible are now reality! Dr. Green opened a door on the unit to show me the resin bath from

which the dentures are built, layer by layer, according to the precise specifications sent from the computer. Interestingly, they are formed on an angle, with spindle-like supports reminiscent of a bridge or railroad trestle that are removed during the finishing process. The teeth are constructed separately from the gums, both uniquely fitted to the patient's mouth, and the two are firmly cemented together, cured, and finished with a durable glaze. Dr. Green explained that the resin compounds have been tested by SprintRay™ to be biocompatible to human cells and safe for long-term use in the mouth. Patients may now receive their perfectly fitted dentures in approximately a week, rather than the several weeks required for orders sent to a lab!

Though 3-D printing technology may have applications in constructing crowns, the Fastmill.IO™ system still offers advantages that Dr. Green prefers. Chris Rizzo, one of two dental hygienists who

work in the practice, is learning the computer design skills needed to produce crowns.

A Cone Beam scanning system that occupies one alcove in the building also plays an important role in patient care, especially in root canal work and placement of dental implants. Dr. Green showed me a scan in which there were two nerve canals in the root of a tooth. If this fact went undetected in a conventional root canal procedure, one canal might be treated while infection remained in the other, ready to flare up at a later time. The CT scan shows precise "slices" of the tooth and its roots, enabling the dentist to see and treat every possible trouble spot. The CT scan-

ner has also detected oral cancers that might otherwise have gone unnoticed until they were advanced. Dr. Green also described how scanners assist in the precise placement of dental implants, in which the mouth is fitted with a guide with a hole in the exact spot where the implant must be inserted. He assured me that implants are very safe and long-lasting.

Visits to the dentist, though essential to the maintenance of good health, are still a source of apprehension for many. However, if it helps to gaze on scenes of Michigan's outdoors while caring professionals apply the latest dental technology to your unique needs, you are in good hands at Tamarack Family Dentistry.



Dr. Green explains how the CT scanner improves patient care.

Miss Lakeview Pageant

June 11th is the 2nd annual Miss Lakeview Summerfest Pageant!
Application & Fee Deadline: April 25th, 2024
For more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/lakeviewfestivals/>

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Where the LAN Has Been



Carol Andersen (cousin of LAN owner Gerald Kinsey) with the Lakeview Area News at the Denver airport. Carol was there visiting her daughter.

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