

# MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

February 19, 2016

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Police Division responded to 66 calls for service over the past week. Of significance was a child abuse complaint of a 7-month old child showing a broken humerus bone in the healing process. Investigation into the matter continues.

The Fire Division responded to 26 calls for service over the past week. Of significance was a structure fire on Thursday, February 18th in the 200 block of Rose. There were no occupants at the time of the fire and no injuries to report.

## PARK & RECREATION

- Completed 2015 Annual Report for Parks and Recreation.
- Attended Clay Cliffs public forum on Tuesday, Feb. 16. The turnout was great. Many people had the opportunity to give comments, suggestions and offered their skills to benefit the area. We look forward to the park's ability to be continued as a natural area in the City.
- The Garden Club along with the Holland Park committee are planning to identify which types of plants will be taken into consideration for this spring.
- Girls on the Run registration deadline is next Friday, Feb. 26. The cost is \$45 per girl and scholarships are available to those with hardships.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

### **Violations:**

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| (3) Blight              | (4) Disabled Vehicles       |
| (4) Garbage & Rubbish   | (4) Parking                 |
| (5) Poly-cart Placement | (2) Property Maintenance    |
| (1) Signs               | (5) Uninhabitable Dwellings |

## **PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES**

### **DIAL-A-RIDE –**

**249** Adult Riders - (\$2.00 Fare)

**415** Children Riders - (\$1.00 Fare)

**822** (\$1.00 Fare) - Seniors (102) and Disabled (720) passengers of which 191 used the wheelchair lift to board

**84** Free Riders - Aides that ride with disabled passengers and children 4 and under with an adult

**51** No Shows - A person who calls for a ride and when we go to pick up and they are not there for ride

**68** Safe Riders – Free rides from local establishments to anyone in the community on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights 12:00 am to 2:30 am.

**3,207** Ferris Shuttle Bus – Free rides to anyone on Campus, The new route has nine stops on campus- Lot 28, Allied Health, Campus Community Center, Sports Complex, Lot 4, Rock Cafe', Recreation Center, University Center, Arts and Science, 7:30 am - 7:00 pm Mon – Thur and 7:30 am – 2:00 pm on Friday.

**4,896** Total Passengers

**437** Out of City Riders - Anyone we pick up or drop off outside the Big Rapids City Limits

### **STREETS & PARKS –**

**Safety Topic: “Accidents can happen anywhere”**

- Sanded & salted streets, parking lots and alleys
- Plowed Airport
- Fixing signs
- Patched potholes
- Repairing storm manhole on Birch Street
- Repaired water main break on Ives Avenue for Ferris
- Cleaned equipment used in water main break
- Hauled wood from Elm Street from tree that was taken down
- Checked and jetted sewers per normal daily and call ins
- Picked up trash downtown and in parks

### **MOTOR POOL –**

- Staff vehicles & Miscellaneous Equipment:

- 101 Dump truck - replaced hydraulic hose to rear spreader
- 104 Dump truck - resealed high pressure fuel pump, replaced starter and curb guard. Repaired turn signal wiring
- 210 Pickup truck - replaced front driveshaft
- 302 Loader Plow - replaced scraper blades
- 319 tractor plow - welded cross member
- Airport Kubota - repaired some hydraulic fittings
- Police & Fire:
  - 1-1 Rescue truck, serviced and checked brakes
- Busses:
  - 908 Bus - replaced serpentine belt and tensioner
  - 909 Bus - serviced and did a safety inspection, serviced wheel chair lift and transmission

### **MAIN MAINTENANCE -**

- MISS Digs
- Miscellaneous reads

### **WATER & WASTEWATER PLANTS -** **Safety Topic: "Arc Flash Safety"**

- Tom Berdinski (DEQ) will be visiting the WWTP next Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>, to perform the annual IPP Inspection, as well as other annual plant/paperwork reviews of his choosing.
- Rust-colored influent was again seen at the WWTP, as the Water Plant finished cleaning their Walker clarifier. Wash water and sediment were drained into the sanitary sewer.
- Sediment samples were collected from both Water Plant clarifiers. Test results from Trace Labs confirmed no concerns with contents entering our sanitary sewer system.
- Sediment samples from the Water Plant recycle tank revealed some levels of arsenic, which was expected. This sediment will be removed and disposed of in Muskegon.
- Northwest Kent Mechanical replaced the faulty drive motor from the grease removal auger drive. The auger is back in service and working well.
- The "Cherry Picker" lift is complete and ready to use. Replacement of the motor in Digester Blower # 1 will now proceed ASAP.
- The Grit Trolley submersible pump has failed and is believed to be clogged. Pump removal is in progress. If necessary, PCS will be called in to vacator out the grit sump.

- The latest draft modifications to Sewer Use Ordinance Chapter 52 have been completed by Eric Williams, following last week's meeting. No concerns have been noted.
- Gathering more energy use information, which will be forwarded to Leila Saber at Consumers Energy. Leila will then issue a report covering on-site blower testing.
- First-Quarter plant mercury samples have been submitted to Paragon Labs for analysis.
- The U.V. Disinfection system UVT sensor failed, and has been sent in to Hach for repair.
- A refrigerator temperature sensor failed on one of our Isco Composite Samplers. A new sensor has been installed and the sampler is ready to be placed back into service.

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