

# City Manager's Office Status and Information February 5, 2021



\*\*\* *Of Note* \*\*\*

## COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Bay County

Registration Survey for COVID-19 Vaccine Recipients can be found via the following link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bchd-c19vx>

## Riverbend West site activities with the SBLC

In late January the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy (SBLC) and City of Bay City workers teamed up to clear away invasive species at the Riverbend West site. The City has been working with the SBLC to revitalize the eight-acre site.



The City has owned the land – downstream from downtown and north of the iron bridge – since 1997. The winter months, when the ground is frozen, is the ideal time to do such work as the heavy equipment does less damage.

The goal is to create a rustic nature access site. When the revitalization is complete – the site will flourish with native wildflowers, grasses, trees, and shrubs. You can learn more about this team effort Sunday on the Bay City Government Facebook page.



### **Water Distribution staff continues lead service line replacement.**

Staff continues to replace lead service lines in the city by replacing 8-10 lines a week. When staffing level permits, we are running two crews a day. Most crews are made up of 3-4 crew members. A service replacement crew consists of a heavy equipment operator and 3 ground members. Each member is trained to perform the replacement with skills to make sure they are providing safe quality drinking water to all our customers. The replacement can take 4 or more hours depending on what other utilities the crew come across while digging. After the service is replaced then comes the restoration of the road and/or the out lawn. Lead service replacement is the focus these days but there are always other emergencies that come up for us to address such as main breaks. In 2021 we have had five main breaks thus far. The main cause of a main break is usually when ground shifts due to freezing or thawing and it has been a mild start to the year.

### **Engineering welcomes new employee Nick Bogen**

The Engineering Division welcomes Nick Bogen as the new GIS Coordinator. He is replacing TJ Kunde, who moved to another position. Nick is originally from Dowagiac, Michigan. He has a BS in Meteorology and a MS in GIS, both from Central Michigan University. He previously worked for Midland County following the dam failures, as well as other local governments. In his spare time, he volunteers, consults, and assists with research projects, explores the outdoors, visits different breweries, spends time with friends, and occasionally golfs and kayaks. Nick will be managing the GIS system for the DPW, assisting with traffic and asset management, and coordinating with other departments. Welcome to Bay City, Nick!

### **Fire Operations Division responds to general fire alarm at United Way**



On February 2, 2021 at approximately 3:16 PM, the Bay City Department of Public Safety was dispatched for a report of a general fire alarm at 909 Washington Avenue (United Way).



Upon arrival, employees who work in the building stated that there was smoke on the second floor. Crews investigated the second floor finding moderate smoke conditions. Personnel discovered that there had been a small fire within the electrical panel inside the elevator room located in the basement. Crews ventilated the second floor and the building was turned back over to the employees.

**Patrol Operations Division sends K9 Loki trinkets to Michigan girl battling cancer.**

The Bay City Department of Public Safety recently had the honor of sending patches, a coin and some K9 Loki trinkets to a five-year-old Michigan girl battling cancer. Aubree, seen here in this picture is collecting police badges.



We hope this K9 Loki stuffed animal will bring her comfort in her time of need.



**Puncture resistant gloves and storage pouches presented to Public Safety**

The Bay County Prevention Network, Neighborhood Resource Center, and Bay Arenac Behavioral Health received a Partnership for Success 2015 federal grant that allowed them to purchase the Bay City Department of Public Safety puncture resistant gloves for officers. Barry Schmidt from the Bay County Prevention Network and Kyle Hanshaw from Peer 360 Recovery Alliance presented the gloves and storage pouches for officers.



## Electric Lighting Updates

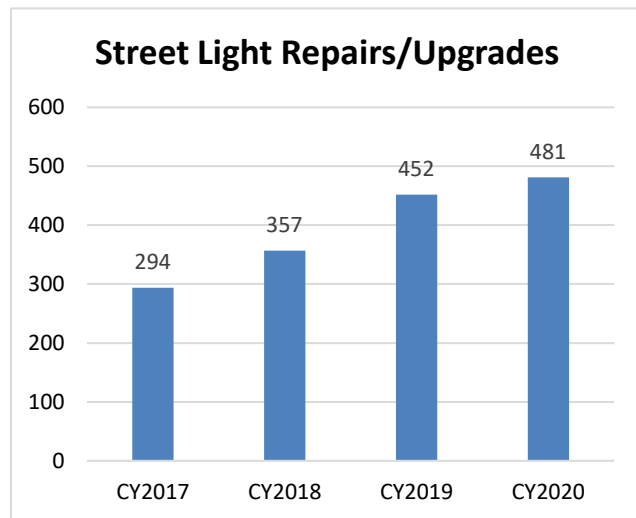
### Security Lights:

Security lights are lights that the customer pays to have installed and maintained for a minimum service period of 36 months.

The table shows the security light repairs and/or installations for 2019 vs. 2020. The utility was able to close all open work orders for security light repairs/replacements even with the challenges of 2020.

<b>BCELP Security Lighting</b>		
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
January	2	6
February	2	2
March	12	25
April	8	2
May	3	1
June	4	5
July	11	3
August	6	3
September	5	14
October	5	8
November	13	6
December	13	4
<b>YTD</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>79</b>

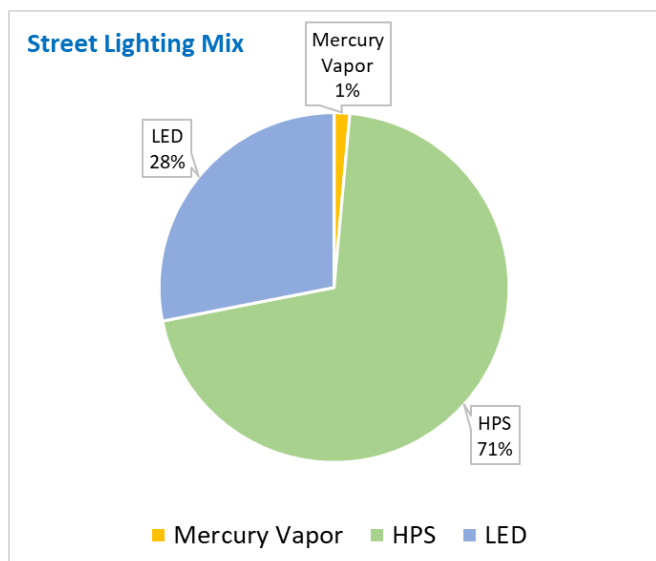
### Street Lights:



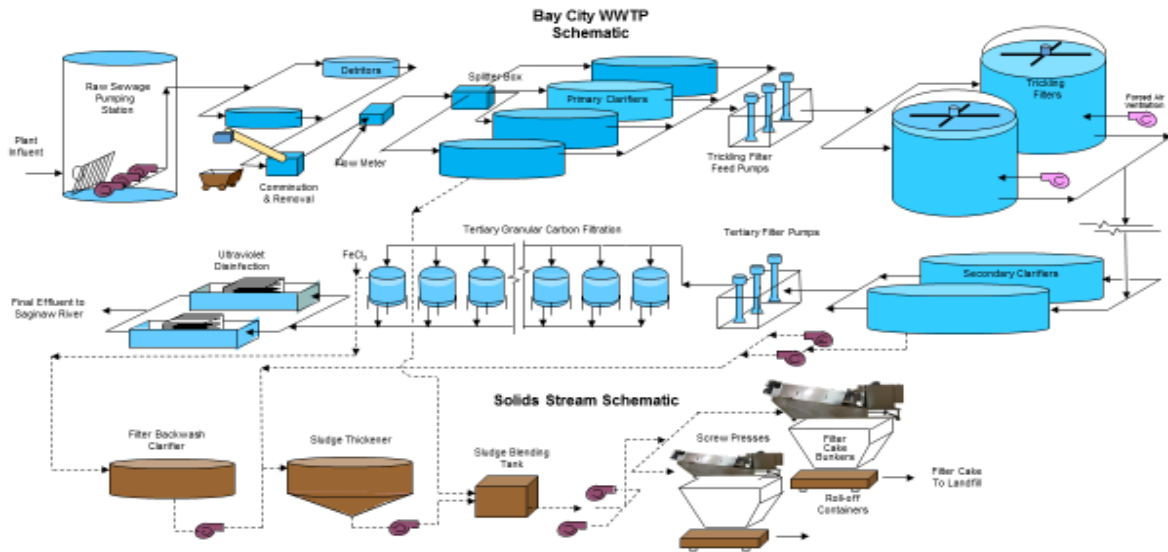
In 2020 the utility repaired/upgraded 481 street lights. Starting in 2016, street lights that are in need of bulb and/or ballast replacements are upgraded to LED (light emitting diodes) lighting. Some of the benefits of upgrading to LED lighting is their longer life span, reduced energy consumption and lower maintenance expense. These benefits aid in stabilizing street lighting rates.

BCELP continuously reviews opportunities to accelerate LED conversions. A 2021 Energy Smart pilot program for street light upgrades is being developed to convert approximately 275 high pressure sodium street lights to LED.

To date, 28 percent of street lights are LED.



## Wastewater Treatment Plant News



### January by the Numbers:

161.7 million gallons	Sewage Treated
147.6 million gallons	Clean Water Discharged to Saginaw River
357,000 gallons	Sludge dewatered, processed, and landfilled

- Carbon testing completed for 2020, all well within acceptable limits for Iodine number and ash weight. Last quarter PCB carbon samples were all non-detect for PCBs.
- The yearly inspection of all plant, retention treatment basins, and lift stations fire extinguishers has been completed.
- Star Crane completed the annual inspections for our cranes throughout the Wastewater Plant.

### Bid proposals received and bid awarded to low bidder Republic Services, Inc.

On February 3, 2021, bid proposals for the disposal of filter cake, screenings, and grit were opened (virtual) in the Purchasing Department at City Hall. There were two bidders, Republic Services, Inc. and Waste Management of Michigan, Inc. Republic Services, Inc. was the low bidder and was awarded the three-year contract.

### Sewer Maintenance Activities

- Repaired a catch basin at the intersection of 28<sup>th</sup> and South Farragut.
- Repaired combination at 1009 32<sup>nd</sup> street & 214 South Mountain.
- Repaired sanitary sewers at 501 Sidney Street & 505 West Ionia.
- Repaired a sink hole at 207 Mountain Ave.