

# THE SAGINAW MARK



June - July 2009

The Saginaw Mark, City of Saginaw Employee Newsletter

Published by Information Services, Saginaw City Hall, 1315 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601

## What Do Firefighters Do?

What do firefighters do when they aren't actually fighting fires? This question is raised often and, unfortunately, there are many misconceptions in the general public as to what the answer is. Many think firefighters sit around, watch television, play cards or sleep when they aren't fighting a fire. They couldn't be more wrong. Firefighters do so many other things that it's difficult to know where to begin.

Housecleaning – every day each station is cleaned. Trash is emptied, carpeting is vacuumed, floors are swept and mopped, bathrooms are cleaned. At least once a week the rigs are moved outside and the apparatus floor is swept and scrubbed.

Maintenance – building, grounds, equipment and apparatus maintenance is done. If something breaks down, firefighters will repair it themselves when they can (such as lawnmowers and power tools). They also maintain the grounds around the stations – cutting the grass, trimming and weed whacking, picking up trash, leaf blowing and/or raking. Those huge fire engines and fire trucks cannot be just run through a car wash – they have to be washed by hand whenever they need it (which is almost daily). Another reason they are washed by hand is to check for loose or damaged parts that could create problems at a fire scene. Fire hose that is used on the rigs needs to be scrubbed down after it is used and hung up to dry in the tower. The turnout gear that firefighters wear has to be cleaned and dried. Brass is polished and windows are washed. Household and cleaning supplies are maintained.

Training – sessions are held at least weekly on various subjects. Last year over 250 hours was spent in training per firefighter. Walk throughs and pre-plans are done on commercial buildings so that if there is a fire, they know what they are going in to. Firefighters also train other departments of the City of Saginaw such as Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment in confined space rescue and the use of self-contained breathing apparatus for working in hazardous environments.

Tours are conducted and safety lessons are taught to children of all ages. Sometimes they come with just their parents and sometimes they come by the bus load. Our firefighters teach them what starts fires and how to safely get out of one. They don full turnout gear and teach the children not to fear them if they encounter them at a fire, but to go with them to get out safely.

Our firefighters days don't end when they're off duty either. Many of them mentor school children in reading and math, or participate in parades or other city events. They are one of the largest groups of volunteers in this city. They also volunteer to become members of various committees within the department such as the Awards committee, the SOG (Standard Operating Guidelines) committee that reviews and updates the guidelines for the department, or the Honor Guard.

### Inside

Hires & Promotions	2
Farmers' Market	2
Friday Night Live	2
AEC Happenings	3
Saginaw Zoo	4
Zoo continued...	5
Calendar	6

I could go on, but I think you get the picture. Our firefighters do so much for us, they deserve our honor and respect. So when someone asks, "what do firefighters do when they aren't fighting fires?" now you'll have some answers.

### Announcements

City of Saginaw Offices  
will be **CLOSED...**

**Friday, July 3rd**  
in observance of  
Independence Day

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE**  
begins Friday, July 10th  
and continues every  
Friday night through  
August 14th

## **City Hires and Promotions**

### ***New Hires***

The City of Saginaw welcomes the following full-time employee:

**Reboykin A. Fair, Operating Foreman, Water Treatment** – Ken majored in Chemistry at Michigan State University and brings over 7 years experience with the East Lansing Meridian Water Authority. He possesses both F-2 and S-4 licensing from the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

## **Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market**

**Regular Market Opens Wednesday, May 27**

The **Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market** strives to provide you with the best FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES in the Saginaw area! The Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market also features prepared lunches and baked goods for dessert, home-grown honey, home-made soaps and candles, and many more wonderful locally grown and made products.

**The Market's Hours of Operation:**

**Monday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Saturday (July 11 thru October 31) 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



## **PRIDE'S Friday Night Live**

**Morley Plaza**

July 10th Classic Rock  
July 17th Country Rock  
July 24th Latin

**Downtown Saginaw**  
**Every Friday Night**  
**July 10 - August 14**  
**5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

July 31st Swing Night  
August 7th Family Night  
August 14th Motown

FREE Entertainment

FOOD Vendors

FUN Children's Games

## **Congratulations Janice!**

We want to offer congratulations and kudos to **Janice Hoffman, Equipment and Safety Specialist at the Wastewater Treatment Division**, for recently achieving Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Association's Training Institute Level 1 graduation. Graduation from this program required Jan to attend safety training classes and conferences to earn continuing education units. She worked diligently to earn this recognition in safety training. She received her graduation certificate at the Michigan Safety Conference, April 8, 2009 in Grand Rapids.

## 5th Annual Art & Garden Festival

### Mark your calendar now to attend Saginaw County's biggest garden event

The Andersen Enrichment Center is busy planning Saginaw County's biggest garden event of the summer - **5th Annual Art & Garden Festival**. This event will take place on Wednesday **June 10, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** at the Andersen Enrichment Center and adjoining Lucille Andersen Memorial Rose Garden, 120 Ezra Rust, Saginaw. Mark your calendar now to attend! **Admission is Free**.

The Art & Garden Festival, an all day art and gardening event, will draw visitors from throughout the state who are interested in the "art" of gardening and will feature an art fair, demonstrations, family activities, art and garden vendors, a silent auction and our famous strawberry shortcake!

**Demonstrations and presentations** will cover topics including hosta and shade gardening, backyard composting and community gardening.

**Sweets and treats** including donuts, cookies, and cider slurpies will be offered by area vendors. Lunch will be available for purchase, including sandwiches and fresh strawberry shortcake.

**Art & Garden Festival Vendors** will sell original art including painted glassware, custom floral lampshades, pottery, and many other items for home and garden. Don't miss this opportunity to visit with Master Gardeners, The Rose Society of Saginaw, Women's National Farm and Garden Club, and the Hosta Society.

A **silent auction** will be held featuring plants, garden tools and other great home and garden merchandise donated by local businesses. All proceeds will benefit the care and maintenance of the Lucille Andersen Memorial Rose Garden.

This year's festival will be one of the first events kicking off **Saginaw Celebrates Summer**. Sponsored by Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation, this eight week collaboration will celebrate the arts, nature and humanities with events for the entire family to enjoy.

For further information about the Art & Garden Festival, please contact Lisa Hall at (989) 759-1362 ext. 221.

## Jazz in the Garden

### Great Jazz Entertainment for the Whole Family to Enjoy!

The Andersen Enrichment Center will host its annual summer concert series, "**Jazz in the Garden**" which will be held in the Lucille E. Andersen Memorial Garden on four consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning July 8<sup>th</sup>. The lineup of entertainment includes **Brush Street featuring Julie Mulady** for the first concert on July 8<sup>th</sup>. On July 15, **The New Reformation Jazz Band** will perform. Returning for a second year is **GT Jam** performing on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and the series will conclude with **The Saucecats** on July 29<sup>th</sup>. All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. and are FREE to the general public.

The Lucille E. Andersen Memorial Garden is located behind the Andersen Enrichment Center, 120 Ezra Rust Drive in Saginaw's Celebration Square. Bring your own chair and relax and enjoy the concerts. In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be held at Pit and Balcony Theater, 805 North Hamilton Street.

This concert series has been made possible with the support of the Saginaw Arts and Enrichment Commission, Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation and MacDonald Broadcasting Company. For more information regarding the "**Jazz in the Garden**" concert series, please call Lisa Hall at (989) 759-1362 ext. 221.

# Children's Zoo Calendar of Events

*All events are regular admission unless otherwise noted*

## **Senior Day** Wednesday, June 3

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Seniors, enter the Zoo for free (age 65+).

Regular admission: \$7 per person, adults and children, everyone age 1 and up; Train and Carousel \$2 per person, per ride; Zoo Members enter and ride free.

## **Thrifty Tuesdays** Every Tuesday, All Summer!

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Half-price admission every Tuesday, all summer long, June 9 – August 25! Zoo Members enter free!

Half-price admission: \$3.50 per person, adults and children, everyone age 1 and up; Train and Carousel \$2 per person, per ride; Zoo Members enter and ride free.

## **Breakfast with the Animals** Saturday, June 13

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Loosen your belt and get ready for our all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast, and learn about the foods that make our animals rise and shine each day! Ticket price includes Zoo admission, breakfast, train and carousel rides.

Advance tickets recommended; \$8, \$5 Zoo Members; call (989) 759-1408.

## **Zookeeper Challenge** Saturday, June 13

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Kids, match your skills against our keepers in a raking contest, simulated animal restraint, an animal trivia game and more!

Regular admission: \$7 per person, adults and children, everyone age 1 and up; Train and Carousel \$2 per person, per ride; Zoo Members enter and ride free.

## **Father's Day** Sunday, June 14

Noon – 5:00 p.m.

Dad, spend your special day at the Zoo and get in free!

Regular admission, Members and Dads free.

Regular admission: \$7 per person, adults and children, everyone age 1 and up; Train and Carousel \$2 per person, per ride; Zoo Members enter and ride free.

## **DEAR at the Zoo (Drop Everything and Read)** Wednesday, June 17

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Activities and booths promoting family reading and storytelling. Every child receives a free book. Presented by READ Association, area organizations and businesses.

Regular admission: \$7 per person, adults and children, everyone age 1 and up; Train and Carousel \$2 per person, per ride; Zoo Members enter and ride free.

## **Fun on the Farm** Wednesday, June 24

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Come spend time with the cows, sheep and friends from area agricultural industries to learn about how our food and so much more comes from plants and animals down on the farm!

Regular admission: \$7 per person, adults and children, everyone age 1 and up; Train and Carousel \$2 per person, per ride; Zoo Members enter and ride free.

***Zoo Events continued on next page...***

## Children's Zoo Events Continued

### **Animal Activity Day** Saturday, June 27

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Animal health is about so much more than basic food and shelter. Come see our many different animals enjoy the toys and treats we create to enhance their day-to-day lives. It's called Animal Enrichment and it's fascinating!

Regular admission: \$7 per person, adults and children, everyone age 1 and up; Train and Carousel \$2 per person, per ride; Zoo Members enter and ride free.

### **Senior Day** Wednesday, July 1

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Seniors, enter the Zoo for free (age 65+).

Regular admission: \$7 per person, adults and children, everyone age 1 and up; Train and Carousel \$2 per person, per ride; Zoo Members enter and ride free.

### **ZOOsical with the Saginaw Eddy Band** Sunday, July 12

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Gate opens at 6:00 p.m.

Bring your own lawnchairs for an evening of great music with the Saginaw Eddy Concert Band.

FREE Admission, Train and Carousel \$2.00 per person, per ride. Zoo Members ride free!

### **Reptile Slither** Saturday, July 18

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Learn about crawling, creeping critters at special shows featuring a variety of reptiles; find out about reptile handling and care from zookeepers and special guests from the Michigan Society of Herpetologists!

Regular admission: \$7 per person, adults and children, everyone age 1 and up; Train and Carousel \$2 per person, per ride; Zoo Members enter and ride free.

### **Birds, Bugs, Butterflies & Blooms** Saturday, July 25

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Garden day at the Zoo with special presentations and activities. Vote for your favorite Adopt-a-Garden, too!

Regular admission: \$7 per person, adults and children, everyone age 1 and up; Train and Carousel \$2 per person, per ride; Zoo Members enter and ride free.

### **Ice Cream Zoofari** Tuesday, July 28

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ice cream lovers rejoice! Make your own all-you-can-eat ice cream sundae and top it with your favorite treats. Ticket price includes Zoo admission, ice cream, train and carousel rides. Advance tickets recommended. \$8, \$5 Zoo Members.

*Please note: Thrifty Tuesday admission price is 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

[www.saginawzoo.com](http://www.saginawzoo.com)

### **Reminder:**

The deadline for submitting items for the  
**August - September** edition of  
*The Saginaw Mark*  
is **July 22**.

	1 Saginaw City Council	2	3 Jazz on Jefferson Zoning Board of Appeals	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Art & Garden Festival Andersen Enrichment Center	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15 Saginaw City Council	16 Riverfront Development Commission	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day 1st Day of Summer	22	23 Downtown Development Authority Planning Commission	24	25 Historic District Commission	26	27
28	29 Saginaw City Council	30	<b>June 2009</b>			

<b>July 2009</b>			1 Zoning Board of Appeals	2	3 City Offices CLOSED	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8 Jazz in the Garden	9	10 Friday Night Live	11
12	13 Saginaw City Council	14	15 Jazz in the Garden	16	17 Friday Night Live	18
19	20	21 Riverfront Development Commission	22 Deadline for August - Sept. The Mark Jazz in the Garden	23 Historic District Commission	24 Friday Night Live	25
26	27 Saginaw City Council	28 Downtown Development Authority Planning Commission	29 Jazz in the Garden	30	31 Friday Night Live	