

THE MILE MARKER

JUNE 2017

FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Summer is here which means one thing for the Saginaw County Road Commission....construction season! There are lots of exciting things happening and our crews are busy at work grading gravel roads, gravel placement, brining of gravel roads, and chip sealing. Although this construction can be inconvenient, please remember we are working hard every day to construct and maintain a road system that will make your traveling easier. Please be cautious while driving through construction zones, especially when our crews are present and give them the courtesy and respect they deserve to keep everyone safe!

With the summer being so busy, Saginaw County Road Commission hires full time college students to help out with mowing right-of-ways, flagging during chip sealing projects, and other maintenance activities. We would like to let our 2017 summer temps know how thankful we are for your hard work and dedication this summer and we wish you the best of luck in the upcoming school year! Jason Honeman, Jordan Borchard, Sean Reinig, Dalton Bissonnette, Tyler Childs, Connor Braun, Taylor Hare, Madison Graham, Abigail Hare, Dylan Brown, Chase Beyersdorf, Lucas Reinig, Scott Ferguson and Brady Leppek. If you happen to see them out and about, feel free to give them a friendly wave!



I would like to thank the SCRC team for the dedication and hard work through construction season and the entire year! Great job team!

Dennis

DID YOU KNOW?

Saginaw County Road Commission maintains over:

1,848

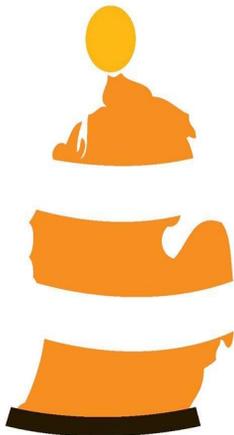
miles of road

200

bridges

2,800

culverts



Hello Summer.

Fetch!

SCRC has rolled out FetchGIS, a web and mobile GIS solution. FetchGIS allows us access to our road asset information, road construction data, parcel information, and topographic resources from any internet connected device at any time. All this information is conveniently accessed via a web based map using any top web browser. FetchGIS allows us to seamlessly share data with the public but also allows secure access to our internal data for SCRC employees. Check out the Road Projects map on our website to take a look at the new system up close. Some exciting new things coming to FetchGIS in the near future include: web based permitting system, storm water system asset management, and service request management.

Tom Luck, Information Technology Manager



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WE ARE PLEASED TO INTRODUCE...



Mariah Kelly, Co-Op GIS Administrator. Mariah is entering her senior year at Saginaw Valley State University. She will graduate in May 2018 with a Bachelor's in Business Administration, concentration in Finance, and Certification in Geographic Information Systems. After she graduates she plans to continue her study of GIS through certification programs to gain hands on experience and knowledge based training. Mariah finds enjoyment in learning new things and taking on challenges. When she has free time she enjoys being in the outdoors, going trail riding, hunting, and taking her dog on adventures.

Travis Hare, Assistant Engineer. Travis graduated from Western Michigan University in 2016 with a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering and a Minor in Mathematics. Travis is an Engineer in Training, working towards his Professional Engineering License, which he will be eligible for in 2020. Travis is a MHSAA Certified Ice Hockey Official, a member of the Fordney Club, enjoys golfing, playing ice hockey, and camping on the weekends.



Kate Gaiser, Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary. Kate holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from DeVos Graduate School. She comes with 8+ years of administrative and municipal experience and lives in the Bay County area with her husband and three daughters.

Haley Shepherd, Receptionist/Dispatcher. Haley graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration majoring in Human Resource Management with a minor in Information Systems. Haley grew up in Hemlock and worked for SCRC as a summer temp office assistant in 2012. Haley's favorite hobbies include camping and boating with friends and family and being outdoors.



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Farewell and Congratulations!



Jennifer Brieske retired from the Road Commission on March 1, 2017. Jennifer began her career with SCRC in the Fall of 2000 as the receptionist. She moved into the accounting department and then transitioned into her final role as the Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary. Jennifer was an extremely committed employee who put everything she had and a little more into the job. Jen, you will be missed by all. Enjoy the next chapter of your life!

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Spring and summer maintenance operations are going full force. Here is an update of projects that have been completed and what is planned for the upcoming months.

Gravel lifts are normally completed per mile, averaging around 1,000 ton per mile. Our township requests were slightly down this season, totaling 25 miles opposed to 35 miles the past couple of seasons. Hot patching began the first week of May. District 6 has been completed and District 4, 3, and 2 will be completed in the respective order. Total loads countywide are currently at 35. Chip seal is scheduled for June 5th in the rural area of District 6. Totals for both primary & local roads will be 100 miles. As many of you are aware, we complete our primary roads on a 4 year district rotation. This season we will be in District 6 with District 2, 3, and 4 following. Crack sealing began in April. Many primary roads were completed in District 2. Saginaw Township approved requests have been started. Other local township approved roads are scheduled to be completed. Routine maintenance projects are continuous countywide. Drainage issues such as storm drain repairs, ditching, jetting, and cross culvert replacement projects are being completed as well as curb sweeping, brush cutting, road patching and many other maintenance activities. Guardrail spraying will be completed in June, cattail and phragmites control or spraying, is scheduled for July, and brush spraying will be performed in August.

All approved equipment orders have been progressively coming in since the first of the year. To date, two trailer hot patchers, one road patcher, and an engineering pickup have arrived. We're expecting a new 950 loader at the Saginaw Garage in June, and a grader in July.

Our winter snow truck and 1-ton trucks, chassis, and cabs have been delivered to the vender, who will be completing the remaining build up that will service both our summer and winter operation.

Facility needs are also being addressed. The administration building's heating and cooling system is being replaced and with a new high efficiency model, we should see an immediate cost saving. An air conditioning unit was installed in our sign shop that is also utilized as our training center. The remaining overhead garage doors at the Saginaw garage are being installed. The downsizing of the Saginaw garage windows as another means of energy saving design is in its final stages. We would like to start this project this season, but dependent on our estimates, this project may be completed in a two year time frame. Both the Hemlock & Chesaning Garages are having roof repairs completed. Our Hess road equipment storage facility is being filled with our winter or out of season equipment. This building is a great addition in getting our equipment out of the weather during off seasons.

More equipment training opportunities have been made available. The first round of the loader & gradall has been completed. Our chipper and distributor training is currently in progress during our hot patching projects and may continue through the chip seal season. Grader & excavator training will be available the next couple of months.

We're looking forward to a safe productive season and appreciate the continuous dedication that all our employee's show throughout the year.

Dan Medina, Director of Maintenance