

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



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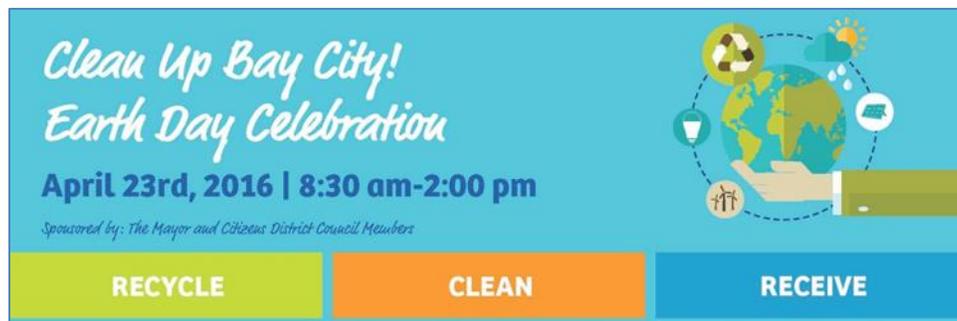
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The Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum presents  
Friends & Family Day – USS Edson  
April 16 – 10 am – 4 pm

Admission is just \$5.00 for everyone over the age of 5 with a Coupon. If interested please contact the Manager's Office for a coupon.

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### Manager's Office

At the Commission Meeting on Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> Mr. John Awrylo spoke regarding a fire damaged home at 409 S. Catherine Street. Sue Coggin, Building Code Enforcement has reviewed the matter and reported the following:

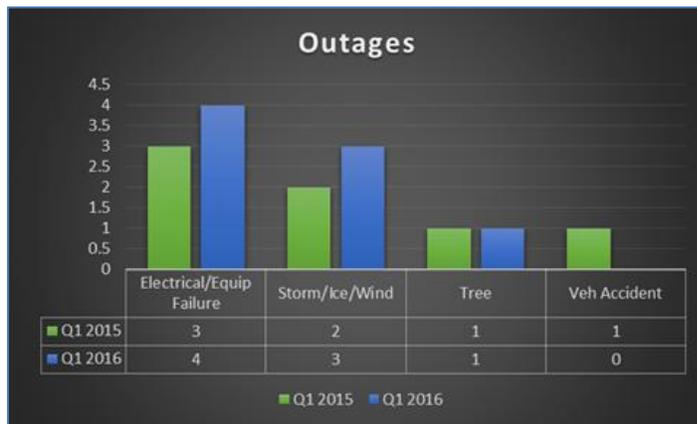
*"In January, a fire occurred at the property located at 409 S. Catherine Street causing substantial damage to the home. Our office was contacted by the Fire Chief who informed us that the property did not have insurance. Due to this fact, Dangerous Building procedures were initiated in order to expedite having this building removed including the garage which is in serious disrepair. In the meanwhile, Debbie Keisel, Grant Coordinator, was able to secure funds to complete this demolition if the owner agreed to sign a demolition agreement. The owner, Vicky Stow, was very cooperative and signed the demolition agreement to have both the home and garage demolished. She did ask that the City give her fiancé, Mr. John Awrylo, enough*

*time to remove all items he would like saved from the property prior to demolition, to which the City agreed. The property was occupied by Mr. Awrylo who wants to save the garage. The garage is in severe disrepair and full of debris. Furthermore, Zoning Ordinance regulations state that a property cannot have an accessory structure without a primary structure (home). Therefore, by leaving the garage, we would be creating a nonconformity. The property is owned solely by Ms. Stow who wants all buildings demolished. Mr. Awrylo does not agree with removing the garage, but the property owner wants it removed. This has been shared with Mr. Awrylo on several occasions. At this point the City is proceeding with the demolition.”*

## Electric Department

### Reliability:

The chart comparison reflects outages January – March 2015 verses January – March 2016. Our system reliability is 99.98%. The average in the Midwest region system reliability is 99.97%.



### Saginaw Substation Circuit 4

Crews have completed an extensive rewiring project at Saginaw Substation, Circuit 4. This project involved replacing underground wire in the vaults due to aging and deterioration. Additionally, this preventative maintenance eliminated a splice that existed in the wire to preemptively offset potential failures. Crews were required to enter 7 different vaults. Many of the vaults required entry of four (4) or more times due to the preparation involved in the wire pull. A pre-entry checklist was required prior to each vault entry including: pumping the vault, air quality testing, notifying emergency services of entry/exit, filling out a confined space entry permit.

A Journeyman Lineman for BCELP, who is also a Certified Welder, fabricated and built a pulling device (below) to assist in this project for the vault located at 3<sup>rd</sup> St/Saginaw St. Due to the proximity of energized high voltage lines close to the vault entrance and space constraints, this device was instrumental in limiting connections necessary within the vaults and in aiding crew safety while working in this very constricted vault.



### **Information Technology (IT)**

This week IT continued with more software classes. This week's classes consisted of Access and Power point. This is part of our annual training that we offer to help our employees further their computer skills.

### **Public Safety**

On Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, Director Cecchini along with a select few law enforcement officials from around the State met and then attended a press conference with FBI Director James Comey. FBI Director Comey highlighted the FBI's partnerships with local law enforcement agencies from across the state and stated during the press conference; "It is a truism that happens to be true: the FBI does nothing alone."

Since 2007 the Bay City Department of Public Safety's VIPER Unit has been a member of the FBI Safe Streets Taskforce. This partnership with the FBI has enabled the Department of Public Safety to conduct long-term investigations on criminal syndicates that would otherwise have not been possible without the help and support of the FBI.



### **Patrol Operations Division**

A Public Safety Officer attended the 2 day Copshock course in Grand Blanc. This two day class was developed to address officer responses to *Critical Incidents* or “*Toxic*” experiences that have the potential to emotionally cripple officers and to address the “corrosive” or cumulative effects of the job that assault officers every day.

### **Fire Operations Division**

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Operations Division partnered with Community Policing and held a Child Safety Seat Event. A Lieutenant, a Driver/Engineer, a Community Policing Officer and a Michigan State Police Trooper all of who are certified child safety seat installers hosted the event at Fire Station #1. Nursing students from Davenport University were also on hand to assist with children while seats were being checked, and to distribute safety information to parents and caregivers. The public was invited to attend to have their child car seats installed and inspected. Four new car seats were also given to those who were in attendance that needed them. The event was a success with 12 people attending, and 15 seats inspected. The next event will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Station #1.

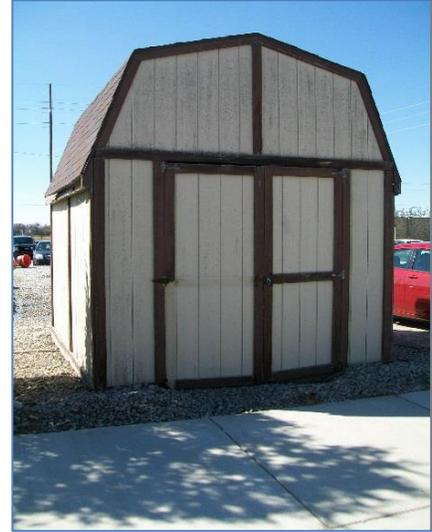


On April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Marshal attended the annual Youth Fire & Life Safety Conference hosted by the Michigan Arson Prevention Committee Conference. Some of the topics included were: Crisis and risk communications, building partnerships to prevent arson and prank fires, and injury prevention within the community.

## **Public Works**

### **Park Operations**

The storage shed located in the employee parking lot across from City Hall is being salvaged by the Parks Division, and will be relocated to the Liberty Harbor Marina. The shed is scheduled to be removed to accommodate proposed improvements for the parking lot. Parks employees will prepare a base for the shed next to the maintenance garage at the Marina, and will repair and repaint the shed once it's moved to the new location.



Storage opportunities for boaters are limited inside the marina basin and on the docks. This improvement will satisfy a need frequently expressed by boaters to provide a secure storage facility for bicycles, lawn chairs and other small items. In that the current year's budget for the Marina included monies to purchase a storage shed, this project will result in a savings for the City.

A workshop to update the Wenonah Park Master Plan was conducted at City Hall on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. OHM Advisors, a consulting firm with offices located in Saginaw, has been retained by the City and Downtown Development Authority to facilitate this planning process.



### **Water Metering Department:**

Providing quality customer service is a primary function of the Water Metering Department. Customer service includes related work orders such as high bill complaints, low pressure, non-payment, customer request for shut / turn on for repair or seasonal shut / turn on, water meter repairs, obtaining special water meter reads and changing larger commercial type water meters and frozen meters. For the month of March there were 70 appointments scheduled for meter upgrades with an additional 15 meter upgrades occurring from routine customer service appointments for a total of 85 meter upgrades in March 2016.



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. Testing shows that we are in compliance with the Disinfectants and Disinfectant Byproducts standards.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant**

**Administration:**

Plant staff is working on scheduling a preconstruction meeting with RCL Construction for the #3 Retention Treatment Basin Dewatering Screw replacement project. We are hoping for an early May start date.

**Operations:**

A total of 21.9 million gallons of Retention Treatment Basin overflow occurred on April 6<sup>th</sup> thru April 7<sup>th</sup>. All combined sewers flows are treated (skimmed, settled and disinfection) in the retention basin before being discharged to the Saginaw River.