

# Employee Newsletter

APRIL/MAY 2013



## *From the Desk of the City Manager*

Sometimes those things which are right in front of us on a daily basis become so routine and familiar that we don't notice them anymore. Such can be the case with Economic Development, and the companies and businesses that are growing and prospering within our City. Their success creates a momentum and synergy in the community positively affecting other businesses; as is the case with AT&T's recent addition of over 200 employees to their downtown facility.

Over the past year there have been many developments in Downtown Saginaw that includes the Central City area, Celebration Square, and Old Town. Many additional upgrades are being planned for the future as well.

There are so many success stories that do not garner mainstream media attention and therefore go unnoticed by the majority. Recently, the Mayor, City Council and staff were invited to tour Merrill Technologies to see first-hand the investment and success of their operations. This is one of many prospering businesses committed to the City of Saginaw and investing in its future.

Additional success stories this year include Duperon Corporation, who recently held its grand opening after consolidating its manufacturing, design and headquarters at 1200 Leon Scott. Fullerton Tool Company continues to work with the City of Saginaw on its expansion project that required road acquisition adjacent to the company's facility, and anticipates beginning construction in mid-summer. TSSF Architects, Inc. purchased 122 N. Washington Avenue, which is a historical building it had been leasing, and will renovate its offices and add lofts.

There are times we can forget the progress that has been made. One such example is Washington Avenue. The City has benefited from planned improvements to the Washington Avenue corridor, which has been made possible and implemented through private investment and public funds.

I encourage you to be a part of the revitalization of Saginaw through buying locally or seeking services from providers within the City. Other ways to support the City include joining the efforts of one of the many organized groups who beautify city parks and common areas. Together we can make Saginaw a better place to live, work, and play.

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# THE GREEN "MARK"ER



News from  
the Green Team

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Go Green Celebration "It's Not Just Paper and Plastic"

Tuesday, April 23, 2013  
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
Saginaw City Hall Council Chambers

### Participants and Topics will include:

Iris Waste Diversion	Community Prescription Support Program
Mid-Michigan Waste Authority	(Prescription Disposal)
Batteries Plus	Hard Drive and Electronic Removal
Saginaw County Health Dept.	Trees for the Tri-Cities
(Light Bulb and Mercury Disposal)	

### Free Tree Seedlings to the first 50 attendees in celebration of Arbor Day

Special Thanks to Waste Management and Office Max

Door Prizes and Refreshments

Sponsored by **The Green Team** – Educate to Motivate

### IN OTHER NEWS:

You may find the 2013 Biweekly In-House Recycling Pick-Up Schedule on the Intranet.

The Green Team has a Mailbox! Please send any questions or comments via interoffice mail to 'The Green Team,' or you may contact your local member below.

Thank you for your survey responses last fall. We received some great suggestions and are working to improve the system.

### Green Team Members

Evelyn McGovern – x1662  
Jen Tafel – x1556

Linda Armintrout – x1475  
Amanda Kiel – x1646

Sherry Schoen – x1635  
Tyrone Harge – n/a

### CURRENT RECYCLING TOTALS:

In 2012, we recycled 27,320 lbs. of paper and 3,200 lbs. of plastic, cans and glass!!!

#### In 2012, we avoided the use of:

- 95,500 gallons of water
- 45 cubic yards of landfill space
- 41 barrels of oil
- 232 trees
- 54,600 kilowatts of electricity



We can double these totals for 2013. Make recycling a goal.

# 2013 Road Construction Season

Once again, it's almost road construction season. Orange barrels and detours will be appearing around the region and Saginaw has its share of local road projects lined up for this year. The 2013 season will involve a variety of projects including complete road reconstructions, water main replacements, road resurfacings, traffic signal improvements, and LED street lighting upgrades. While the outcome is always better in the end, dealing with road construction season can be a challenge. Below is a list of Saginaw's upcoming projects and the tentative construction dates to help you navigate the construction zones.

## Major projects include:

- Ezra Rust Boulevard– Court Street Bridge to Washington (M-13) – April 15 to August 9
- Fordney Street – Rust (M-46) to Ezra Rust – April 15 to August 9
- Harrison Street – W. Remington to Eleanor – July 1 to August 16
- Holden Street – Franklin to Washington (M-13) – May 13 to June 28
- Michigan Avenue – Remington to State (M-58) with more extensive work at W. Genesee – April 15 to September 27

## Resurfacing projects include:

- Benjamin Street– Union to State – May 13 to June 28
- Fayette Street – Holland to Remington – July 1 to August 16
- Harrison Street – Eleanor to Houghton – July 1 to August 16
- Holden Street – Franklin to Sheridan – May 13 to June 28



## Lighting upgrades:

- Hamilton Street – Van Buren to Court – July 8 to August 2

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## YMCA Partners with City



The YMCA of Saginaw was pleased to participate in the City of Saginaw's Health Fair on Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a terrific opportunity to connect with the community and also the employees of the City of Saginaw.

As a corporate partner with the City, we are pleased to offer you an opportunity for wellness with us. City employees do not have to pay annual or joining fees, just the YMCA's monthly membership fees. Please visit us for a tour, more information on membership, and a free pass for you and your family to enjoy our facility for a day. We welcome your inquiries at 753-7721!

# Downtown Development Authority Helping Move Saginaw Forward

Over the past year there have been many changes in Downtown Saginaw. Downtown Saginaw includes the Central City area, Celebration Square and Old Town. Many additional changes are being planned for the future as well. With the demolition of the hotel and International Center on Johnson Street, the Saginaw County Building Authority with SMG Management Group are in the process of raising funds and designing an outdoor pavilion that will complement The Dow Event Center. SMG Management is looking to host 8 to 9 outdoor concerts a year in addition to activities and festivals throughout the spring, summer and fall seasons.

Construction is nearing completion on the new Michigan Works! training center on Genesee Avenue. Construction is on track to be completed by June. At full capacity, there will be approximately 90 employees.

Team One Credit Union has recently purchased property from the DDA and the City on Genesee and Franklin to construct an ATM. The ATM should be installed this year. Michigan Photo has also purchased property from the DDA behind their building to create off-street parking and enhance the parking lot.

The Bancroft and Eddy projects are in full swing. Work has begun renovating the Eddy building, which consists of 30 one and two-bedroom apartment units. The apartments will be upgraded with wood floors, new appliances, granite kitchen counter tops and new light fixtures. The exterior of the Eddy building will be cleaned and repaired. Units are expected to be available in June. Work will start soon on the Bancroft building, which has 120 one-bedroom units. A new martini and wine bar has been signed as a tenant and additional tenants are being sought for both buildings. The project owners have purchased additional lots on Washington Avenue to expand parking for both the residential and commercial uses. Medwins Pharmacy has been purchased by a pharmacy group from Genesee County and will be relocating to the Commerce Center in April.

Several new projects are expected in Old Town in the next several months. March begins the monthly bar owners' specials with Martini, Wine, and Beer walks planned through August. The Hamilton Square apartments are leased at full capacity and a new face is expected for the commercial component of the project in the next several months. The Hamilton Street reconstruction project being handled by the City may impact access to businesses and parking over the next two years, but the City will work with the property owners to have as minimal impact as possible. The project will result in an upgraded street and streetscape that will benefit businesses and visitors.

The Riverfront Development Commission will be hosting their annual Spring Clean-up, which will focus on Celebration Square and the Japanese Garden area. Anyone interested in assisting on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. should contact Sue Seibel at 989-759-1776.



# Fire Department Receives Donations

The Saginaw Fire Department would like to give a big thumbs up to Detroit Red Wings center Henrik Zetterberg and to the Southfield Fire Department. Zetterberg matched monetary donations and the Southfield Fire Department donated 500 smoke detectors to the Saginaw Fire Department for the citizens of Saginaw. A special "Way To Go!" to our own Lt. Aileen Pettinger for traveling, securing and delivering the units. We appreciate your dedication to service.



## Take a Mental Health Day...Every Day

Emotional and mental health are just as important to overall health as physical health. And just as with physical health, you need to devote time and attention to your emotional and mental health every day.

### What does that look like?

- Connect with others.** Research suggests people who feel connected with others are happier and healthier – and may even live longer. Also, those who routinely help others typically experience less depression, are calmer, and suffer fewer pains.
- Be positive.** People who focus on the positive aspects in their lives tend to be less troubled by painful memories.
- Get physically active.** Exercise can relieve tense muscles, improve mood and sleep, and increase energy and strength.
- Get enough rest.** People who don't get enough sleep may face health risks, including weight gain, decreased memory, difficulty driving, and heart problems.
- Eat well.** Eating healthful foods at regular meals can increase energy, lower the risk of developing some diseases, and impact mood.
- Care for your spirit.** People with strong spiritual lives may be healthier and live longer. Spirituality may reduce stress, which can contribute to disease.

*Source: Mental Health America*

## April 24...Denim Day

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Child & Family Services is holding a fundraiser to benefit the Sexual Assault Center's Nurse Examiner Program. Show your support by contributing \$5.00 or a donation of your choice and wearing jeans/denim to work on April 24. Look for the Employee Services flyer about Denim Day.

### **Announcements**

- City of Saginaw Income Tax Returns are due on or before April 30th.
- City of Saginaw offices will be CLOSED May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.





# Employee Services

## Hires

**Anthony E. Folino, Utility Person I, Maintenance & Service** – Tony brings over 10 years experience with water and sewer line installation. He also brings experience in the operation of various excavation vehicles and equipment.

**ReBekka S. Hardy, Office Assistant III, Customer Accounting** – ReBekka holds an Associate Degree in Applied Science (Computer Support) from Davenport University. She brings over 5 years clerical experience. She joined the City as a temporary employee in 2011 and was hired as a part-time Skilled Clerical I employee in Maintenance & Service in January of 2012.

**Steven M. Nowiski, Utility Person I, Maintenance & Service** – Steven brings over 14 years of experience in underground utilities installation to include water, sewer and storm utilities, including operation of heavy equipment.

**Lisa G. Patton, Enterprise Analyst, Technical Services** – Lisa is completing her bachelor's degree in Business Management at Northwood University. She brings over 10 years experience in Information Services to include software training, data reporting, project management and implementation.

**Michael D. Snobeck, Plant Operator A, Water Treatment** – Mike has worked as a Plant Operator at various water treatment facilities in both Texas and Michigan since 1985. He most recently worked at the Bay Metro Water Treatment Plant in Bay City. He holds an F-3 license from the State of Michigan.

## Promotions



**Terry L. Carpenter to Police Lieutenant** – Terry holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University. He joined the Saginaw Police Department as a Police Officer in 1996 and was promoted to Police Sergeant in 2006.

**Leonard A. Doran to Plant Maintenance Supervisor, Wastewater Treatment** – Len served as an Electronics Technician with the United States Navy for 3 years. He joined the City of Saginaw as a Plant Maintenance Electrician in 1995 and was promoted to Electrical Maintenance Foreman in 2002. He has also worked as an Adjunct Instructor of Water/Wastewater Utility Electrical Maintenance at Delta College.

**Juanita A. Isquierdo to Office Assistant III, Treasury** – Juanita obtained her Associate Degree in Executive Secretarial Science from Great Lakes Junior College. She joined the Saginaw Police Department as an EDP Clerk in 1999. She also worked as an Office Assistant within the Office of the City Clerk and in Inspections. She most recently worked in the Saginaw Police Department as an Office Assistant II since 2003.

**Stephen L. Woodcock to Police Sergeant** – Stephen holds an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Suomi College in Hancock, Michigan. He joined the Saginaw Police Department as a Police Officer in 1998.

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21	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23 DDA Planning Commission	24 <i>Denim Day</i>	25 Historic District Commission	26	27
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26	27 <i>Memorial Day</i> City Offices CLOSED	28 DDA Planning Commission	29	30	31	