

MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

APRIL 13, 2017

GOOD FRIDAY

City Hall is closed for Good Friday and will reopen for normal business on Monday, April 17th.

STREET SWEEPING

Street Sweeping started this week and will continue for the next few weeks until the streets and parking lots are clean.

ROGER SCHNEIDT - THANK YOU

Thank you to Roger Schneidt for his many years of dedicated service to the City. Rogers knowledge, work ethic, attention to detail and sense of humor will be missed by all.

SKATE PARK COMMITTEE

The Committee that is working on the development of a skate park will have the first meeting with their chosen consultant, Grindline, on Tuesday April 18th at 3:30 p.m. in the City Commission Conference Room.

GRANT FUNDS FOR CLAY CLIFFS PARK

Julie Chamberlain of the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly, has secured additional grant funding for Clay Cliffs Park in the amount of \$1,700 to be used for planting of native flowers and grasses. The grant is from Cargill.

LIBRARY

The Library is taking part in the Red Fox "Market Day" on Saturday, April 22nd. This event will include speakers and demonstrations by local growers & other farming organizations. Join the folks downtown at the Red Fox Market where activities and information will take place inside the market, as well as outside on the sidewalk (weather permitting). A few topics that will be available is to learn or take part in a cottage food sale, mushroom cultivation and Community Gardens of Big Rapids.

Please remember to mark your calendar for "Money Smart Week Activities" at the library, April 22-29. Something for the little ones as well as adults.

The Children's Expo is Saturday, April 29th and the library will be there -- involved in activities and presentations.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- In the past week, the Police Division responded to 66 calls for service. None of these were significant in nature.
- Work continues on the renovation of the squad room. Once complete, it will look very nice.
- In the past week, the Fire Division ran 16 calls for service.
- Over the past week, firefighters on shift continued preplanning walkthroughs of the Science Building on the FSU campus.
- Firefighters Sean Wethington, Matt Kidd, and Jason Cornell taught CPR on Wednesday at the DPS building.

CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Violations:

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| (12) Blight | (4) Disabled Vehicles |
| (2) Furniture | (3) Garbage & Rubbish |
| (5) Parking | (8) Poly-cart Placement |
| (3) Property Maintenance | (1) Recreational Vehicles |
| (9) Signs | (1) Uninhabitable Dwellings |
| (3) Yard Waste | |

PARKS AND RECREATION

- Girls on the Run practices began this week at participating schools. Late registration ends April 21st.
- Planning for the Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday, April 29th continues (flyer attached).
- Tennis in the Park was cancelled again this week due to weather and the holiday weekend. The program will officially begin on Tuesday, April 18th.

PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES

DIAL-A-RIDE

216 Adult Riders - (\$2.00 Fare)

396 Children Riders - (\$1.00 Fare)

951 (\$1.00 Fare) - Seniors (68) and Disabled (883) passengers of which 232 used the wheelchair lift to board

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

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

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

2,400 Ferris Shuttle Bus – Free rides to anyone on Campus, The new route has eight stops on campus: East Campus Mailbox, Lot 28, Allied Health, Campus Community Center, Lot 4, Rock Cafe', Arts and Science, 7:30 am -7:00 pm

4,133 Total Passengers

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

DPW: STREETS

- Cleaned drains
- Picked up limbs
- Filled potholes
- Worked on Win Kellum dugouts
- Disconnected 3 old water services on Rust Avenue
- Graded alleys
- Delivered mulch to the gardens
- Repaired catch basin behind the old post office
- Removed & stored all the yellow warning posts on 131 and Perry Avenue
- Checked and jetted sewers per normal daily and call ins

DPW: PARKS

- Opened the park restrooms
- Picked up trash downtown and in parks
- Cleaning and maintaining City Hall and park public restrooms

MAIN MAINTENANCE

- MISS Digs

WATER PLANT

Safety topic: “Biohazards and Worker Safety”

- Checked generators.
- Ran customer samples.
- Mopped main hallway and lab floors, and put a coat of wax on the lab floor.
- Worked on our applied sample pump. The impeller failed and caused motor to overheat and trip breaker. Removed the pump and ordered parts.
- Repaired some leaks in the pilot system of the booster pumps at state street booster station.

- Worked with Jay Norris fixing the SCADA program to accurately record the water level in the Ferris tower.
- Worked on the plumbing for the new R.O. unit in the lab. The new unit is set to ship on the 27th.
- Continued training new staff members.

Mark Gifford
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