

City Manager's Office  
Status and Information  
November 4, 2016

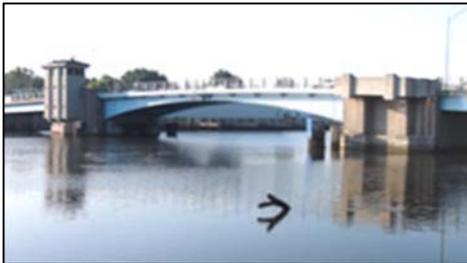


\*\*\* *Of Note* \*\*\*

**Reminder MDOT sponsored Public Information Meeting - Wednesday November 9th**  
4 to 7 p.m. (stop in anytime)

City Hall, 301 Washington Ave., Room 317, Bay City

View displays, meet with MDOT staff and comment



**M-13/M-84  
(Lafayette Street)  
Bascule Bridge**

MDOT is preparing an Environmental Assessment

(EA) for the proposed replacement of the M-13/M-84 (Lafayette Street) Bascule bridge in Bay City. A 2014 feasibility study determined that the benefits of replacing the bridge outweigh the impacts and cost of repairing the structure as MDOT did in 1987. MDOT's proposal also includes improving the geometrics of the drawbridge and accommodating non-motorized traffic. The majority of the improvements would be done within the existing right-of-way, with a 24-month detour involving M-13 (Euclid Avenue), M-25 (7th Street/Jenny Street/Thomas Street), and M-84 (Washington Avenue).

**Holiday Open Houses & Special Activities!**

**November 4**

[Planetarium](#) Astronomy Show "Gateway to the Stars" a new series about telescopes & observing, 7pm

**November 4-6**

[Downtown](#) Holiday Open House Weekend  
Come start the holidays in Downtown Bay City and enjoy wonderful shopping & dining, plus the beauty of the season

**November 5**

[Planetarium](#) Dome Show Premiere  
"Life Under the Arctic Sky"- Delta College Planetarium is proud to host the U.S. premiere of this exceptional film, 2pm

**November 11**

[State Theatre](#) Concert  
"Tweed & Dixie, Live & In Concert!" Bridging the gap between a blend of country & rock, 7pm

**Manager's Office**

**Ed Oberski, CEO of Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! provides unemployment rate data**

Unemployment rates for various municipalities in our Region for September 2016 are as follows:

Midland County: 3.6%

City of Midland: 2.9%

Bay County: 4.1%

**Bay City: 5.3%**

Saginaw County: 4.1%

City of Saginaw: 7.2%

Saginaw Township: 2.2%

Isabella County: 3.7%

City of Mount Pleasant: 3.7%

Gratiot County: 4.0%

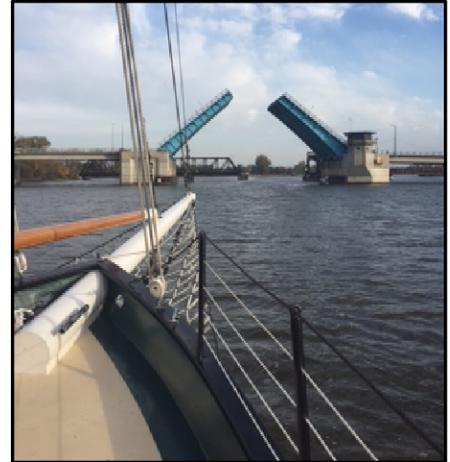
## Deputy City Manager



On Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, City staff, DNR and Township Officials rode on the Appledore to get a firsthand look at the No Wake/Wake Zones on the Saginaw River from Frankenlust to the mouth of the Bay. A plan has been developed and work will be on drafting resolutions to

submit to all affected local government units.

As you know, the “Uptown” No Wake Zone expires in January, 2017, so staff will address it in the new Master Plan. Thanks to the Bay Arts Council for taking the group on the river tour and having a knowledgeable crew available for input.



## Community Development

Staff continues to work with the contracted planning consultant, Carlisle Wortman & Associates, to develop a complete draft update of the City’s master plan. In order to be formally approved, this master plan will need to be reviewed and approved by management, the Planning Commission and the City Commission. It is anticipated that the master plan draft will be introduced in December or January.

In follow-up to the housing study presented to the City Commission and others in late August, City staff continues to work toward identifying available resources, priorities and potential implementation steps to improve the City’s housing stock. Such a plan will require the consideration of management and the Commission, and will need to involve multiple private and public stakeholders.

Staff continues to work to identify several potential properties that the City could take possession of at the next County tax foreclosure sale in an effort to reduce housing blight within the City.

The City’s Engineering Department and Planning Departments have begun steps to draft a Complete Streets (non-motorized) plan to guide decision-making for street and roadway improvement projects. Pedestrian and non-motorized connectivity, such as bike lanes and identified bicycle routes, continue to be significant factors in influencing public health, economic development, and community well-being.

## Electric Department

The Electric Department is in the final phase of completing the street lighting upgrades in the 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington Avenue area. This project will wrap up the conversion from overhead power lines to underground service.

## Public Safety

### Patrol Operations Division

On Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Detective Nate Kamp was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Patrol Operations Division. Congratulations Nate!



### Fire Operations Division

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, crews responded to a single car garage fire on N. Sherman Street. Six on-duty firefighters, two public safety officers, the Fire Marshal and the Fire Investigator all responded to the call. The fire was completely extinguished within 30 minutes of initial arrival. At this time, the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

### **Annual Food Drive for the month of November!**



The department's Annual Food Drive kicked off on November 1<sup>st</sup>, once again to benefit the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission of Bay City. This is the fifth year the drive has been organized to collect non-perishable food items from City employees and the public to assist people in need at the shelter.

The drive will run through December 1<sup>st</sup>, and has expanded its reach with additional drop off locations at:

- Fire Station 1: 1401 Center Avenue
- Fire Station 2: 1000 Fremont Street
- Fire Station 4: 212 S. Dean Street
- Fire Station 5: 1209 E. Smith Street
- Law Enforcement Center: 501 3rd Street
- City Hall: 301 Washington Avenue (1st floor)
- Bay City Electric Light & Power: 900 S. Water Street

### Support Operations Division

Congratulations to Detective Brian Berthiaume who was awarded the Department of Public Safety Employee of the Quarter Award for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2016.

### Community Policing Unit

On Tuesday, November 1, 2016, the Bay City Department of Public Safety hosted six students from the Bay City Rotary Vocational Program. The high school students had the opportunity to learn about a career in public safety including both law enforcement and firefighting duties.

## Public Works

### Parks

#### Forestry work project complete at Oak Ridge Cemetery

Over the course of seven work days, a private contractor assisted Parks Division employees in the removal of 29 dead, declining and structurally weak trees and vegetation clearance trimming over roadways. Many of the trees removed had



serious structural deficiencies that posed a

potential hazard to cemetery features like headstones and monuments. In addition to improving the site safety, the forestry project has also enhanced the attractiveness of the cemetery.



#### Winterizing activities take place throughout the park system

Water shut-offs and the winterization of water systems is being completed throughout the community park system. The work involves closing valves on water supply lines and blowing water from lines that connect to fixtures to prevent freezing.

The scope of work involves the winterization of water systems for drinking fountains in 16 locations, including the Carroll Park pond, Wenonah Park fountain, Bigelow Park restrooms, Liberty Harbor Marina docks, restroom/shower facilities, the Uptown Day Dock and the marine facilities located along the shoreline at Wenonah Park.



### Sewer

Construction crews completed the emergency sewer repair at 507 E. Midland Street, Brooklyn Boyz Pizza. This involved running a new 8" sewer from Catherine Street east through our easement up to the rear of the business. This was a difficult installation due to soil conditions and old Consumer's Energy gas mains and services. Consumers Energy came in and relocated all of the old gas lines to run the new sewer. Consumers Energy was outstanding to work with and accommodated our construction crews when possible.



Crews will have the new 24" storm sewer installation on Trumbull completed November 5, 2016. This was the department's first job of this size and scope. All of the sewer department employees displayed outstanding professionalism in completing the work in a timely fashion. Shaw Contracting provide to be a valuable partner by providing their expertise during this installation. Further, they were more than willing to help new crew leader, Mike LaPlaunt, be comfortable with using the new pipe laser and grade laser.

Construction crew will continue making repairs at cave-in sites next week. Currently there are about 65 outstanding work orders dating back to July.

Flush crews continue to clean storm sewers, catch basins and sanitary sewers.

Camera crew are working in behind the flush crews.

### **Wastewater Treatment Plant**

For the month of October, the WWTP processed 152 million gallons of sewage, 138 million gallons of clean water was discharged to the Saginaw River and 432,000 gallons of sludge was dewatered, processed and hauled away to the landfill. Total rainfall for the month was 2.60 inches and there were no Retention Treatment Basin overflows.

A site meeting with RCL Construction, Hubbell Roth & Clark and City Staff was held at Retention Treatment Basin #3, to review the progress of the dewatering screw replacement project. City staff will develop a punch list for work already completed to date.

The WWTP Staff attended the "Taking the Heat" customer service training session held at the Delta College Planetarium on October the 27<sup>th</sup>. Feedback about the class was very positive.

Lost the use of the only flushing pump at Retention Basin #4 (Wenonah Park). The pump is needed to flush the basin after rain events and helps to keep odors under control. Staff is getting quotes on a new pump.

On November 2, 2016, the plant received 0.50 inches of rain. The relief sewers and #5 retention basin were utilized to store the excess flows until they could be dewatered to the plant for further treatment and discharged to the Saginaw River.