

# MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

**August 19, 2016**

## **STOP SIGNS**

After meetings with neighborhoods and Ferris, the commission adopted the traffic order to make Magnolia and Ives a 4-way stop. Advance notice will be highlighted by 'stop ahead' signs and flags on top the sign posts. Trees on either side of the streets have been removed to create better line of sight. Signs will be erected today to complete this project.

## **POOL**

Funds have been forwarded to B and B Pools for the marcite project. Scheduling is being made for work to begin next week.

## **LIBRARY**

Kelly Frisbie is resigning as Assistant Director of the Community Library. She was a wonderful upbeat addition who added much to the City. We will be revisiting the past employment list and advertising for services once again.

## **DART DRIVERS**

The City continues to struggle to find drivers for the part time bus service. Drivers work a maximum of 30 hours a week for a pay of \$12.32 an hour. Today folks tend to want health benefits not just supplemental income. If anyone knows individuals who might be interested in this work, please refer them to Dawn Fuller at the DART office or Melissa Hauger in Human Resources.

## **FIRE NEGOTIATIONS**

The Fire union and City staff continue to inch closer to an agreement for the next four years. There seem to be two issues to resolve in order to encourage ratification by both the Unit and Commission. Meetings are scheduled for the upcoming week.

## **DEQ REGULATIONS**

The DEQ visited the City to discuss expansion possibilities and expressed concern with the condition that the City and University both maintain distribution systems dependent on each other without a written agreement between the parties. They have provided a template document between Grand Valley and Allendale Township for us to review. The University, in meetings has expressed a most cooperative approach to this issue. A goal has been set to have additional discussions and a tentative document by December this year.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

In the past week the Police Division responded to 87 calls for service. There was nothing of significance to report. A good number of these complaints continue to be assists and accidents.

The Fire Division responded to 25 calls for service over the past week.

The first class of the Citizen Police Academy concluded Thursday evening. This past week the class learned about the mounted division, the marine patrol division, forensically interviewing children, firearms and defensive tactics.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

### **Violations:**

- (7) Blight
- (1) Disabled Vehicles
- (2) Furniture
- (4) Garbage & Rubbish
- (8) Grass & Weeds
- (4) Parking
- (2) Permits
- (1) Recreational Vehicles
- (20) Signs
- (1) Swimming Pools
- (4) Yard Waste

## PARKS & RECREATION

- Fall programs are currently being planned and will be posted for the water bill in September along with the school flyers.
- Attended the Back to the Bricks Meeting with the Chamber and CVB to consider offering this program in 2017.
- Planned and coordinated with others the City Employee Picnic
- Next week, will inspect all County parks.

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