

MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

JULY 28, 2017

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Public Safety will once again host National Night Out on August 1st from 6:00 pm to 9:00pm. Please make plans to stop by and participate in the fun!! The event is a family and community oriented event and will have a lot of **FREE** activities, games and prizes.

LIBRARY

We have a 3-D printer creating requested small items for the kids going strong again. So much fun to see it making small Eiffel Towers, spinners, giraffes, etc. All ages are fascinated just to see it in action. Come on by; most of the day it is in manufacturing mode. (We've all heard about 3-D printers and the marvelous things they can make out of different materials so it's fun just to see a small model that can turn out some trinkets.) We have "borrowed" the 3-D printer again from our library league. Just like the Mel Cat books and movies library patrons borrow, the Big Rapids Community Library can borrow neat equipment and tools from the Mid-Michigan Library League, which is our regional library cooperative.

- Thursday, August 3rd – Seed Library Summer Series continues with "You Have Veggies, Now What". A program providing information on food preservation. 5:30-6:30 PM at the library.
- Friday, August 4th – the summer outdoor movie presentation is "The Little Princess". Starts at about 8:30 PM. This old 1939 movie features the young Shirley Temple. When's the last time any of us have seen one of those old movies?
- The Summer Reading Program is still in full swing. Kids and parents are coming in daily to claim their prizes as they continue to read for fun and education this summer. All reading logs are tracked online with the summer reading software.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- In the past week, the Police Division responded to 75 calls for service. There were no calls of significance to report.
- This week, the Fire Division responded to 20 calls for service one of significance was an assist to Reed City Fire for a barn fire in Osceola County.
- On Wednesday, July 26th, both divisions responded to a house fire on Colburn. Due to a fast reaction, the fire was quickly subdued and the loss was kept at a minimal. The point of origin of the fire was the stovetop in the kitchen. The fire is still under investigation.
- On Thursday, July 27th, Detective Miller, along with detectives and deputies from the Mecosta County Sheriff's Office arrested a parole absconder through Isabella County in Remus. The suspect, a 20-year-old male, initially fled on foot. He was apprehended and also charged with R&O and possession of meth. During the course of the investigation, 3 others were arrested on outstanding warrants from outside the area.

RECREATION

- The Farmers' Market 10th Anniversary Celebration will be held next Friday, August 4th from 10:00am—2:00pm during the market.
- The summer concert series at the bandshell continues every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm.
- National Dance Day will be held at the bandshell this Saturday, July 29th from 1:00—3:00pm. Admission is free!

PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES

DIAL-A-RIDE

170 Adult Riders - (\$2.00 Fare)

336 Children Riders - (\$1.00 Fare)

665 (\$1.00 Fare) - Seniors (120) and Disabled (545) passengers of which 384 used the wheelchair lift to board

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

20 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

1,247 Total Passengers

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

DPW: STREETS

- Replaced 5 catch basins on S Michigan Ave
- Repaired 4 catch basins on Elm St and S Warren Ave
- Blacktopped on Elm St and S Warren Ave
- Repaired 3 water boxes on Waldron Way for blacktopping
- Sowed Clark for a valve to be installed
- Dug out drive on Mason Industrial Dr.
- Installed wood chips at Win Kellum at end of patch in parking lot
- Sowed patch behind old Post Office
- Repaired 2 sanitary manholes
- Swept downtown
- Installed new 6" valve on Clark St, S of Fuller Ave
- Relocated animals caught in live traps

- Checked and jetted sewers per normal daily and call ins
- Set out Farmers Market cones and signs, Tuesday and Friday

MOTOR POOL

Staff & Misc. Vehicles:

- 106 dump truck: replaced ignition switch for engine cutting out
- 203 pickup truck: replaced starter
- 205 pickup truck: serviced and replaced fuel filter, replaced transmission dip-stick tube and sway bar links.
- 207 service van: serviced, replaced all brake pads and rotors, replaced driver's seat cushion and pad. Repaired passenger window track, and replaced all 4 tires
- 209 pickup truck: replaced cooling fan assembly
- 211 pickup truck: serviced and replaced fuel filter, replaced both exhaust filters and a temp sensor. Replaced front wheel hub assembly, brake pads and an outer tie rod end. Replaced a heater door actuator
- 227 pickup truck: installed running boards.

Police & Fire Vehicles:

- 401 police car: striped all the police equipment for vehicle
- Started installing all the equipment in the new Ford, lights, antennas, computers, partitions etc.

Buses:

- 901: service call for dead battery, replaced both batteries, cleaned and painted battery box and steps. Serviced and did a safety inspection. Serviced wheelchair lift
- 903: replaced the brake hydraulic module and bleed brake system. Did a grease service
- 904: did a grease service, replaced both exhaust filters. Replaced both battery's and alternator. Replaced ambient air temp sensor for a a/c problem.

DPW: PARKS

- Prepped ball fields for games
- Watered and maintained flowers
- Watered trees at City Hall
- Repaired slide in Playscape
- Continuing weed spraying
- Sprayed for bees at Playscape
- Trimmed bushes at Hemlock Park
- Relocated reservation signs at tennis courts
- Picked litter up at water towers and weed whipped
- Used rotary broom on River Walk
- Mowed and weed whipped parks, downtown and ballfields
- Picked up trash downtown and in parks
- Opened, cleaned and maintained City Hall and park public restrooms daily

MAIN MAINTENANCE

- MISS Digs

- Shut offs/ons
- Meter reads, rereads, final reads

WATER PLANT

Safety topic: Energized Electric Equipment Can Be Deadly

- Checked generators.
- Ran customer samples.
- Buffed floors at the plant.
- Mowed lawn along River Walk fence.
- Painted gas pipe to generator at the well house and H.M.C.
- Mowed lawn out at the well house and H.M.C.
- Assisted Corpro with cathodic protection inspection.
- Replaced fluoride pump.
- Filled customer tanker with water.
- Read water meters.
- Assisted Jay Norris with diagnosis and repair of CV 13 filter #3 drain valve.
- Assisted with testing of the backflow protection at the booster station.
- Installed new sample tap at the booster station for obtaining samples after the new lead-free plumbing has been installed.

WASTEWATER PLANT

- The Plant continues to run well, with 3 aeration basins and 1 clarifier in service.
- Ordered and received Moyno Pump rebuild parts from FPE Sunsource in Kalamazoo.
- Grease accumulation problems continue at the Tioga Park Lift Station. Dye testing and investigation continues, in an effort to locate the source(s).
- Clarifier parts were ordered and received from Ovivo Water Systems.
- The West Clarifier is back in service, with some minor issues flagged by Dixon Engineering for correction. Handrails have not yet been replaced.
- The East Clarifier has been drained, vactored and cleaned, in preparation for Quality Maintenance Contractors to get started on Monday 31st.
- An update meeting is planned for Wednesday, August 2nd, to review progress with our Clarifier Project.
- Gerace Construction finished and installed the new aluminum staircase which becomes our North Digester and Plant Stairway. Fleis and VandenBrink will inspect on 8/02/17.
- An IPP Review Meeting and plant visit has been scheduled by Tom Berdinski (DEQ) for Thursday, August 3rd.
- Programming work continues with 7 Network Switches which have been purchased and are scheduled for installation by Jay, Tim and Eric.
- Remaining WWTP information was provided to Fleis & VandenBrink, so the Asset Management Annual Report can be submitted to the DEQ.
- Worked on purchasing details regarding a new replacement digester blower motor.
- Worked on purchasing details regarding a new laboratory water machine.

- Mowed, trimmed and other summer maintenance continues in and around the Plant.

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