

City Manager's Office
Status and Information
September 23, 2016



*** *Of Note* ***



Hell's Half Mile Film & Music Festival
Thursday- Sunday
September 22-25, 2016

River of Time
Friday - Sunday
September 23-25, 2016



Manager's Office

The City Manager's Office received a sample of a specialty license plate entitled "Save Our Lights".

The State Historic Preservation Office redesigned the license plate to increase sales, of which a portion is used to fund the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP).

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority is asking that we help promote the sale of these license plates. If you would like a sample of the license plate, please stop by the City Manager's Office.



Mr. and Mrs. Dave Clements recently met with Deputy City Manager to discuss the possibility of putting a Christmas tree at the entrance of Wenonah Park for Santa's Arrival and throughout the holiday season. If you recall, the installation of the Christmas tree was discontinued a few years ago due to lack of city resources. The Clements family is currently in the process of securing a 30-35' tree to be installed and decorated at no expense to the City. If successful, this will restore that portion of the park to what it once was! Merry Christmas in September!



Community Development

Planning & Zoning

The Planning Commission met on September 21st and acted on two cases. The Humane Society of Bay County received special use approval for the use of an existing building located in the Marquette Industrial Park at 1607 Marquette for their office and includes an adoption center for cats and dogs as well as a meeting space for the various programs and classes performed by the Humane Society. The second case involved a rezoning of a property located at 2007 Raymond Street. Weiss Management requested to rezone two lots within a parcel of land they own from a residential to a general industrial zoning classification. Final action on the rezoning will occur at an upcoming City Commission meeting.

The Planning Commission also discussed and took action on two text amendments to the sign regulations. The first amendment will provide an exception under prohibited signs to allow signs on public property when part of a special event approval or written agreement with the City. The second text amendment increases the square footage for real estate signs from six square feet to nine square feet to be consistent with actual dimensions of these types of signs.

Electric Department

Public Power Day Event

Although raining and wet most of the morning and early afternoon during the Public Power Day Event more than 275 residents came out to celebrate. Bucket truck rides were a huge success allowing 53 children and 3 adults the opportunity to view our beautiful city from 55 feet up. Residents brought in 88 inefficient appliances for recycling resulting in an estimated 39,691 kWh savings and were able to recycle other household goods and e-waste.



When not up in the bucket or recycling appliances, residents were enjoying cider and donuts, viewing a safety demonstration, riding the energy bike or playing Bag-O for a chance to win an efficiency gift.

Next year we are hoping for cooperation from Mother Nature and a continued good turn out!

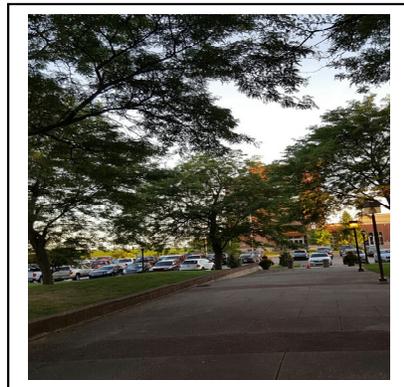


Bay City Electric and Power Director, Phil Newton, will retire from City service effective October 1, 2016. Phil joined the City of Bay City in 1999, as the Electric Utility Assistant Director, followed by being appointed Director in 2008.

Please join us for cake Friday, September 30th, from 11am – 1pm at the Electric Department to say farewell, wish him a long and healthy retirement and the best of luck on his new venture.

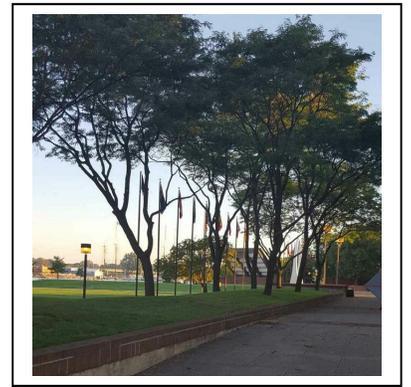
Lewis Street Substation Outage

On Tuesday, September 20th, utility crews were dispatched to the Lewis Street Substation at 6:04 am. Upon arrival they found a raccoon had gained entry into the substation and shorted out 3 regulators which caused an arc flash fire and an outage on the west side. The impact of the outage at Lewis was significant enough so that it also impacted the Sidney Street Substation. Load was redistributed to other circuits and all customers were restored by 8:00 am.



Wenona Park Project

Electric Department staff partnered with the Parks Department to assist with managing the tree growth in Wenona Park. Utility staff removed three trees in poor condition and trimmed numerous others. Pictured is the view along the walkway leading to the Doubletree Hotel before and after.



Public Safety

Fire Operations Division

Three more promotions took place within the Fire Operations Division this week. Brian Ducham was promoted to Captain for Engine 2 on the C-Shift on September 18th, Maynard Lockwood was promoted to Battalion Chief on September 19th and Frank Millay was promoted to Captain

for Engine 4 on the A-Shift on September 22nd. These men have been employed by the City for 22+ years as Fire Service Professionals and have worked their way up through the ranks.

Congratulations and best of luck to each of them in their new positions!



Support Operations Division

On September 19th, a detective who was conducting follow-up on a larceny complaint discovered that many of the stolen items had been pawned at a local pawn shop. The detective made contact with the pawn shop and recovered 15 items of stolen property that included music equipment, a bicycle and a power washer. The stolen property that was recovered was valued at over \$3,500.

Community Policing Unit

On Saturday, September 17th, members of the Bay City Department of Public Safety participated in the Bridge the Gap basketball tournament at Saginaw Valley State University. Bridge the Gap was designed to bring first responders and citizens together on the basketball court for positive interaction with each other.



Director Cecchini was also on hand to lend his assistance as a coach of one of the teams that participated in the event.



Public Works

Michigan Public Service Institute:

The City of Bay City has a long and positive history with supervisors attending the Michigan Public Service Institute (MPSI). This is a week-long intense training course assisting employees with being better prepared for the many facets of Public Service in the Public Works Department.

Employees are committed to a three year training program to graduate. The current Public Works employees for MPSI are Joy Stothard, Water Distribution Division; Tim Botzau, Sanitation Division; Corey Bourcier, Streets Division and Gary Korthals, Sewer Maintenance Division.

Parks

The Parks Division was recently contacted by representatives of the cable TV Travel Channel asking for permission to film an episode of "Boat Buyers" in the Liberty Harbor Marina. The Travel Channel is a basic cable & satellite television channel headquartered in Chevy Chase Maryland and produces films that feature documentaries, reality and how-to shows in the United States and throughout the world. It's estimated that the travel Channel is available to approximately 91.5 million pay television households in the United States, which equates to approximately 78.6% of households with a television.



This opportunity came through a referral from Lindy's Sales, which is a local boat dealership located in Quanicassee. When contacted by the Travel Channel to investigate a potential site for filming the "Boat Buyers" episode, representatives from Lindy's Sales suggested Liberty Harbor. Parks Division Staff were contacted and are assisting with preparations for the film crews arrival, which will include reserving several slips in the Marina. Since filming may not be restricted to the marina property, additional information was also provided to the producers that highlighted the attractions nearby the Marina, including Wenonah and Veterans Parks, the Midland Street and Downtown Business Districts and the Uptown development and day dock. Film crews are expected to arrive at the end of this week and are expected to complete their work over the weekend.

Water Distribution

Lead & Copper Testing:

In the early 1990's EPA established Lead and Copper Rule to test these levels of metal in drinking water. The Bay Area Water Treatment Plant is considered a new source of water and requires full monitoring frequency with bi-annual test required for Lead and Copper. This week 97 samples were collected for the entire Bay Area Water System, of which 37 samples were from Bay City, to be tested specifically for lead and copper.

The same test locations will be utilized for this round of testing to allow for comparative test results.

Water Department staff delivered sample bottles to 37 sample sites in Bay City. The same test locations, from March samples, allow for comparative test results. Customers collect the samples following the instructions provided. Samples were collected and sent to a third party lab for analyzing the samples. Test results will be completed in a few weeks. Results are provided back to the sample site customers including public education information on methods to reduce lead exposure in drinking water. Additional information is included in the Consumer Confidence Report and on our website available to all water customers of Bay City.

Mulholland Watermain Replacement Project:

The watermain on Mulholland Street is adjacent to the McLaren Bay Regional Medical Center. This watermain is being replaced due to a long history of watermain breaks. The hospital has a dual water supply for both domestic and fire protection with interconnections inside the hospital. Water is supplied to the hospital on Mulholland Street and on Trumbull Street. During this project, it is imperative to maintain water supply to the hospital at all times.

If an emergency watermain break were to occur on Trumbull Street adjacent to the hospital above, the contractor may be required to stop construction activities until emergency repairs are made by the Bay City Water Distribution Department as a precautionary measure to maintain water supply to the hospital at all times. Capital improvements for Trumbull Street are proposed for next fiscal year.

Several years ago, Mulholland Street was vacated as a city owned street. To aid in reducing our cost, Bay Regional Medical Center is sharing in the price of resurfacing the roadway in conjunction with the watermain replacement project.

Madison Avenue Project:

Madison Avenue is being reconstructed from McKinley Street to Columbus Avenue. There is no watermain located for the majority of this project. Watermain is being replaced at the intersections of 10th Street and Madison Avenue and 11th Street and Madison Avenue. To improve water system hydraulics, 400' of watermain is being abandoned. This project includes 6 water service replacements.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The inspection of all four primary clarifiers was completed this week. Each clarifier was taken out of service, cleaned and had their sludge collector adjusted. Weather permitting, we will do the same to the secondary clarifiers.

The City of Howell's Wastewater Treatment Plant was on site for a plant tour that focused on our screw press dewatering process.

UV bank 2A in the disinfection process has been taken out of service so maintenance can change out all 96 ultraviolet bulbs.

Retention Treatment Basin #3 Update:

RCL Construction finished up with some demo work, removing the cement pillars that used to support the old hoist that was no longer being used. The new fence was installed (see pictures below) around the basin. The new fence will help prevent motorized vehicles from driving on top of the basin. This particular basin is only two feet below ground and has always had issues with vehicles parking and driving on it.



The Wastewater Treatment Plant received 0.50 inches of rain on September 17, which filled the relief sewers and put 16 feet into #5 retention treatment basin. The flows in the relief sewers and #5 retention basin were dewatered back to the treatment plant for further treatment before being discharged to the Saginaw River.