

MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

PARKING LOT PAVING

Wolverine is completing the City requirements for their new building by paving their west parking lot next week. The new City lot on Hanchett Street is nearing completion and will be paved as well.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Planning Commission has reviewed and approved an update to the City's Master Plan. Dave Bee of the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission prepared the update.

DOWNTOWN FALL DECORATIONS

Cornstalks will be placed on the Downtown Light Poles next week

ELECTION SUPPLIES

Lee Ann Clausen, Clerk of the City of North Muskegon graciously brought boxes of election supplies that they no longer have a use for due to the State purchasing new election equipment. These supplies will be shared with local Township Clerks who have need for them. A big Thank You to Lee Ann.

LIBRARY

Libraries around the U.S. are celebrating everyone's "Right to Read" during next week's Banned Book Week. Banned books are those that have been challenged or removed from libraries throughout the country because there was something in the book that someone thought should be kept away from people reading; whether they disagreed with the subject, the language, the idea in general, etc. Some classics, like "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn", "Gone With the Wind", to newer books like "Catcher in the Rye", "In Cold Blood", "Where the Wild Things Are", and the Harry Potter books, are just a few examples. Banned Book Week simply reminds all of us that we hope we won't censor or ban books because of their content and allow people to have choices for what they read. Our library has an online challenge event in progress to gain points and even prizes for reading some of these challenged books. Could be fun to see if you can determine why someone, somewhere wanted that book removed from a library.

Miriam and Chris presented at the annual Mid-Michigan Library League meeting in Cadillac on Thursday. Besides the annual business meeting for this league or library co-operative, outside

speakers from the Library of Michigan talked about current issues and concerns of the area's libraries. Additional roundtable topics spearheaded by several librarians (including Miriam and Chris) and other experts included maker kit programming, weird marketing ideas, little free libraries, accepting credit cards, and fundraising ideas, to name just a few.

One more week for our September Library Sign-Up Month. We've seen many new faces, and some not-so-new coming back to the library. Great!

Regular programming at the library includes:

- Monday and Wednesday story times, 10:30 AM
- Adult computer class on Tuesday, 9:30 AM and Wednesday, 5:30 PM (topic is Windows 10).
- Tiny Tots Lab on Thursday, 9:30-11:00 AM

October will bring the Foreign Films Series back to the library each month; of course, Halloween celebrations; another knitting group meeting; the monthly book club discussion and so much more.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- In the past week, the Police Division responded to 95 calls for service. There were no real calls of significance to report.
- In the past week, the Fire Division responded to 20 calls for service. Again, there no real calls of significance.
- Investigators have identified 5 juveniles and an adult in the malicious destruction of property that occurred at the band shell on Friday, August 25th. Charges are being sought. Several of the juveniles involved also admitted to a number of larceny from vehicles that occurred around the same time period.
- Investigators also identified a 54-year-old male as being the individual who set a shed on fire near the White Pine Trail near Bjornson in the evening of August 26th. He confessed to this crime. Charges will be sought.

RECREATION

- Water aerobics resumes at the Ferris Recreation Center Pool on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30—9:30am. No need to register, \$4 per class.
- This Tuesday, September 26th, will be the last Tuesday Farmers Market of the season. The Friday market will continue through October 27th.
- Planning for winter programs has begun.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

VIOLATIONS

(4) Blight	(1) Disabled Vehicles
(1) Furniture	(3) Garbage & Rubbish
(3) Grass & Weeds	(2) Parking
(1) Permits	(1) Property Maintenance
(2) Sidewalks / Streets	(24) Signs
(6) Uninhabitable Dwellings	(1) Yard Waste

PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES

DPW: STREETS

- Swept downtown
- Worked on and completed water services on Clark St; 5 installed
- Checked and jetted sewers per normal daily and call ins
- Removed animals caught in live traps
- Sawed 3 patches on Division St, 2nd Ave, E Madison St and E Grand Traverse St
- Set out Farmers Market cones and signs, Tuesday and Friday

DPW: PARKS

- Prepped ball fields for games
- Installed mutt mitt on Riverwalk behind middle school
- Blew Riverwalk and the White Pine Trail
- Repaired irrigation leak at Vogel field
- Picked up brush from Riverwalk clean up
- Mowed parks, downtown, Public Safety and ballfields
- Picked up trash downtown, parks and ballfields
- Opened, cleaned and maintained City Hall and park public restrooms daily

MOTOR POOL

- Misc. Vehicles and Equipment:
 - Airport 0-Turn mower: drilled out and repaired broken motor mount
 - Airport tractor: service call to repair flat tire
 - 553 wing mower: replaced wing pivot pins, repaired muffler, rebuilt and installed 4 deck spindles.
 - 554 wing mower: replaced wing deck tires and forks, replaced air filters
 - 584 front mower: service call to repair flat tires. Replaced air filters
 - 500 concrete saw: replaced drive shaft
 - 300 Backhoe: replaced the 2 extend-a-hoe switches
 - 301 street sweeper: replaced the lift solenoid, suction hose wheels and hub assemblies

- 302 Loader: rebuilt the front bucket lock pin cylinder
- 311 portable air compressor: serviced
- 318 sewer jet: serviced

- Police & Fire Vehicles:
 - 1-1: serviced
 - 1-2: repaired rear brake noise and adjusted brakes
 - 1-5: replaced rear brake rotors and pads, rotated tires
 - 404: serviced and replaced lower control arm bushing
 - 405: serviced and replaced all tires, installed new mirror lights

MAIN MAINTENANCE

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

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