

# MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

April 22, 2016

## MAYOR'S INDUSTRIAL FORUM

Thanks to President Dave Eisler for hosting the Mayor's Industrial Forum for area industrial plant managers and personnel. Discussion topics included trends, issues and concerns with their businesses. A warm relationship exists among the business leaders. The meeting is a point of contact for discussion and support, that has grown over the years the meeting has been held.

## MOBIL FOOD VENDERS

Staff has been asked to draft regulations for food vending in the parks and streets of the community. Eric Williams was present to receive input on the issues that motivated the meeting and will draft language for consideration for the Park & Recreation Board, and subsequently the City Commission to review.

## WOLVERINE WORLD WIDE

WWW is looking at a warehouse expansion at their present site and asked for review by the Planning Commission. Representatives from Rockford were at the meeting and were pleased with the supportive environment. Based on the preliminary comments, the drawings of the proposal will be completed for formal review and acceptance.

## EARTH DAY

This Saturday is Earth Day, sponsored by the Good Neighbors. The group would welcome all area residents to assist in this cleanup event. Drop by City Hall at 9:00 am Saturday. Coffee and doughnuts start the day, and prizes are awarded for the teams picking up the most trash.

## HOLLAND PARK

The park continues to be developed as a military memorial. A dedication is expected in July.

## MURAL

The Festival of the Arts annual contribution for public art this year was a mural which will be installed in May. Painting the side of the building which formerly housed the Hometown Pharmacy will be done next week by Ferris Volunteers.

## **CHARTER REVISION GROUP**

The Charter Revision group has met twice to review language to provide a better approach to making purchases which have unique circumstances and could make bidding costlier. A report is being recommended to the City Commission for acceptance. If a language change is approved, it would need to be submitted to the State Attorney General for legal acceptance.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

This past week, Firefighter Jeff Hull was formerly sworn in as a Captain at the City Commission Meeting on Monday. Andre Torres has formerly made it through his FTO process and has begun working on his own.

Officer Simone Smith and Detective Brian Miller finished two background investigations in the past couple of weeks. One for Police Officer hire Sean Kelly, who begins his FTO process on Monday. The second for Firefighter new hire Matthew Kidd, who begins in the next week.

In the past week, the Police Division responded to 80 calls for service. Of significance was a report of an assault/robbery that occurred at Clay Cliffs on Saturday evening. This is still under investigation.

In the past week, the Fire Division responded to 20 calls for service.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

### **Violations:**

(7) Blight	(1) Disabled Vehicles
(6) Parking	(10) Poly-cart Placement
(2) Property Maintenance	(26) Signs
(18) Yard Waste	

### **DIAL-A-RIDE –**

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

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

**784** (\$1.00 Fare) - Seniors (106) and Disabled (678) passengers of which 156 used the wheelchair lift to board

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

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

**74** 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.

**2,574** 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.

**4,139** Total Passengers

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

### **STREETS & PARKS –**

#### **Safety Topic: “Working Alone”**

- Worked on the Rock Garden at Mitchell Creek
- Repairing toilets at Holland Park
- Brined streets
- Reading meters
- Hauled the hook from the Hanchett demolition job to Hanchett's
- Blackdirted and seeded 3 water services on Woodward
- Picked up limb on 400 block of Winter
- Dug out retention basin in Hemlock Park
- Hauled and set up tables and umbrellas downtown
- Sweeping streets
- Filled potholes
- Trimmed branch on Osceola St
- Hauled mulch for school
- Checked and jetted sewers per normal daily and call ins
- Picked up trash downtown and in parks

### **MOTOR POOL –**

- Staff vehicles & Miscellaneous Equipment:
  - 106 dump truck, replaced steering gear box
  - 211 pickup truck, replaced both battery's
  - 208 pickup truck, replaced water pump
  - Serviced 5 pickup trucks
  - 315 crack sealer, serviced and cleaned burner
  - Serviced John Deere gator
- Busses:
  - 903 rebuilt wheelchair lift, lift cylinders
  - 904 serviced and performed a safety inspection, replaced parking brake cables and band, replaced exhaust filter and muffler clamp
  - 905 performed a grease service and replaced wheelchair lift barrier switch
  - 906 replaced rear tires

- Police Cars:
  - 408 police car, replaced front brake pads and rotors, and both front wheel
  - 402 police car, serviced and did a 4-wheel brake job

**MAIN MAINTENANCE -**

- MISS Digs
- Miscellaneous reads

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