

# MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

**AUGUST 4, 2017**

## **POOL CLOSING FOR THE SEASON**

The Pool will close for the season on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **MICHIGAN AND RUST AVENUE PROJECTS**

Construction on both Michigan Avenue and Rust Avenue is scheduled to be completed by August 18<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

## **ALL CITY YARD SALE**

The All City Yard Sale will be August 11<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Farmers Market from 8-2.

## **NORTHEND PARK GEESE**

Northend Park has been added to the list of city parks where efforts are underway to deter geese with the use of Border Collies.

## **LIBRARY**

Movie in the Library Park, Friday, 8/4, 8:30 pm – “The Little Princess”. When’s the last time anyone saw the 1939 Shirley Temple movie? Should be fun.

Summer Reading Program – Build a Better World, is winding down. Kids excitedly come in daily to claim prizes and to collect their 3-D printer-made items too. Final week of logging summer reading minutes; you can track minutes through August 11<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be awarded and the drawing for the grand prizes will follow that.

Thursday, 8/10, “Water Bath Canning How-To” takes place at the MSU Extension Office from 4-6 pm. Registration required and there is a \$10 fee. Please call 989-317-4079.

Inaugural year of the Big Rapids Community Gardens at the Library Park has only 3 plots, but have you seen the vegetables and flowers that are flourishing? We are expecting the addition of several more plots next year and this area in the park seems to be excellent for these gardens.

Mark Your Calendars: The Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale is coming up Labor Day Weekend. Friday (9-5:30), Saturday (9-2:30) at the Library Park; Monday at Hemlock Park, from 10-4.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- In the past week, the Police Division responded to 92 calls for service. There were no real calls of significance to report.
- In the past week, the Fire Division responded to 10 calls for service.
- On Tuesday, the department hosted National Night Out, a national crime prevention/awareness evening held throughout the country. It was a very nice evening and was well attended.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

### **Violations:**

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| (4) Animals              | (8) Blight             |
| (2) Disabled Vehicles    | (7) Furniture          |
| (13) Garbage & Rubbish   | (8) Grass & Weeds      |
| (1) Permits              | (4) Polycart Placement |
| (1) Property Maintenance | (7) Signs              |
| (1) Yard Waste           |                        |

## **RECREATION**

- The Farmers Market Anniversary Celebration was held from 10-12 at the market this past Friday, August 4th.
- Participated in the 14th National Night Out at the Department of Public Safety.
- Concerts at the bandshell continue every Wednesday evening at 7pm.

## **PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES**

### **DIAL-A-RIDE**

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

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

**634** (\$1.00 Fare) - Seniors (67) and Disabled (567) passengers of which 194 used the wheelchair lift to board

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

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

**NO** Safe Riders – Done for the summer, will start back up in September. Free rides from local establishments to anyone in the community on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights 12:00am to 2:30am.

**NO** Ferris Shuttle Bus – East Campus Mailbox, Lot 28, Allied Health, Campus Community Center, Lot 4, Rock Cafe', Arts and Science, 7:30am -7:00pm

**1,191** Total Passengers

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

**DPW: STREETS**

- Worked on Clark St watermain, installing valves and pipe; also installed a new fire hydrant
- Swept downtown
- Removed deceased animals from roadways
- Checked and jetted sewers per normal daily and call ins
- Set out Farmers Market cones and signs, Tuesday and Friday

**DPW: PARKS**

- Prepped ball fields for games
- Took supplies to Public Safety for National Night Out event
- Painted gate at Northend Riverside Park
- Watered and maintained flowers
- Continued spraying for weeds
- Trimmed bushes at Northend Riverside Park
- Mowed and weed whipped parks, downtown and ballfields
- Picked up trash downtown and in parks
- Opened, cleaned and maintained City Hall and park public restrooms daily

**MAIN MAINTENANCE**

- MISS Digs
- Shut offs/ons
- Meter reads, rereads, final reads

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