

City Manager's Office  
Status and Information  
July 8, 2016



Dow Bay Area Family YMCA  
Pirates Festival - July 7-10, 2016



Tall Ships will be  
docking  
July 14 – 17, 2016

Cool City Car Show  
July 8-9



**City Manager**

Recently County Treasurer Rick Brzezinski and Rick Finn as representatives of the Bay County Land Bank met with local financial institutions to determine the availability of Line of Credit. 1st State Bank has offered to loan the Bay County Land Bank a \$200,000 line of credit for a two year commitment. The Bank County Land Bank now has a source of funding to move forward.

**Governor vetoes Legislation.** Governor Snyder vetoed legislation this week that would have ended a requirement that 45 cities cover some of the cost of state road projects within their limits. The veto translates to the City of Bay City having to pay for a portion of the 2020 scheduled Lafayette Bridge Project.

**Just for Fun...**

**Thursday – July 14<sup>th</sup>**  
*Thursdays at Uptown*  
**Uptown Plaza @ 6:00 pm**  
*featuring "Soundproof"*

**Friday – July 15**  
*Fridays at the Falls*  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Street Waterfall Park**  
**@ 6:00 pm**  
*featuring "The 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Burn Band"*

**These events are FREE!**

## Electric Department



### Pole Replacements

Degraded wooden street light poles were identified on Mason Court. Utility crews will be replacing six poles with 14' fiberglass poles with LED Contempo light fixtures. The same upgrades will be completed this fall in the Sterling Subdivision area along Murphy Street west of Bangor. The poles and fixtures being used in the upgrades can be seen in many of our subdivisions. The fixtures have been ordered and the projects are expected to wrap up by fall.



### Recent Outages

BCELP has experienced three outages in the Banks area over the last 5 weeks due to squirrel contact with a circuit. A new type of squirrel guard is being tested to assist in battling the problem. The American Public Power Association reports that the number one cause of outages for utilities is wildlife.

### Line Clearance

The tree asset inventory is creating huge benefits for workload planning and task management. The asset inventory reported 100 hangers (limbs 2" or larger detached from tree). All reported hangers have now been removed. Tree crews are presently working on branches and limbs in contact with primary and secondary utility lines.



## Public Safety

### Director attends 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Briefing in Washington DC

This week Public Safety Director Cecchini attended the White House 21st Century Policing Briefing in Washington DC. This briefing conducted by Senior White House Officials allowed the Public Safety Director along with 30 other Law Enforcement Officials from around the country to discuss the recommendations of the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup>



Century Policing and brainstorm new ideas about how to enhance public trust and confidence in the justice system while maintaining public safety.

The core items that were discussed in the five hour session were:

- Department of Justice Police Data Initiative
- Officer Safety and Wellness
- Implicit Bias Training
- Social Media Storytelling and Next Steps

### **Officer receives prestigious awards**

Public Safety Officer Brandon Murphy received two prestigious awards during the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>.

On Tuesday, June 21st, Director Cecchini and Public Safety Officer Brandon Murphy attended the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) Summer Professional Development Conference where PSO Murphy was awarded the MACP Police Medal of Honor.



Later, that same week, Officer Murphy attended the American Legion Department of Michigan annual conference on June 24<sup>th</sup> to receive the American Legion Department of Michigan Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award. Commander Mike Buda presented the award to PSO Murphy during an awards ceremony held during the conference.

### **Patrol Operations Division**

One lieutenant and one sergeant were tasked with scheduling work details for security at this year's Fourth of July Festival as well as attending numerous meetings with the festival staff in the early stages of planning. This year's event saw the lowest numbers of incidents in recent history in both Veteran's Park and Wenona Park as well as the Midland St. area after the event. The diligence of our officers and command staff along with the careful planning and fine-tuning of the scheduling ensured our successful results.

### **Fire Operations Division**

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 on-duty fire suppression personnel, 7 call back fire suppression personnel, and 10 Public Safety Officers responded to a structure fire located on S. Sherman Street. Upon arrival, personnel began extinguishing flames and conducted a search of the interior after it was reported that someone might still be inside the home. Engine 5 rescued a female who was treated on-scene by McLaren Bay Region EMS medics. The victim was then transported to McLaren Bay Region Hospital and later confirmed as a fatality. One firefighter suffered a minor injury, not needing medical attention on-scene. This incident is currently being investigated by our Fire Marshal and Fire Investigator.

### **Support Operations Division**

- The Detective Bureau's Fire Investigator, was called in to assist the Fire Marshal in investigating the cause of a fire on S. Sherman that took the life of a 47 year old female.
- A detective investigated a B&E where a man had a Sony PS3, PS3 games and an iPod sound bar stolen. The detective located and recovered the stolen PS3 game system and returned it to the owner. This case has been turned over to the Bay County Prosecutor's Office.

### **Community Policing Unit**

Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> marked the fourth week of the Youth Leadership Academy. This week the participants traveled to the Bay City State Park where they learned about nature and conservation.



They also had the opportunity to learn about and participate in the sports of archery and fishing.



## Public Works

### Parks Buildings & Grounds Maintenance

The project to plant thirty-nine replacement street trees in the Downtown Business District has been completed. The project involved the excavation and removal of all existing soils within each planting



pocket to a depth of three feet. Each planting pocket was then backfilled with a specially prepared mix of topsoil, compost and bio char, which is a soil enhancement amendment. The soil mix was designed to provide a high organic content with supplements to increase the soil retention of water and nutrients.

Since planting, the trees have been under stress from the prevailing hot and dry weather trend. Being in full leaf, the

trees are subject to severe transpiration without a consistent supply of water. Parks maintenance employees are watering the trees using a root feeding probe to ensure the root balls are adequately hydrated.



### James Clements Airport Apron Repair

Personnel from the Public Works Department's Sewer Maintenance Division assisted to repair a drainage line break under the apron at James Clements Airport this week.



A failure in the joint seam of a 12" concrete drainage pipe caused a washout of subsurface soils and collapse of asphalt pavement over the resulting leak. The repair was

performed in an expeditious manner and prevented the potential for more extensive damage to the drainage system and pavement.



### Streets, Sanitation, & Fleet Division

Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, Sanitation crews will be running Friday's normal collection route this Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Reminder to have everything out by 7am.

Street crews has been working downtown replacing concrete sidewalks and setting pavers back in place from recent utility work.



Crews have been busy lately with all of the special events requests for barricades, signage and street closures.

Next week crews will began milling/repaving White Street between Euclid and Barclay due to a sewer line replacement.

On a daily basis, the Durapatcher (chip seal machine) is out repairing roadway and two street sweepers are dispatched, one on each side of the river.



The DPW has received a number of complaints regarding stickers being placed on signage throughout the City, this type of destruction to City property is very time consuming to correct and costly if the reflective surface of the sign is damaged. Please report any sign issues to the DPW at 989-894-8312 so we can correct the issue as soon as possible.

The windmills continue to travel over the Independence Bridge each morning, travel times are usually between 5:15 and 5:30 am. This start time will get a little later each day as the haulers start time is limited by MDOT's permit and as sunrise gets later each morning. Currently two windmills are being hauled out each morning, each windmill needs five trucks (one for the generator, one for the hub and one for each of the three blades). This



convoy, along with assistance of Public Safety Officers, work very efficiently to escort these trucks across the bridge and out of town to cause the least impact on traffic disruptions.

## **Wastewater Treatment Plant**

### **Operations/Maintenance**

- The Wastewater Plant treated 159.8 million gallons of sewage in June, disposing of 240 tons of solids in the process of dewatering 147.3 million gallons of clean water to the Saginaw River. The total rainfall for the month was 2.35 inches. There were no RTB overflows for the month.
- For the past week the effluent phosphorus levels have been on the increase, staff is adjusting chemical (ferric chloride) feed rates to continue to meet NPDES permit requirements.
- Received 0.45 inches of rain on July 7th which filled the relief sewers (9.7MG) and put 15 feet (3.2MG) into #5 Retention Basin.

### **Administration**

The final submittal for the fence installation at #3 Retention Treatment Basin has been reviewed and approved. The fence will be installed to protect the basin's 4.9 Million Gallon tank from cars and other motorized vehicles.