

MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

JUNE 9, 2017

LIBRARY

The Book Fair at the Library will run through Tuesday, June 13, ending at 5 PM. If you get a chance, stop by. The majority of the books are for young readers (all ages), but there are a few adult titles too. The library gets books for its collection based on the dollar amount of books sold.

Summer Reading's first program is next Thursday June 15th from 11:15-11:45 AM, with Erik Crooks. Eric is bringing Macam, the Macaw to enhance his talk about his experience with birds. The All Creatures Foundation is a sponsor for this event.

The Kickoff for our Summer Reading Program is Friday, June 16, 11 AM to 2 PM. Free hot dogs, face painting, tie dying, and an opportunity to climb the rock wall (25 cent donation for playground equipment requested) – just part of the excitement.

New this year --the Big Rapids Community Library Summer Reading Program is online at "<https://reading.bigrapidslibrary.org>". No "paper" registration forms or tracking sheets. Register online, list your reading online, get points for coming to the library's summer programs, earn badges, create an avatar. Lots of fun stuff. (Thanks to Tim and his IT team for getting the website set up!)

May 2017 statistics:

- Patron count: 2,447
- New library cards issued: 73
- Library programs: 28
- Attendance at programs: 180
- Circulation (items checked out): 4,500

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Police Division responded to 75 calls for service over the past week. There were no calls of significance to report.

The Fire Division responded to 29 calls for service over the past week. There were no significant calls to report.

Department members will be out serving and supporting the Girls on the Run and Back to the Bricks on Saturday.

PARKS AND RECREATION

- The Girls on the Run 5K will be held this Saturday, June 10th at the Bandshell behind Big Rapids Middle School. Registration is from 8:00—9:30 am. Warm-ups will begin at 9:45 a.m. Race begins at 10:00 am. \$5 registration fee for the public.

PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES

DIAL-A-RIDE

136 Adult Riders - (\$2.00 Fare)

228 Children Riders - (\$1.00 Fare)

654 (\$1.00 Fare) - Seniors (77) and Disabled (602) passengers of which 176 used the wheelchair lift to board

65 Free Riders - Aides that ride with disabled passengers and children 4 and under with an adult

31 No Shows - A person who calls for a ride and when we go to pick up and they are not there for ride

NO Safe Riders – Done for the summer, will start back up in September. Free rides from local establishments to anyone in the community on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights 12:00am to 2:30am.

NO Ferris Shuttle Bus – East Campus Mailbox, Lot 28, Allied Health, Campus Community Center, Lot 4, Rock Cafe', Arts and Science, 7:30am -7:00pm

1,114 Total Passengers

440 Out of City Riders - Anyone we pick up or drop off outside the Big Rapids City Limits

DPW: STREETS

- Backfilled holes on Michigan Ave from fire hydrant and valve work
- Set ½ of stage up at Bandshell for Girls on the Run event
- Set ½ of stage up in front of Chemical Bank for Back to the Bricks event
- Checked and jetted sewers per normal daily and call ins
- Removed deceased animal from Magnolia St
- Repaired water stack on Chestnut St
- Set cones out for Cruise Night at A & W
- Set cones out for Back to Bricks event; set out extra trash cans
- Filled potholes
- Worked with Matt on Michigan Ave
- Watered trees
- Fixed patch on Bronson Ave and Colburn Ave
- Dug out patch on Mecosta Ave for concrete to be poured

- Working on Rust Ave storm sewer
- Dugout drives on Rust Ave
- Set out Farmers Market cones and signs, Tuesday and Friday

DPW: PARKS

- Delivered extra supplies for Relay for Life event
- Prepped ball fields for games
- Cleaned graffiti from castle top at Playscape
- Repaired bridge at Playscape
- Watered flowers
- Mowed and weed whipped parks
- Opened bathrooms daily
- Picked up trash downtown, in the parks and along White Pine Trail
- Cleaned and maintained City Hall and park public restrooms

MOTOR POOL

- Misc. Vehicles and Equipment:
 - 553 wing mower: repaired one of the wind decks wiring
 - 584 front mower: service call to replace a flat tire
 - 216 pickup truck: replaced coolant bypass pipe and thermostat
 - 220 pickup truck: serviced and replaced front brakes
 - 415 staff car: serviced
- Police & Fire Vehicles:
 - 403: serviced and replaced head light wire harness
 - 404: replaced dead battery
 - 408: service call for dead battery, replaced battery
 - 409: serviced
 - 1-4 fire truck: diagnosed and replaced fuel injector pump
- Dial-A-Ride:
 - 904 bus: removed, cleaned and installed exhaust filters
 - 906 bus: diagnosed dim interior lights- found and replaced remote power module. Replaced 4 rear tires and repaired some body trim

MAIN MAINTENANCE

- MISS Digs
- Performed service line inspections
- Changed out meters, endpoints
- Shut offs/ons
- Troubleshooted high consumption
- Meter reads, rereads, final reads

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