

City Manager's Office
Status and Information
October 14, 2016



*** *Of Note* ***

Downtown Restaurant Week

Sunday, October 16 – 20, 2016

Have you wanted to try a Downtown restaurant or revisit an old favorite? Here's your chance! During Restaurant Week, visit any of the participating restaurants and enjoy a delicious variety of **BUY ONE GET ONE HALF OFF** offerings.

The 11 participating restaurants are as follows:

- American Kitchen
- Asian Noodle
- Gatsby's Seafood & Steakhouse
- Mulligan's Pub
- Old City Hall
- Riverfront Grille at the Doubletree Hotel
- Stock Pot Diner
- Tavern 101
- The Whole Enchilada
- Zef's Coney Restaurant

Bon Appetit!

Manager's Office

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) held a preliminary meeting at City Hall on Wednesday, October 12th, to provide information pertaining to the Lafayette bridge replacement project. The current plan indicates construction starting the summer of 2020 and taking two years to complete.

A public meeting to provide information about the project has been scheduled for November 9th, at City Hall, third floor. It will start at 4 p.m. and it will be conducted in an Open House format.

Construction work has now begun on Harless & Hugh Public House at 811 Adams Street.

**Downtown Bay City
Calendar of Events &
Special Activities
October 2016**

14-15 Masonic Temple
Haunted Temple

Spooky "Nightmares" at the
Haunted Temple starts at 7-11pm

16 State Theatre **Concert**

"The Bijou Orchestra with guest
guitar aficionados Frank Vignola
and Vinny Raniolo" at 3pm

20 State Theatre **Benefit
Concert**

"Saints After Hours" featuring the
Region's own gifted vocalist, Adam
Prime at 7:30pm

21 Studio 23 **Special Event**

Enjoy some art and great wine
tasting at "The Grape Escape" at
6pm

21 State Theatre **Tribute
Concert**

A high energy celebration: "Purple
Masquerade, A Tribute to Prince"
at 8pm

21-22 Masonic Temple
Haunted Temple

It's time again for the Haunted
Temple and this year's
"Nightmares" 7-11pm

Pyramid Paving will be moving from Adams Street to the previous American Title building on Jefferson Street, which they have purchased.

Community Development

Downtown Development Authority / Downtown Management Board

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board was presented with a proposed conceptual plan for Wenonah Park improvements on Wednesday, October 12, 2016. The Board agreed to table consideration of the plan until its November meeting. Several City staff members have participated on planning process for Wenonah Park.

Planning has started for weekends leading up to Christmas.

- The first weekend in November is Holiday Open House.
- “Sundays in the City” will take place on the six weekends leading up to the holiday.
- “Santa’s Arrival” in Wenonah Park is the day after Thanksgiving.
- A new holiday tree will be placed at the entrance to Wenonah Park thanks to a generous donation by Dave and Sally Clements.

Electric Department

Transitional Management of Electric Department

Since the retirement of Phil Newton, Dana Muscott will be overseeing the Electric Department Operation. The change in reporting structure is as follows:

Dana Muscott		
Patty Martindale	Lee Techlin	Todd Denham
Anne Harrison Davene Ivey		Greg Merrow Bud LaPlant Bob Nalett

All other reporting structures remain the same. If you have questions you may contact Dana Muscott.

Michigan Municipal Electric Association (MMEA) Fall Conference

The MMEA Fall Conference was held in Holland, MI, October 5th- 7th. Educational sessions were held on Wednesday and Thursday and the MMEA business meeting concluded the conference on Friday.

Wednesday educational breakout sessions included various topics. Patty Martindale attended the following presentations:

- **Key Financial Targets** – Dawn Lund, Utility Financial Solutions
- **Cost-of-Service Challenges and Solutions** – Dawn Lund, Utility Financial Solutions
- **Utility Financial Operations for Boards** – Dawn Lund, Utility Financial Solutions

- **Balancing Aging Infrastructure, Rates, and Residential Demand** – Laurie Tomczyk, NewGen Strategies & Solutions

Thursday's presentations included:

- **Utility Cybersecurity in the Age of IoT** – Jeff Bridgland, N-Dimension Solutions, Inc.
- **Overview of Clean Power Program and Potential Impacts for Michigan** – Linda Hilbert, Consumers Energy
- **The Changing Utility and Customer Expectations** – Greg White, National Assoc. of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
- **The Future of Joint Action** – Patrick Bowland, MI Public Power Agency & Glen White, MI South Central Power Agency
- **General Election 2016** – Steve Mitchell, Mitchell Research & Communications
- **Incorporating Wind, Solar, and Storage to Meet Customer Needs** – Matt Ward, Sustainable Strategies
- **MISO Resource Adequacy Overview and Update** – Melissa Seymour, MISO Central Region

The conference concluded on Friday morning with the MMEA business meeting. Members approved the 2017 budget, the 3-Year Strategic Plan and received status updates on important legislative and regulatory issues. Additionally, Life-Time Memberships were awarded to: Annette Allen from Grand Haven Board of Light & Power; Greg Pierce from Lowell Light & Power and Phil Newton from Bay City Electric Light & Power.

Information Technology (IT)

This week IT staff replaced 2 PCs as part of the FY 2017 Annual replacement. This is done to keep our equipment up to date and working efficiently.

Public Safety

Patrol Operations Division

On October 11th, three Public Safety Officers attend the TASER Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) Instructor Course. This course certifies those who successfully complete the course as TASER instructors for a period of two years. The course is a combination of online coursework and practical training covering a variety of topics.

Fire Operations Division

Throughout the week of October 10th, fire suppression personnel assisted the Fire Marshal in making presentations to 12 area schools for Fire Prevention Week. Students learned the importance of smoke alarms and fire safety while getting an opportunity to meet our firefighters and seeing the engines and equipment they use.

Sherman Street Apartment Building Fire

On Thursday, October 13th, the Fire Operations Division responded to a fire at a 4 unit building. The structure was a total loss but fortunately there were no injuries. The County Investigator is investigating the cause of the fire since the City's Fires Inspector (Bob Beck) is on vacation.

Chief Prieur Retires after 26 years of service

On October 12th, Fire Chief Karey Prieur officially retired from the City after 26 years of service in the Fire Operations Division. Chief Prieur will continue to serve as the Fire Chief in a part time basis. Karey worked his way up the ranks throughout the 26 years of service and later played an important role in diligently working to transition the then Fire Department into the current Public Safety Department.



Community Policing Unit

Community policing officers visited the Kirtland Community College Police Academy on Thursday, October 13, 2016, to speak with recruits about a career with the Bay City Department of Public Safety.

Public Works

Parks

Parks maintenance employees have begun a project to clear vegetation and remove trees on the Surath site. The project coincides with efforts to market the property for development.



In addition, Division employees will assist a private forestry contractor who is being retained to trim and remove trees along the Railtrail near Livingston Drive and in the Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The contractor will focus on aerial work necessary to trim and remove the trees, while Parks employees will collect and remove the forestry spoils.

Liberty Harbor Marina

Liberty Harbor Marina will close for the season on Saturday, October 15th. Several seasonal boat owners will continue to berth in the Marina after the 15th until arrangements are finalized for their winter storage off site. These boats will pay a daily slip fee during this period of time.



Marina Attendant Staff have begun preparing harbor facilities for winter. The work includes cleaning and closing the restroom and shower and shower building, marina office and storage building. Park's employees will assist to shut down and winterize the water systems to the restrooms and water supply lines to the docks.

Water Distribution

Lincoln Street Water Tower Project



A stenciled Bay City logo has been applied to the newly blue 2-million-gallon South End water tower in Bay City, the final touch to the four-month repainting project.

Over the summer the tower, located off Lincoln Street was sanded, repaired, primed and painted both inside and out. The overall paint job has a 20-year life expectancy.

The tower has since been re filled and the water is currently being tested to meet established water criteria standards before being placed back into service.



Lead & Copper Testing:

In September, 97 samples were collected for the entire Bay Metropolitan Water System, of which 37 were in Bay City, to be tested specifically for lead and copper. Results ranged from ND (non-detect) to 99 ppb (parts per billion) with the 90th percentile result of 14 ppb. Although 6 locations exceeded the 15 ppb action level test results of the 90th percentile below 15 ppb are considered in compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule. To ease customer concerns recent test for lead and copper demonstrate that

the Bay Metropolitan Water System, including the City of Bay City is in compliance with federal lead and copper rules.

Test results will be delivered to the 37 sample sites in Bay City. Results will include a public education information on methods to reduce lead exposure in drinking water. Additional information will be included in the Consumer Confidence Report and on our website available to all water customers of Bay City.

Disinfectants and Disinfectant Byproducts Testing:

Water systems use disinfectants, to kill viruses and bacteria that otherwise exist in the water. Disinfection by-products (DBPs) are the chemicals formed when disinfectants, largely chlorine, react with naturally occurring organic matter in the water. Water systems must use treatment methods to reduce formation of DBPs while still protecting against waterborne disease. Total trihalomethanes (TTHM) and haloaceticacids (HAA5) are the most commonly formed DBPs that are routinely monitored on a quarterly basis in Bay City. A violation occurs if the average of the four most recent sets of quarterly samples (12-month running average) exceeds the Maximum Contaminate Level. The testing that was completed in September, shows that the City remains in compliance with the Disinfectants and Disinfectant Byproducts standards.