

# THIS IS **SAGINAW** **WE BUILD** **COMMUNITY**



Hello Saginaw. Welcome to the summer edition of our "This is Saginaw" newsletter. We hope you're able to take time during this season to get outside and enjoy the events and activities that make summer in Saginaw so special.

In this issue, we highlight the work that we are doing to build a stronger community and advance Saginaw progressively into the future. We are excited to shine a spotlight on the events taking place this summer and to recognize the employees and organizations that make Saginaw a great place to live, work, learn and play.

There are a lot of exciting things happening in the City of Saginaw. You can stay connected and up-to-date on the latest news and events! Sign up today at [www.saginaw-mi.com/newslettersignup](http://www.saginaw-mi.com/newslettersignup) and receive the latest press releases and newsletters from the City delivered right to your email. Visit [www.saginaw-mi.com/newslettersignup](http://www.saginaw-mi.com/newslettersignup) and sign up today!

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# American Rescue Plan Act and the Future of Saginaw

## Preparing For Next Steps in ARPA Funding

At the May 22 City Council meeting, David Sernick, Project Manager for Guidehouse, provided an update on the \$52 million in Federal funding that the City has received from the American Rescue Plan Act legislation. Sernick also provided a timeline in which City Council will award any remaining ARPA funds that may be available in the future. City Council approved a motion earlier in March to postpone the further award of unallocated ARPA dollars for a period of six months, delaying any further actions by council until mid-September.

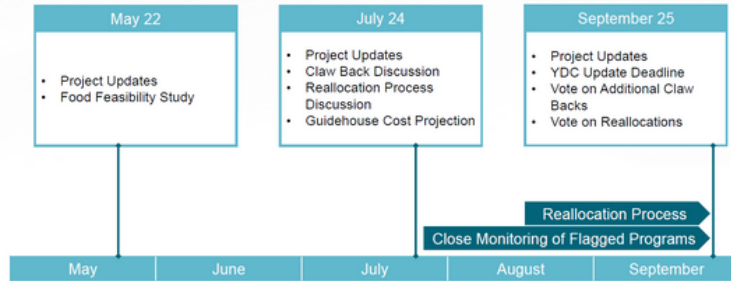
The next update from Guidehouse will be at the July 24 City Council meeting. At that time, Guidehouse will provide detailed project updates on all subrecipients of ARPA funding and begin initial discussions on any subrecipient programs that may need to be revised or pulled back.

Throughout the month of August and September, City Council will begin discussion on the reallocation of any remaining ARPA funds. The goal is to have all unallocated ARPA dollars reallocated as soon as possible to allow adequate time for all projects to be completed in accordance with the federal guidelines. All funds must be allocated by December 31, 2024, and all dollars must be spent by December 31, 2026.

Mayor Brenda F. Moore commented on the next steps in the ARPA funding process, "We as a council understood the importance of this ARPA funding. Now we have the critical task to make sure every ARPA dollar is being spent appropriately and invested in the programs, services, and infrastructure that will make the biggest difference in the quality of life for every single Saginaw resident, both now and in the future."

Visit the [City of Saginaw ARPA website](http://www.saginaw-mi.com/government/city_council/arpa.php) for additional information on ARPA funding  
[www.saginaw-mi.com/government/city\\_council/arpa.php](http://www.saginaw-mi.com/government/city_council/arpa.php)

### Timeline



## Subrecipient Status Updates

Project	Amount	Agreement
MSC (The Neighb)	\$2,399,550	Signed
WOC (YEARN)	\$2,166,000	Signed
YDC	\$1,331,150	On Hold
Saginaw CAC	\$1,250,000	Signed
First Ward	\$950,000	Signed
Boys & Girls Club	\$903,300	Signed
MAC	\$500,000	Signed
Houghton-Jones	\$400,000	Signed
Friends of Hoyt Park	\$280,000	Signed
Women of Colors	\$200,000	Signed
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$150,000	Signed
Public Libraries	\$20,000	Signed

## Additional Project Updates

Project	Amount	Status
Behavioral Health Clinic	\$5,000,000	In Progress
Home Repair Program	\$3,800,000	In Progress
Food Insecurity	\$2,000,000	In Progress
Saginaw Fairgrounds Demolition	\$1,275,000	In Progress
Environmental Investigation, Cleanup, and Blight	\$800,000	In Progress
Fire Apparatus	\$1,296,499	Complete
Premium COVID Pay	\$892,525	Complete





## American Rescue Plan Act and the Future of Saginaw

### Addressing Food Instability and Food Desert Challenges

Saginaw City Council is moving forward with their efforts to address food instability and food desert challenges in the City of Saginaw. Guidehouse has partnered with Public Policy Associates to complete a food feasibility study to provide initial observations on the feasibility of several grocery store business models, including a food co-op, a for-profit grocery store, and a food club. Anna Colby, Project Manager at Public Policy Associates, presented the findings from the feasibility study at the May 22 City Council Meeting. Later, at the May 22 meeting, Council approved conducting an expanded food feasibility study. This expanded study will reaffirm the goals of the project and also allow for community input to engage the community and receive feedback from residents to determine which grocery model they are most likely to use.

#### Food Retail Feasibility Study - Findings

- A food club – a member-based nonprofit grocery retail – is most likely to be feasible.
- A for-profit grocery has medium-feasibility with many remaining unknowns.
- A food co-op – a member-owned grocery retail – is least likely to be feasible.

#### Feasibility Findings

- A food club is most likely to increase food access, increase food security, and support healthy eating.
- A for-profit grocery or food co-op are likely to increase access to healthy foods but are less likely to increase food security or otherwise support healthy eating.

#### Alignment with Goals Findings

#### Food Retail Feasibility Study - Recommendation

##### Conduct Community-Input Process Around Grocery Model



Reaffirm the goals of the project



Engage the community, specifically potential customers/members through a survey and townhall(s) or roundtables with residents



Engage potential grocery operator/lead organization(s) through an RFP or targeted conversations

## ARPA Home Rehabilitation Continues

### Phase II--Roof Replacement Begins

The City of Saginaw kicked off the application process for Phase II-Roofs of the ARPA Home Rehabilitation Program on Saturday, April 22 and April 29 at City Hall. The ARPA Home Rehabilitation Program utilizes ARPA funds to provide home rehabilitation assistance on owner-occupied dwellings in the City of Saginaw. City Council approved the allocation of \$3.8 million in ARPA funds to improve residential properties on owner occupied dwellings, which would include furnaces, roofs and windows. Phase I-Furnaces was launched in December 2022. The City accepted over 600 applications during Phase II of the Home Rehabilitation Program. Applications were accepted from April 22 through April 29. The City is now reviewing applications for roof replacements and has begun the inspection process on several homes who qualify for the roof replacement.

Yolanda M. Bland, Director of the Office of Management and Budget/Community Services, commented on the program, "This is a very exciting time for the residents of Saginaw as we move into Phase II of the Home Rehabilitation Program. The Saginaw Home Rehabilitation Team has a wide range of experience working with residents and administering basic needs assistance programs. We look forward to continuing the rehabilitation program and assisting our residents with this critical need."

For more information on the ARPA Home Rehabilitation Program, please contact us at:  
989-577-0184

or

Email: [ARPASERVICE@Saginaw-mi.com](mailto:ARPASERVICE@Saginaw-mi.com)



Open Application Events were held at City Hall on April 22 and April 29 to assist citizens with Phase II-Roofs

### DOES YOUR ROOF LEAK?

### IS YOUR ROOF MORE THAN 20 YEARS OLD?

ARPA has funded the Saginaw Home Rehabilitation Roof Program.

**To Qualify, applicant(s):**

- Must be a City of Saginaw resident.
- Must prove they are the owner and occupant of the single family house for at least 1 year. **Identification and copy of Consumers Energy bill is required.**
- Must fall below ARPA Household Income Limits. **Documentation of income required.**
- Be current on water bill and all property taxes or have completed MIHAF application ([www.mihaf.michigan.gov](http://www.mihaf.michigan.gov))

**WHERE?**  
Saginaw City Hall Council Chambers  
1315 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, Michigan 48601  
989.577.0184

If special accommodations are needed call 989.577.0184 for an appointment April 24 - April 28

**ARPA Household Income Limits**  
(Annual amounts are 50% of Federal Poverty Guidelines as determined by the U.S. Department of HHS and are subject to change.)

FY 2023 Income Limits (Household Size)	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
Income Limits (\$100%)	\$13,740/yr	\$19,100/yr	\$24,580/yr	\$30,000/yr	\$35,420/yr	\$40,840/yr	\$46,260/yr	\$51,680/yr
Income Limits (300%)	\$41,220/yr	\$57,300/yr	\$73,740/yr	\$90,000/yr	\$106,260/yr	\$122,520/yr	\$138,780/yr	\$155,040/yr



# Team Up to Clean Up

On May 13, the Inspections Division and members of City Council and Riverfront Development Commission hosted the 3rd Annual "Team Up to Clean Up" event. The citywide event was an effort to clean up litter and debris in various locations throughout the City and allowed residents, neighborhood groups, and local community organizations to join together to help beautify the city. Mayor Brenda F. Moore, who helped plan and organize the event, stressed the importance of this initiative, "We have such a beautiful city and it breaks my heart when I see litter and debris in our streets and neighborhoods. We all need to come together to get our city back to where it should be. We hope this event has made a difference in our community and prompts everyone to take greater pride and responsibility for their neighborhoods."



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**Mayor  
Brenda F. Moore**



## COUNCIL CONNECTION

Scenes of City Council Members Connecting with the Community



Mayor Moore honored as Grand Marshall of the 2023 Juneteenth Parade Celebration



Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Boensch, and Councilman Ostash team up with State Representative Amos O'Neal and members of our community during the 2023 Team Up to Clean Up Event.



Council helped celebrate the kick off to Light Up the City 2023 at Ojibway Island



Council Members take time before each meeting to meet the students in attendance.



Councilmembers Copeland and Lamar-Silva walked every step of the 2023 Memorial Day Parade

Want to contact a Council Member?  
View City Council emails at [www.saginaw-mi.com/i\\_want\\_to/connect/index](http://www.saginaw-mi.com/i_want_to/connect/index)

## Recognition of Saginaw Leadership

### Mayor Moore Awarded Delta College 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award

Mayor Brenda F. Moore received the 2023 Delta College Distinguished Alumni Award presented during the President's Circle Dinner. Mayor Moore received this award in recognition of her service, career distinction, and professional achievement. Mayor Moore is a 1987 graduate of Delta College, where she received an associate degree in liberal arts. Mayor Moore called Delta her "anchor" and acknowledged the impact of the late Willie E. Thompson, former vice president of Delta College Student and Educational Services, throughout her academic journey.

"I'm thankful. I'm grateful," Mayor Moore said. "Delta taught me early on that the sky is the limit."

Congratulations, Mayor Moore!!



Mayor Brenda F. Moore  
Delta College  
2023 Distinguished Alumni Award Winner

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Mayor Brenda F. Moore



## The Heart of the City

Recognizing The Trailblazers In Our  
Community



Congratulations to City Manager Tim Morales for receiving the Michigan Banner's Community Service Award at the 5th Annual Heart of the City Awards Banquet held on June 9, 2023. The awards banquet recognizes the people who have demonstrated excellence in leadership through deep local understanding and outstanding initiative, and pays tribute to the local trailblazers and businesses who have made significant contributions to the Great Lakes Bay Region. The Community Service Award was established to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to our community through their time, actions, talents, and dedication. Congratulations, Tim, on this well-deserved recognition!!!



City Manager Tim Morales  
Michigan Banner's  
Heart of the City  
2023 Community Service Award Winner



## Neighborhood Recognition Program Returns for 2023 Recognizing Saginaw's Best Kept Yards

Saginaw's S.C.E.N.I.C. Division is ready for another successful Neighborhood Recognition Award program for 2023. The City is now accepting nominations and looking forward to even more beautiful lawns and landscaping for 2023!

The Neighborhood Recognition Awards are intended to thank those residents and business owners who take pride in their properties and care about the look of their neighborhood. One award from each Neighborhood Quadrant will be selected for June, July, and August. Monthly winners will be notified by the City of Saginaw S.C.E.N.I.C. Division. Monthly winners will receive a recognition certificate and a yard sign to display in their yard. One grand prize winner will be chosen from the monthly winners and announced at the September Neighborhood Association Action Group meeting.

Scott Nizinski, Code Enforcement Inspector, who helped develop the program in 2018, is proud of the impact the program has made throughout the city, "The contest is a way to recognize those properties that are well-maintained and a bright spot in their neighborhoods. This program recognizes exceptional work and acknowledges those residents that help make Saginaw beautiful."

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Scott Nizinski,  
Code Enforcement  
Inspector

To Nominate a City of  
Saginaw Property  
visit  
[https://www.saginaw-  
mi.com/scenic/index.php](https://www.saginaw-mi.com/scenic/index.php)

### SCENIC 2023 Saginaw Neighborhood Recognition Award

June  
Winners



### City Welcomes New Director of Planning and Economic Development

We would like to welcome Cassi Zimmerman, who has joined the City of Saginaw team as the new Director of Planning and Economic Development. In this role, Cassi will oversee small business development and outreach, placemaking, planning and zoning, and neighborhood interaction for the City.

Cassi previously worked as the Business Development Manager at Saginaw Future, Inc. for 5 1/2 years with a focus on economic development activities in the City of Saginaw while also working on various activities throughout Saginaw County. She has a bachelor's degree in urban planning and development and a master's degree in public administration. Cassi serves on several boards and organizations in the area, including the Great Mural Project, Saginaw Career Complex: Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee, Saginaw County Land Bank Board, Hemlock Semiconductor Community Advisory Panel, and participated in Saginaw County Leadership Class of 2020. Welcome to the team, Cassi!



Cassi Zimmerman  
Director of Planning and  
Economic Development

## Honoring our Native American History

### Native American Land Acknowledgement Marker Approved for Ojibway Island

At the June 5 City Council Meeting, council approved the acceptance of the donation of the Native American Land Acknowledgement Marker for Ojibway Island. The donation comes from Saginaw Valley State University who has worked on the creation of the marker since 2020 in collaboration with the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum and several other organizations, including Art Bridges Foundation, Ziibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture and Lifeways, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, and the Ojibway project. The purpose of land acknowledgement marker is to bring increased awareness of the history of the indigenous peoples whose land the City of Saginaw now resides on. The ultimate goal of this project is to educate park visitors of all ages on the Anishabawee culture. Information and the history of the Anishabawee culture are included on the marker in both English and the native language of Anishabawee. The marker will also include information about the family clan animals also indigenous to the area. The City hopes to have the marker installed on Ojibway Island by the fall of 2023.



### Land Acknowledgement Marker for Ojibway Island

The marker will be placed on Ojibway Island to honor the Native American inhabitants who first populated this region.

## Hot Times in the City

### There's always something to do in Saginaw



*"This guide is a great resource to all the excellent learning and growth opportunities that are available this summer for area students."*

Mayor Pro Tem  
Annie Boensch

The City County School Liaison Committee has launched a new, online version of Hot Times Summer Youth Activities 2023, a guide to summer activities in the Saginaw area for students.

In putting together an online version of Hot Times Summer Youth Activities 2023, the committee hopes to achieve the following objectives:

- To provide a variety of recreation, enrichment and academic activities that are enjoyable, affordable, and accessible for school age students
- To help students develop a healthy appreciation for their leisure-time activities
- To provide activities that prepare school age students for success
- To cooperate and collaborate with other agencies in creating and promoting positive activities, and by communicating these alternatives to students and their parents or guardian
- To provide a safe and healthy environment for students during the summer
- To challenge the youth of today and to help prepare them to become leaders for tomorrow

Mayor Pro Tem Annie Boensch, City County School Liaison Committee Co-Chair, commented on the guide, "This guide is a great resource to all the excellent learning and growth opportunities that are available this summer for area students. Our goal is to diminish the misconception that there are no productive activities for school age children in Saginaw in the summer. We hope this guide will challenge students and parents to make this summer an incredible learning experience."

To view our Hot Times Summer Youth Activities Guide [click here](#)



# Together We Can Make a Difference

## Light Up the City Kicks Off 2023 Season



[Light Up the City](#) is back for 2023. The crime prevention initiative is a partnership with the Michigan State Police, Saginaw Police Department, Consumers Energy and key community business partners. The mission of the Light Up the City campaign is to bring neighbors together with the combined mission of building a safer, more connected community. Throughout the summer program, volunteers will walk different parts of the city, engage with residents, and encourage citizens to turn on their porch lights.



Light Up the City is back for 2023!

The exciting program kicked off the 2023 campaign on June 14 at Ojibway Island.



Community Kick-off event hosted from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Ojibway Island. Kick Off featuring vendors, nonprofit agencies, FREE Hot Dog Dinner, FREE KONA ICE, Music, Bounce Houses, Games.

Each walk will be held on Wednesday nights from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Date	Event	Location	Sponsors
June 14	Kick-off	Ojibway Island	Consumers Energy, Count on Us®
June 21	Walk - Q4	Francis Reh Academy; 2201 Owen St.	Ascension
June 28	Walk - Q3	Emmaus House; 733 S. 14th St.	CARAVAN, COVENANT
July 12	Walk - Q1	Herig Elementary; 1905 Houghton Ave.	SAGINAW ISD
July 19	Walk - Q2	Jerome Elementary; 1515 Sweet St.	

## Revitalizing Saginaw One Street at a Time

Earlier this summer, over 300 volunteers came out to support One Week, One Street. The 2023 event focused on the Hazelwood Avenue area and provided much needed improvements to 30 homes. For an entire week, hundreds of volunteers, churches, businesses and organizations came together to revitalize homes in this neighborhood by painting, building porches, and landscaping. So great to see this transformative journey to uplift and restore our neighborhoods take place in our City!

**1WEEK  
1STREET**





## Great Mural Project Pays Tribute to Civil Rights Hero



On June 30, The Great Mural Project unveiled its first large mural of the 2023 season, the Jim Letherer. The 70'X80" mural pays tribute to Saginaw native, Jim Letherer. Letherer, an amputee, marched the entire 54 miles of the 1965 Selma to Montgomery, Alabama campaign march for voting rights on crutches. This civil rights hero, who lived his entire life in Saginaw, marched shoulder to shoulder with other civil rights leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and John Lewis.

The mural, painted by mural artist Kevin Burdick, is located in downtown Saginaw at 301 E. Genesee Ave.



To learn more about Great Mural Project's upcoming projects, visit [www.facebook.com/TheGreatMuralProject](https://www.facebook.com/TheGreatMuralProject)

### JIM LETHERER

1933-2001



In March of 1965, Dr. Martin Luther King organized protest marches to demonstrate the need for the government to ensure that African Americans could exercise their constitutional right to vote. The largest and most significant march began on March 21, with protection from 1,000 military policemen and 2,000 Army troops. Thousands of people joined along the way to Montgomery, with roughly 25,000 people entering the capital on the final leg of the march. These efforts resulted in Congress passing the Voting Rights Act, which was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on August 6, 1965. The Voting Rights Act prohibits racial discrimination in voting eliminating legal barriers at the state and local level that prevented African Americans from exercising their right to vote under the 15th Amendment.

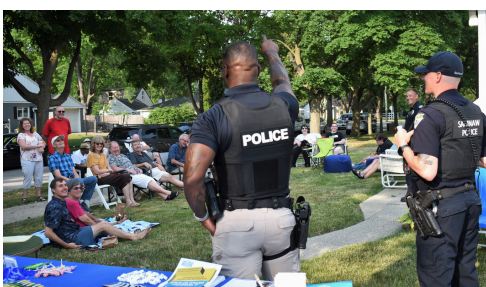
Jim Letherer, at 31-year-old, from Saginaw, Michigan, was chosen as one of the 50 non-Alabama residents permitted to march.

He became one of the most recognizable and remarked-upon figures of the four-day protest march. While walking the entire 54 miles on crutches, Letherer was a target of hecklers, praised and admired by fellow protestors, immortalized in song by Pete Seeger, and singled out by the press as a symbol of the marchers' determination and courage.

Letherer's reputation as a Civil Rights activist was well known in Saginaw prior to Selma-Montgomery, however the march elevated his recognition and stabilized his position as a high-profile ally afterward. Jim did not just stand up for rights in this one march. He also traveled all over the country and the world for civil rights. Jim went to Hawaii, Africa, England, India, and Alaska. He made an impact everywhere he went by showing that even though we each have our differences, we must unite together with our neighbors and demand equity.

## Front Porch Roll Call 2023

This summer, the Police Department will kick off another summer of successful Front Porch Roll Call events. This is the third year for the events, which are held in various neighborhoods and allow citizens to meet our police officers, ask questions, and inform them of various concerns and challenges in their neighborhoods. Front Porch Roll Call events will be held around the city at various locations throughout the summer. Find a meeting near you, join in the conversation, and get to know your local police officers.



Visit the [Saginaw Police Department Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/SaginawPolice) to find an upcoming Front Porch Roll Call Event near you



# Police Department Awards Ceremony

## Honoring the Brave Men and Women Who Serve

In May, the Saginaw Police held their Annual Police Awards and Memorial Ceremony to recognize all of our heroic officers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to protect our community and our citizens, and to honor those officers who have lost their lives in the performance of their duties. Congratulations to Officer Jonathon Beyerlein, who received the 2023 Officer of the Year honor. Brittany Jeffers, Victim Service Coordinator and Grant Administrator, was also recognized as the Support Service Employee of the Year. THANK YOU to all the members of the Saginaw Police Department--we appreciate you and the work you do!!! The entire ceremony is available on our YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/watch](http://www.youtube.com/watch)



Congratulations to Officer Jonathon Beyerlein, 2023 Officer of the Year and Brittany Jeffers, Victim Service Coordinator and Grant Administrator, Support Service Employee of the Year

## Police Department Welcomes Taz

The Police Department recently welcomed their newest K-9 member, a Shepherd/Malinois named Taz. This purchase was approved by Saginaw City Council at the May 22 City Council meeting.

Taz is a 15-month-old male Shepherd/Malinois mix from Portland, Oregon. Taz is completing his training program and will soon join his partner, Police Officer Dominic Vasquez, as an official member of the Saginaw Police K-9 unit. Taz will replace Saginaw K-9 Cigan, who retired on May 19. The addition of Taz will take the Police K-9 unit to a total of five trained SPD Police K-9's.

Taz's training will include tracking and imprinting him with odors for detection work. This training will prepare him to detect narcotics, search for lost children and vulnerable adults who wander away from their homes.

Saginaw Police Chief Bob Ruth expressed his appreciation for the overwhelming support of this program. "The addition of Taz is a huge benefit for the department and the citizens of our city. The contributions our K-9 unit brings to our force are immeasurable."



For more information on the Saginaw Police K9 Unit, visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/SPK9U](http://www.facebook.com/SPK9U)

# Focus on Fire Safety

## Saginaw's Fire Prevention Division



Recent dry weather conditions have led to an increase in fires and even a 10-day burn ban on all outdoor recreational fires in the City earlier in June. In this issue, we focus on our Fire Prevention Division and the leaders who promote methods of protecting lives and property in the City of Saginaw.

The Fire Prevention Division focuses on educating the community about the benefits of proper fire safety practices and identifying and eliminating all types of hazardous conditions, which pose a threat to life, the environment, and property. The Division oversees the fire investigation, fire code enforcement, and public education in the City of Saginaw. The Division is under the command of Fire Chief Tom Raines and is led by the Department's Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshal.

There are several projects that the Fire Prevention Division is currently working on:

- **Expanding commercial inspections by utilizing fire suppression personnel, we currently have 8 fire suppression personnel that have been certified as fire inspectors.**
- **Working to secure funding for a new fire safety trailer that can be used to teach children and adults about the dangers of fire. The trailer will also be handicapped accessible.**
- **Developing a county-wide fire investigation team to address arson throughout Saginaw County.**
- **Identifying vacant commercial buildings to ensure they are safe for the public and meet fire code requirements for vacant structures.**
- **Training all fire department personnel to assist fire prevention with public education, fire inspection, and fire investigation.**



## Fire Prevention Leadership

**Derron Suchodolski**  
Fire Marshal



Derron Suchodolski was appointed Fire Marshal for the City in 2021. Derron has 24 years of experience with the Fire Department and has held various positions with the department, including Firefighter, Engineer/Chauffeur, and Lieutenant before becoming Fire Marshal in 2021.

Fire Marshal Suchodolski has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and several certifications he has earned while a member of the Saginaw Fire Department.

As the Fire Marshal for the City, Derron enjoys all aspects of the Fire Prevention Division, which includes fire investigation, fire code enforcement and public education. He also enjoys the people and organizations that have partnered with the Fire Department such as the Michigan State Police Fire Investigation Unit and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Michael Campbell was appointed Deputy Fire Marshal for the City at the start of 2023. Michael has been with the Saginaw Fire Department for 15 years. He began as a firefighter, working his way up to Lieutenant before getting promoted to Deputy Fire Marshal. Prior to joining the Saginaw Fire Department, Michael was a firefighter with the United States Air Force for 10 years, 4 of which were spent at the Department of Defense Fire Academy as an instructor.

Deputy Fire Marshal Campbell has 2 associate degrees, one in Fire Science, and the other in Instruction of Technology. He also holds several certifications which were obtained both in the Air Force and with the Saginaw Fire Department.

The primary responsibility of the Deputy Fire Marshal includes public education, fire and life safety inspections, and fire cause investigation. Deputy Fire Marshal Campbell is currently working to obtain a new fire safety education trailer to use as the centerpiece of the Division's beneficial public education program.

**Michael Campbell**  
Deputy Fire Marshal



To learn more about our Fire Prevention Division, visit the Saginaw Fire Department Facebook Page at  
[www.facebook.com/cityofsaginawfiredepartment](https://www.facebook.com/cityofsaginawfiredepartment)





## Department Spotlight Water and Sewer Maintenance and Service Division



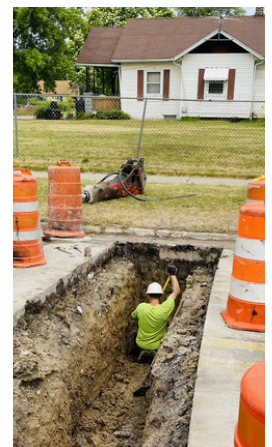
We all appreciate the fresh water that flows every day from our faucets. This month we highlight the team that keeps the fresh water flowing for every City of Saginaw residential and commercial customer -- the Water and Sewer Maintenance and Service Division.

The Division provides continuous maintenance and service on the City's water distribution and sewer collection systems for the 170,000 customers of the Saginaw-operated municipal water system. The primary responsibility of this division is performing maintenance on the City's 411 miles of water distribution mains and 306 miles of the sewer system.

Other Key Responsibilities Include:

- Repair of all water main and sewer main breaks and leaks
- Installation and repair of new fire hydrants and valves
- Locating and staking of City water utilities prior to excavation
- Meter reading
- Replacement of new and existing water & sewer service connections
- Investigation of sanitary and storm sewer backups

This team works over and above to insure water is properly transported from the Water Treatment Facility to every residential and commercial customer. Earlier this year, 2 large water mains burst on a Friday evening, impacting water pressure throughout the Saginaw and Carrollton areas. This hardworking crew began repair efforts immediately and worked non-stop throughout the cold, windy weekend to repair the broken water mains.



*thank  
you*

Our Maintenance and Service Division has put in some LONG hours to oversee our water and sewer utility systems. We want to say a huge **THANK YOU** to this dedicated team for all that they do.



**WATER AND SEWER  
MAINTENANCE & SERVICE  
DIVISION**

TEAM MEMBERS



<p>KYLE ASH NICHOLAS BIERLEIN NATHAN BLUE JENNIFER NOULIEW-MEDEL KURTIS BRACKETT PATRICK CASEY KAYLA COLVIN HUNTER COBB JOE DAMM STEVE DAMM JACOB DEMETER MIKE DEY JOSHUA DIEHL KEVIN FERGUSON ANTHONY FOLINO JARED GUSTIN RICK HELPAP BRAD HOFFMAN WILLIAM HOFFMAN JEFF HOWIE</p>	<p>DEVIN JENKINS MICHEAL LEDDY SHAELA MADLOCK EDWARD NIEMI COREY NOWISKI KYLE NOWISKI STEVEN NOWISKI JAIME PAIGE CORTLIN PETERSON JUSTIN REINBOLD STEVEN ROBERTS ZACHARY ROBERTS MICHAEL SAMSON CLAYTON SMITH TODD STEVENS JOHN STRICKLIN DAVID SUAREZ SEAN TAKACS COLIN TAYLOR</p>
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WAYNE TORNBERG II- ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT  
JOSHUA HOFFMAN-SUPERINTENDENT



# Health Fair Event

## Caring for the Health and Wellness of Our Employees

The Employee Health and Wellness Fair was held on May 19 in Council Chambers for all City of Saginaw employees. The Health Fair provided employees with important health assessments and introduced employees to the various health resources available to them as City employees.

Lisa Crook, Human Resource Specialist, was responsible for planning and implementing the event. Lisa commented on the importance of this event, "This is our opportunity to promote health and wellness for all of our employees. We know that a healthy workforce is a happy workforce."

The theme of the event was "Travel to a Healthier Version of You." Employees had the chance to stamp their passports and turn them in for a chance to win gift cards and other fabulous prizes. Employees were also offered free blood sugar screening, blood pressure checks and even free massages.

Participating organizations in this year's event included the YMCA of Saginaw, 120 Fitness, Bieri Hearing, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, MECA, Delta Dental, Renue Physical Therapy, AFLAC, Covenant Health Care, Veteran's Administration, MERS, DHS, Family First Credit Union, Versiti Blood, and a host of other organizations.

Thank you, Lisa, for providing this beneficial event for all employees! We also want to thank Matt Schuknecht and Michelle Samson for overseeing the setup for the vendors. Finally, we want to recognize and thank the generous sponsors of this event: SEIU, AFSCME, IAFF, POAM, and Lieutenant Nathaniel Voelker.



## City Appoints New Director of Human Resources



Grace DeLeon  
Director of Human Resources

Grace DeLeon has been appointed as the new Director of Human Resources. Grace was appointed earlier this year after the retirement of former HR Director, Dennis Jordan. Grace began her career with the City in 1999 and has 22 years experience working in every function of Human Resources.

Grace is a lifelong City of Saginaw resident. She attended Northwood University and received her bachelor's degree in business administration.

Grace is also a member of SHRM (Society of Human Resources of Michigan), MPELRA (Municipal Public Employer Labor Relations Association) and has received her Certified Labor Relations Leader Certification through Michigan State University.

While working in Human Resources for the City, Grace has managed various functions, such as compensation, benefits, recruitment, HR Information Systems, payroll and position control. She led various Human Resource projects, such as implementing a new recruitment/onboarding and electronic file system, and coordinated numerous HR transition and implementation activities.

Congratulations, Grace! We look forward to your continued leadership, guidance and expertise in our Human Resources Department.

## Come Join Our Team!

Visit  
[www.saginaw-mi.com/jobs/](http://www.saginaw-mi.com/jobs/)  
to view a complete list of  
City of Saginaw job  
opportunities

If you'd like to apply for an exciting position with the city, please visit the City of Saginaw website at [www.saginaw-mi.com](http://www.saginaw-mi.com) and click "I Want To"--"Apply for/Obtain"--"A Job with the City". While filling out the application, include ALL work history including positions with the City. Once the application is complete, you'll receive an email saying your application has been successfully submitted. Please allow 2-4 weeks after the application deadline for the screening process to be completed.

# Human Resources Update

## NEW HIRES

Kayla Colvin	Office Assistant II
Emily Kraszewski	Office Assistant II
Ella Burrell	Skilled Clerical
Cecelia Hopkins	Skilled Clerical
Bradley Hoffman	Utilities Person I
Todd Stevens	Utilities Person I
Devin Jenkins	Utilities Person I
Jared Gustin	Utilities Person I
J Martinez	Laboratory Technician
Zachary Bosserdet	Police Officer
Ethan Morrow	Police Officer
Wanda Lanzo-Ortiz	Civil Engineer
John Linehan	Firefighter
Mark Lewis	Plant Operator A
Chad Schneller	Traffic Maintenance Tech I
Clay Rahn	Laborer I - Cemeteries
Emily Starke	HR Support Staff
Michael Grenier	Director of Water/Wastewater
Jordan Chambers	Technical Support Specialist
Bradly Bellant	Plant Operator B
Kenneth Dey	Deputy Dir of Water/Wastewater
Charles Walters	Laborer I Waste Water Treatment
Michael Rhoton	Laborer I - Waste Water Treatment
Craig Dark	Operator Mechanic B
Kaylee Dilleree	Office Assistant III
Gerald Robinson	Office Assistant II
Joseph Narvais	Office Assistant II
Gavin Bryce	Laborer
Martin Blank	Police Officer
Hunter Cobb	Utilities Person I
Dustin Pizzi	Public Service Worker
Cortlin Patterson	Utilities Person I
Kyle Ash	Utilities Person I
Seth Burwell	Firefighter
Andrew Lantz-Demski	Firefighter
Devin MacDonald	Firefighter
Brandy Braley	Office Assistant III

**WELCOME  
TO THE TEAM!**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Cheers to  
RETIREMENT!**

## RETIREEES

Hilda Martinez  
Dennis Jordan  
Joseph Kyuminski  
Donald Riley

Maintenance & Service  
Human Resources  
Waste Water Treatment  
Garage



# Why we Saginaw

*...There's nothing better than summer in Saginaw*

**UNDER THE STARS**  
2023

**SAGINAW**



**JULY 14**  
**WALL-E**



**AUGUST 4**  
**PUSS IN BOOTS:  
THE LAST WISH**



**AUGUST 18**  
**THE SUPER MARIO  
BROS. MOVIE**

**Jolt Credit Union Event Park**  
300 Johnson St • Saginaw, MI 48607

**PRE-PARTY STARTS 7:00 PM**  
Movies will begin at dusk

**GAMES AND ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES**

**FREE EVENT**

FREE SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED | BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND BLANKETS | DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED

REGISTRATION SUGGESTED: [cfi.ticketleap.com](http://cfi.ticketleap.com)

**The Saginaw Eddy Concert Band**  
Joseph Radtke, Conductor

Invites you to join us for our  
**Season 97**  
2023 Summer Concert Series

**Sundays at 7 p.m.**

June 18th	July 16th
June 25th	July 23rd
July 2nd	July 30th
July 9th	August 6th

**FREE ADMISSION and PARKING!**

At Jolt Credit Union Event Park  
Across from Dow Event Center at  
300 Johnson St, Saginaw, MI

For more information visit [saginaweddyband.org](http://saginaweddyband.org)

C.K. Eddy Family Memorial Fund  
ADMINISTERED BY

Huntington  
Welcome

ASHLEY SOCIETY

JOLT



**Andersen Enrichment Center**

120 Ezra Rust Drive  
Concerts start at 7 PM

July 12	Brush Street
July 19	Saucecats
July 26	Robert Lee Review
August 2	Cool Lemon Jazz Band

**Free Admission**  
**Bring a lawn chair**



**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS**  
**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE**  
downtownsaginaw

sponsored by:

**COVENANT HealthCare** **MICHIGAN ARTS & CULTURE COUNCIL** **TEAM ONE CREDIT UNION**

**2023**

**JULY**  
14th Journey on the River  
21st Downtown Hoedown  
28th Fiesta Grande

**AUGUST**  
4th Friday Night Fever  
11th Rollin' on the River  
18th Motown Music Fest

**5:30 - 9:00 pm**

**Morley Plaza • Downtown Saginaw**

**downtown**  
PRIDE in Saginaw, Inc.

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**OLD SAGINAW CITY**  
LAWN CHAIR FILM FESTIVAL

<b>JULY 9TH</b> BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM	<b>JULY 16TH</b> LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS	<b>JULY 23RD</b> TOP GUN MAVERICK
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<b>JULY 30TH</b> THE SANTA CLAUSE	<b>AUG 6TH</b> SOMEWHERE IN TIME	<b>AUG 13TH</b> THE BIRDCAGE
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<b>AUG 20TH</b> RAISING ARIZONA	<b>AUG 27TH</b> LILO & STITCH
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**PRESHOW ENTERTAINMENT @7:00PM**  
**MOVIE AT SUNDOWN**

**2023**

For a complete list of exciting events taking place in Saginaw this summer,  
visit Arts Saginaw at

[https://www.artsaginaw.org/images/pdfs/SCS\\_Calendar\\_2022.pdf](https://www.artsaginaw.org/images/pdfs/SCS_Calendar_2022.pdf)





# Important Dates to Remember

July 8	Convenience Station 8 am -12 pm
July 10	City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
July 24	City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
August 7	City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
August 12	Convenience Station 8 am- 12 pm
August 21	City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
August 31	Small Business Expo - SVRC Marketplace
September 4	Labor Day Holiday--City Offices Closed

HELLO  
SUMMER!

Be sure to be a part of this year's Small Business Expo on August 31st as they celebrate 10 years of supporting local businesses. Food trucks, live entertainment, giveaways and more!!

## VENDORS WANTED

Register at

[www.saginaw-mi.com/sedc-register](http://www.saginaw-mi.com/sedc-register)

## Follow us on social media!!



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**SAGINAW**  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**10**  
YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**SMALL BUSINESS EXPO 2023**

*Vendors Wanted*

To secure your place as a vendor at the Small Business Expo 2023, register at [www.saginaw-mi.com/sedc-register](http://www.saginaw-mi.com/sedc-register)

Standard Vendors: \$75  
Food Truck Vendors: \$100

**AUGUST 31**  
**4 PM - 8 PM**  
**SVRC OUTDOOR MARKETPLACE**  
(203 S Washington Ave, Saginaw, MI)

Join the **2023 SEDC Small Business Expo** as we celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> year with food trucks, small businesses, live entertainment, giveaways and more!



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