

City Manager's Office
Status and Information
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*** *Of Note* ***

Don't Forget!



Manager's Office

On March 9, Senator Green called to provide an update that SB105 - that is the moveable bridge funding bill - is progressing through the legislative process. Public Works Director Bill Bohlen will testify in Lansing on behalf of the City before the Transportation sub-committee next week.

The Bureau of Finance and Administration of the Michigan Department of Transportation has provided the following **estimated** Increase in State Transportation Funding for the next five years as follows:

FY 2016-17	\$ 651,412.05
FY 2017-18	207,301.01
FY 2018-19	252,696.43
FY 2019-20	293,551.53
FY 2020-21	<u>458,485.13</u>
Five Year Total Increase:	\$1,863,446.15

Information Technology (IT)

IT has set up another round of software classes. This includes 10 classes covering subjects such as Outlook, basic Excel, and basic Word, advanced Excel, advanced Word, Power Point and Access. This is part of IT's annual training offered to help employees advance their computer skills.

Public Safety

Law Enforcement Division

Public Safety Officer Brandon Murphy has been invited to attend The American Legion, Department of Michigan, 98th Annual State Convention at the Kewadin Casino Hotel in Sault Ste. Marie on Friday, June 24, 2016. PSO Murphy will be recognized for being chosen as The American Legion, Department of Michigan, 2016 Law Officer of the Year.

On March 8th, 2016, two Public Safety Officers attended a SABRE Chemical Aerosol Projector Inspector class. This Instructor level certification program focuses on the Deploying, Handling, and Documenting the use of Chemical Aerosols. This program addresses proper deployment techniques, complete arsenal of available aerosols and situational requirement, recommended contamination drills, decontamination, properly reporting force and tactics for surviving an Aerosol Attack.

On March 10th, 2016, four Public Safety Officers, the Senior Administrative Assistant and clerical personnel attended a Liquor Law Enforcement seminar. This seminar provided training on liquor licenses and the application process, Michigan liquor laws, violations, decoy operations, the Hearing process, objections to renewals and revocations, working with Michigan Liquor Control and licensed establishments.

Fire Operations Division

The Fire Marshal is currently conducting the annual spring time Fire Prevention Program in the elementary schools for those in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades. The Program educates students concerning Matches and Lighters, Stop Drop and Roll, Smoke Detectors, and Fire Escape Plans.

Public Works

Parks

Work continues on the removal of dead Ash, Trees along the Livingston St. Railtrail and, weather permitting, is expected to conclude in the near future. The trees were “topped” by Electric Department tree trimmers and the trunk stubs are being removed by Parks Division employees. Upon completion of this project, crews will move to the Surath property and remove a number of trees and vegetation along the riverfront south of the Liberty Bridge. Following the removal of trees and brush on these sites, employees will begin removing stumps in park areas using the stump grinding attachment for the newly purchased Wacker



Neuson tractor. Given favorable weather conditions, it's anticipated that all work could be completed prior to the resumption of seasonal grounds maintenance routines which begin in late April.

Water Metering

For the month of February, Water Metering staff have changed out 14 meters related to the AMI project. Since the final letters have been mailed to customers to have their water meters upgraded, the Water Department has noticed an increase in customers calling for appointments.

Staff also met with the Manager of the Big Boy Restaurant on Euclid to perform their *after-hours* industrial AMI water meter upgrade so as to not disrupt their daily operations.

Water Distribution

Water Distribution staff have been working with the Bay Area Water Treatment Plant staff and surrounding communities to put together a plan for Lead & Copper testing. This will be the first round of Lead & Copper testing this facility has gone through as the new Water Purveyor.

On March 8th Water Department handed out 37 bottles for water to be sampled from customer's houses and March 10th was the pick-up date from customers to ensure all paperwork is filled out correctly so when the samples are delivered to the BAWTP there will not be any question about the samples. The Water Plant will turn send them to a Laboratory for testing.



Water Distribution is actively removing 20 lead services on Johnson Street from Center Avenue to 2nd Street, in preparation for the 2016 spring Street Resurfacing project. The Water Department is going to be doing a project on Water Street from 6th Street up to the alley between 5th and Saginaw Streets.

On Tuesday March 15th there was a water 6" main break on Linn Street between John and Jane Streets. Previously that address was a hair salon, but before it was a salon it was a bank with a 4" service lead that was dug up and cut from the water main when the building was torn down. The stub that was leaking was plugged with a wooden plug from many years ago.

Upon digging up this water main to make repairs there was a valve and an old lead service in the dig zone. The decision was made to cut out the old valve and tee that fed the old bank, install a new valve, and remove some old lead connections.

Once removed from the ground, employees inspected the wooden plug that was in the 4" main. After cleaning the water main pipe employees found that it was marked from the year **1870**.



Damaged Lawns and Sprinkler Heads from Snow Plows

The DPW has been experiencing a high number of calls regarding damaged lawns and sprinkler heads immediately adjacent to the road. Staff is currently identifying the locations and will be out to repair these as the weather improves. Please encourage residents to reach out to the DPW at 989-894-8312 to report these so we can insure all appropriate repairs will be completed in the spring.