



**Transit Options for City of Ypsilanti** - The Mayor is working with the Mayor of Ann Arbor and City Council to ensure that the Ypsilanti citizens' public transportation remains of high quality. This is a difficult challenge given the financial strains that local governments are currently facing.

Jessica Teng, Manager Intern, has been a tremendous asset to the administration and we wish her much success for her summer internship in Chicago. We look forward to her return in the fall.

**HUMAN RESOURCES** -

**New Hires** - We are very pleased to have hired Assistant to the City Manager, Ericka Savage. Also Max Anthouard has been promoted to the position of Fire Chief. Interviews are being conducted for the Accounting Supervisor position to replace Sallee Tisch who will be retiring at the end of June. Ms. Tisch would like to have an opportunity to make this a smooth transition by training the person.

\*Please see attached turnover in employees from January 1, 2012 through April 9, 2013, two page reports.

The Department has complied through the City Attorney's office with a request from Ann Arbor.com to provide them with the titles, names and base salaries of every city employee. We suspect that they will be running some kind of story with regard to this information in the near future.

The AFSCME union members had an election for potential change of representation to TPOAM. The results of this election were inconclusive.

Negotiations were held with the Fire Department on March 12, 2013 and March 22, 2013. An agreement has not been reached. Our next meeting will be April 16, 2013.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Planning, Zoning, Building & Safety)**

**Water Street Tree Nursery Work Days** – April 19 and April 20

\***Seeking Volunteers for City Tree Nursery**- DPS has dug the holes for the new trees to be planted, and volunteers are being recruited to finish planting the City Tree Nursery in the old Gilbert Park area of Water Street. This year's stock will be larger than the seedlings used last year, to help ensure survival through hot summer months. Staff is looking to council to help spread the word and request volunteers for the effort. A flier is attached. Tree species to be planted include:

Autumn Blaze Maple	Ohio Buckeye	Autumn Brilliance
Tuliptree	European Hornbeam	Blue Beech
River Birch	Accolade Elm	Japanese Tree Lilac
Hackberry	Valley Forge American Elm	Linden
Yellowwood	White Oak	Bloodgood Planetree
Kentucky Coffeetree	Northern Red Oak	

\***Shape Ypsilanti** - May 15-18, 2013. The master planning process is still underway. Please help distribute the flier to your neighborhoods.

**Reimage Washtenaw Presentation** - Washtenaw County staff, Nathan Voght, will be providing a presentation to City Council at the regularly scheduled meeting on May 7, 2013.

**220 N. Park Street (former Boys and Girls Club property)**- The City of Ypsilanti will be listing this property for sale by the end of the month. Interested parties can inquire regarding future uses through the planning department.

**\*Dangerous Building Updates**

- 15 S. Washington (Smith Furniture building)- the Building & Safety department staff hired a structural engineer to review the structural integrity of the building. Staff was looking to determine whether or not rehabilitation or demolition is appropriate. The report is attached.
- Blight Control Program – Report attached.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES**

**LED Streetlights** - The tentative start date for installation of the LED fixtures is scheduled for Friday, April 12, 2013.

**\*Grove Road** - Thanks to the joint efforts of the City of Ypsilanti Ypsilanti Township, this project is scheduled to be completed during the 2013 construction season. Due to additional road funding dollars becoming available, the City will not have to borrow money from Ypsilanti Township for this project to go forward in 2013. Please see attached.

**Tridge**- Contact was finally made with the Construction Institute staff regarding the re-decking of the Tridge. Mr. Kirton has expressed our desire to move forward with this project pending the Recreation Commission's approval of expenditure of the Park Capital Fee at the next Recreation Commission meeting in April. The next step will be to purchase the materials need to complete this project.

**Senior Center Renovation Project** - Bids for architectural services for the Senior Center Kitchen Renovation Project for conceptual and construction drawings for the CDBG Facilities Improvement Project were received and opened on April 4, 2013. Seven bids were received, the bids ranged from \$6,300 to \$31,790. The review committee will review the proposals and make a recommendation.

**Street sweeping** - operations started last week, beginning with the state trunk lines and city majors. Curbside compost pick-up started on April 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue until December.

**Double Limit Trash Removal** - The City's contract with Waste Management allows for two "Double Limit" trash removal periods each year; one in the spring and one in late summer. This year the spring "Double Limit" will take place on normal trash day the week of April 29, 2013. Double trash removal allows each unit to place twice the regular trash volume at the curb. This means that a single family home may set out six (6) containers and two (2) large items. Duplexes may set out twelve (12) containers and four (4) large items. Triplexes and multi-unit buildings may set out eighteen (18) containers and six (6) large items. Containers must be 32 gallons or smaller and may not weigh more than 50 lbs.

For carpet and items containing freon, please call the Department of Public Services for special instructions at (734) 483-1421.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT** -

We are heavily working on amending the budgets for FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 including other information budget documents for submission to City Council on or before May 1, 2013. City Council meetings will be as follows:

Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

The public are welcome to attend these meetings.

We are currently in the process of replacing Sallee Tisch, Accounting Supervisor, who will be retiring the end of June.

We notified our new auditing firm and accounting services to plan for the preliminary audit meeting that will take place in June or July.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT** -

\*See attached reports from Chief Anthouard for January and February, 2013.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT** -

**EVIP Grant-** The EVIP Grant for public safety is still pending. Chief Walker has also applied for a Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant that is a 50% match with city funding.

**POAM Contract-** The department has been able to work through and obtain a tentative agreement from POAM for their contract ratification. Chief Walker and Deputy Chief DeGiusti continue to explore the public safety consolidation efforts and options. The Police Department remains very busy with calls for service from death and murder investigations, to home invasions, and thefts.

**Active Shooter/Assault Collaborations with the other law enforcement agencies in the county-** During the past two months, the Police Chiefs, Public Safety Directors, and Sheriff have been working collaboratively on the best practical model to respond to an active shooter/assault incident in each of our communities. The reality of these incidents is that law enforcement from each community will be arriving on scene as mutual aid to assist with the situation. Having everyone trained within the same, or similar guidelines or policies, to assure everyone is on the same page, is the first step. We are also working with school superintendents and staff to implement and offer proper training if confronted with such an incident. The goal is to train all law enforcement officers within the county in the same way for these types of incidents.

\*Attachments

**Turnover of Employees – January 1, 2012 thru April 9, 2013**

Revised 4/09/2013

***Employees Separated:***

<b>Date Employee Left</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Salary</b>
01/03/2012	Police	Records Clerk	Transfer	\$33,402
01/20/2012	Manager's Office	City Manager	Retired	\$98,625
2/10/2012	Police	Patrol	Resigned	\$54,129
2/13/2012	Police	Patrol	Resigned	\$62,422
3/30/2012	Fire	Fire Lieutenant	Retired	\$60,652
5/12/2012	Police	Patrol	Retired	\$62,422
5/25/2012	Police	Police Sergeant	Retired	\$71,163
5/25/2012	Police	Police Sergeant	Retired	\$71,163
6/08/2012	Police	Patrol	Retired	\$62,422
8/03/2012	Manager's Office	Dir. Of Adm. Services	Resigned	\$82,401
8/31/2012	Police	Police Lieutenant	Retired	\$81,126
10/05/2012	Clerk's Ofc.	Deputy Clerk	Resigned	\$44,998
10/26/2012	Fire	Captain	Retired	\$63,348
11/23/2012	Police	Police Lieutenant	Retired	\$81,126
12/31/2012	Fire	Fire Chief	Retired	\$80,211
12/31/2012	Fire	Fire Fighter	Retired	\$54,166
01/04/2013	Fire	Fire Fighter	Retired	\$54,166
4/01/2013	Fire	Fire Fighter	Transfer	\$54,166

**Total Vacancies: 9 in Police      6 in Fire      3 in Administration**

***Projected Employees To Leave:***

<b>Projected Date of Termination</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Salary</b>
6/30/2013	Finance	Accounting Supv.	Retire	\$52,449

**Total Projected to Leave: 1 in Finance Department**

***Employees Hired:***

<b>Hired Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>
4/30/2012	Police	Patrol	\$41,735
05/07/2012	Police	Patrol	\$41,735
7/30/2012	Administration	City Manager	\$93,500
12/11/2012	Police	Patrol	\$41,735
02/04/2013	Clerk's Office	Deputy City Clerk	\$36,750
02/18/2013	Police	Deputy Police Chief	\$75,000
03/20/2013	City Mgr. Office	Ass. To the City Mg.	\$54,900

**Total Hired: 4 in Police      3 in Administration**

Employees Who have Left	<b>18</b>	<b>\$1,173,108</b>
Employees Projected to Leave	<b>1</b>	<b>52,449</b>
Employees Hired	<b>7</b>	<b>(385,355)</b>
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<b>Net Loss of Employees &amp; Wages</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$ 840,202</b>

**\*\*Please note that 15 out of the 19 employees who have left or are planning to leave our employment are from the Police and Fire Departments.**

**STATUS CHANGES:**

**Part-Time to Full-Time: 1 employee**  
**Building Department - Ordinance Enforcement Officer**  
**Salary Change from \$24,960 to \$40,950**

# What Are You Doing for Earth Day?

## Volunteer to Plant Trees with us!

### The City of Ypsilanti and ReLeaf Michigan are creating an Ypsilanti Urban Tree Nursery!

In 3-5 years, these trees will replace the City's maturing residential and community park trees. The nursery will provide economic and environmental benefits. All are welcome to volunteer (kids too!). Please join us!

- ◆ Experts will be on hand to educate and assist volunteers.
- ◆ 125 volunteers are needed both days!!!
- ◆ This event will happen rain or shine.
- ◆ Lunch will be served.
- ◆ Stewardships and seasonal volunteer positions are available. Training for these positions will be provided free of charge.



Volunteers prepare the Ypsilanti Tree Nursery, Sept. 2012

## Volunteers Needed: Sign up Today!

**When:** Friday, April 19 &  
Saturday, April 20

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. &  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Southeast corner of the Water Street property near the old Gilbert Park Ball Diamond

**What:** Plant 500 bare root saplings

**RSVP:** Sign up required. E-mail: [cforton@ReLeafMichigan.org](mailto:cforton@ReLeafMichigan.org) or call 800-642-7353

**Bring:** Must have closed toe shoes. Tools welcome but not required.

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For more details regarding the Tree Nursery go to <http://www.cityofypsilanti.com/trees>

# Shape Ypsilanti

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## DESIGN CHARRETTE

The City of Ypsilanti is drafting a Master Plan which will serve as the guiding values for decisions about land use, housing, transportation, equity and sustainability, while honoring traditions and nature.

Your input on how to design a **safe, diverse, sustainable Ypsilanti** is needed. Share your views!

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## EVENTS APRIL 15-18



### OPENING GATHERING

**Monday, April 15 at 6:30 pm**

**EMU Convocation Center, 799 Hewitt Rd - Eagles Nest Room**

Design safe, diverse, sustainable neighborhoods!

*Children welcome*

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### STUDIO

**Tuesday, April 16 & Wednesday, April 17, 10 am -7 pm**

**206 W Michigan Ave in Downtown**

Drop by to chat with the planning and design team!

*Children welcome*

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### PLANNING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL JOINT SESSION

**Wednesday, April 17 at 7 pm**

**City Hall, 1 South Huron St**

Discuss design options for Water Street & Depot Town

*Open to the public!*

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### CLOSING CONVERSATION

**Thursday, April 18 at 6 pm**

**SPARK East, 215 W Michigan Ave**

See designs for the future of Ypsilanti!

*Children welcome*

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Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Att; Frank Daniels  
Building Department  
One South Huron Street  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

**Re; Structural Inspection of Smith Furniture Store, Ypsilanti, Michigan**

Dear Mr. Daniels;

This letter is written to record my structural inspection on 03-15-2013 of the abandoned Smith Furniture Store per your request. The retail building is a two story steel frame structure located at the corner of Ferris Street and S. Washington Street. Smith Furniture has been unoccupied for some time and you expressed concern about the exterior walls and the floor and roof structure. The inspection was limited to what could readably be seen inside the building through fallen ceiling tile locations and places where there was no ceiling. No additional ceiling was removed nor was there any destructive access. The inspection was a 'walk through' visual inspection. Both you and John Roe of the Ypsilanti Fire Department accompanied me on the inspection. I took a limited number of digital photographs to record the general conditions. Copies of the photos are appended to this letter report. A set of permit drawings for the building, dated 04-15-65, were found by yourself and scanned copies were provided to me for this investigation. The following items record my observations of structural deficiencies and recommended treatments.

**1. General Condition**

**1.1. Structure Description**

The building is a two story steel frame structure without a basement. The roof decking is constructed of 2" poured gypsum with wire reinforcement over 1" insulation board and small steel bulb tees. This decking system is seldom used in current construction due to its low durability, and minimal ability to provide needed diaphragm action in adding lateral stability of the overall structure. The gypsum decking is supported on 16 inch deep open web steel joists with typical spans of 25 feet and 30'-10". Joists span east-west and are spaced on 6'-3" centers.

The second floor structure consists of a thin 2 ½” concrete slab on corrugated steel deck forms. The deck is supported on 16” deep open-web steel joists spaced at just under 2 foot centers. These joists also span east-west. The floor joists span 25’. The floor does not extend to the west exterior wall allowing for a two story open space at the westernmost bay.

Main support steel beams span north-south between steel columns. These beams and columns are not continuous moment frames and provide little lateral restraint or stability in the north-south direction.

The exterior walls at the north and south sides (as well as returns on the east and west) are 4” brick veneer over 8” concrete block construction (cmu). According to the drawings the cmu is anchored to the steel columns with metal strap anchors on one side of the columns, while the opposite side is shown as a grout key joint in most cases. It is unclear if/how the floor or roof is tied into the walls along the north and south sides of the building. Photo 09 seems to indicate that a U tie or strap is anchored into the wall and wraps around the top chord of the adjacent joist. However the roof decking does not provide resistance to provide any significant lateral support. The drawings do not indicate what the floor wall connection is (if any).

## **1.2. Water Infiltration**

A great deal of water infiltration into the building was observed. There are a multitude of buckets on the first floor and second floor collecting water as it filters down from the roof inside the building. The building is not heated and is not ventilated. Therefore additional moisture problems occur from condensation, especially on cold steel surfaces. The first floor carpet supports organic growth of moss/grass due to the constant wetting. It appeared to be raining at some locations. The magnitude of the water infiltration is extremely harmful to the steel structural elements over time. Photo 01 shows an icicle which indicates water is penetrating failed roof and flashing at the roof above.

## **1.3. Stability**

### **1.3.1. Overall**

Marginal overall lateral stability (resistance to wind, etc.) is provided by the exterior cmu walls. However, for this to work the roof and floor need to provide a diaphragm action. Thin poured gypsum roof decking is only marginally effective in the best of conditions and has a poor historic track record. Additionally, the cmu must be able to transmit both normal suction and pressure loads to the floor and roof systems (or alternatively to the columns and then to the floor and roof). This may not be possible within the strength limitations of the cmu especially if the walls are not anchored to the floor.

### 1.3.2. Cmu Walls

The local ability of the exterior walls to resist lateral pressures (or suction) depends on the anchorage of these walls to the floor and roof system which is partly unknown at this time. More information and analysis is needed to address this item which is outside the scope of this report. However, there is a concern about the westernmost bay of the north and south wall. The height of these walls is about 26.5 feet and with the cmu serving as the main wind resisting element. The cmu is nominally 8" thick and is presumed to be unreinforced hollow block construction. A span of 26.5 feet far exceeds the cmu capacity for wind forces in this condition. While that is a previously approved construction unrelated to the current structural deterioration, the point is raised here as a concern that merits further investigation.

The cmu/brick veneer walls appear to be in good condition. I did not notice any brick veneer popping out or severe obvious cracking. There is no present evidence that water is infiltrating between the brick veneer and cmu backup. However, that condition could change with the loss of diaphragm support of the floor and roof.

## ***2. Roof Structure Condition***

### **2.1. Roof Decking**

The roof decking system where exposed is in very poor condition as can be seen in Photos 04 through 07. Obviously the roof membrane has failed which has in turn caused daylighting in the gypsum deck (Photo 04) and failure of the soft insulation board. This condition can be considered as typical for the decking given the amount of water infiltration into the lower floor level. It certainly makes the roof deck totally ineffective in providing even marginal diaphragm support for the structure.

### **2.2. Joists**

Photos 04, 07, and 08 show roof joists bearing on steel wide flange beams. The joists are in fair condition at the locations visually accessed. As can be seen in the photos there is some rusting of the top chord of the joists but this appears to be surface oxidation only. These members are relatively thin and the corrosion can be expected to accelerate with continued exposure to moisture.

It should be noted that the joist spacing exceeds the recommended Factory Mutual Underwriters (FMU) spacing for this deck system and for many steel decking systems. Special attention is paid to the selection of the deck to meet this underwriters standard. FMU is the accepted authority for insuring roofs and the basis for many building codes.

### **2.3. Beams**

The wide flange steel beams and columns have a red prime coat of paint. Some surface rusting can be seen in the photographs. While not a current concern at this time, the oxidation can be expected to accelerate over time if exposure to the current high volume moisture continues.

### **2.4. HVAC**

There is a large heating/ventilating/air conditioning (HVAC) unit located on the roof near the east wall. An opening for this unit can be seen in Photo 10. It is assumed that this unit rests on the steel joists in this area. The drawings show special support (beams rather than joists) for a cooling tower near this location. However the joists below the HVAC remain the same size as for the rest of the roof. Usually older HVAC units are relatively heavy compared to modern units and one would expect that the joists would be heavier (or special framing provided similar to the cooling tower) in those locations. This condition should be checked prior to and work on the roof.

## ***3. Floor Structure Condition***

### **3.1. Decking**

The floor structure felt firm under foot although the floor tile below the carpet has heaved due to severe moisture saturation. However, the underside of the deck was not fully accessible at the time of the walk-through. Therefore localized areas of failure may exist. Certainly there is considerable water penetration in some areas from the roof through this floor, which probably indicates some sort of concrete deck failure or cracking.

### **3.2. Joists and Beams**

Photo 02 shows the cantilevered end of a joist over a beam at the west edge of the floor area. Some degree of rusting or oxidation can be seen on the joist end and the support beam. This condition appears to be a bit more advanced compared to the roof exposed roof beams and joists. Further inspection of the entire floor is needed, which will require the removal of the ceiling. This also may also permit some visual determination of the anchorage (or lack of anchorage) between the floor and exterior wall.

### **3.3. Column Base**

The concrete column base (or plinth) shown in Photo 11 shows apparent severe cracking. This column is located along the east side entry area and is similar to cracking observed along the colonnade on the west side. This condition is most likely due to moisture. The drawings do not show the steel column resting on a concrete plinth and the element may be simply decorative or there may have been some change during construction. In any case the cracking will permit undesirable water penetration into this element allowing damage to any embedded steel and further freeze thaw damage to the plinth.

## **4. Recommendations**

### **4.1. Replace Roof Deck**

The entire roof deck should be replaced with galvanized steel roof deck. The steel deck should be a wide rib design and a minimum of 20 gage thickness, which is available from several manufacturers. This type of deck meets the Factory Mutual Standards. The design for the roof deck should verify that it can provide diaphragm action. Additionally, the design should provide anchorage to the north and south side walls to provide lateral support for those walls. The roofing shall provide a water tight membrane to protect the interior structure.

### **4.2. Further Inspection & Analysis**

The structure requires further inspection and analysis. This effort was limited to what could be seen where the ceiling panels had been removed. There could be hidden severe deterioration of critical elements that need to be addressed. To that end, the entire ceiling should be removed from both the roof and second floor and proper lifts or ladders provided for close inspection of all elements. Particular attention should be paid to the following items, and corrective treatments should be implemented to reinforce elements as needed. This will require inspection and analysis by a qualified professional structural engineer.

#### **4.2.1. Steel joists/Beams/Columns**

The degree of corrosion of each of these elements should be evaluated for both floor and roof. If the oxidation has not progressed any further than what is indicated by the observations in this report, then no further action is required. If more severe conditions are uncovered, then corrective treatments should be designed and constructed.

#### 4.2.2. Floor anchorage

The anchorage of the floors into the north and south exterior masonry walls is critical to the stability of the overall building. This anchorage should be verified if possible and any indicated corrective measure should be taken.

#### 4.2.3. CMU @ westernmost bays

The stability and strength of the westernmost bay of the north and south wall is questionable due the large unsupported height and width. This condition should be analyzed and any indicated corrective treatment implemented.

#### 4.2.4. Floor integrity

The integrity of the floor decking should be evaluated. A great deal of water has been seeping down through the floor system which could be causing deterioration of the concrete deck.

### **4.3. Ventilate**

It is important that the interior spaces be kept reasonably dry to prevent deterioration. It would be best if the interior could be heated. However, since the structure has, and likely will, remained unoccupied this is not a likely possibility. However, some sort of ventilation system should be installed if heating is not possible. A closed space with no air movement allows condensation on cold steel elements which can result in rusting. A qualified mechanical engineer should be consulted to see if some passive method of ventilation is possible in order to mitigate condensation without high mechanical operational costs.

### **4.4. Periodic Inspection**

It would be prudent to require a yearly inspection of the building as long as it remains unoccupied.

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas R. Fitzpatrick, PE  
Life Member ASCE/SEI



Photo 01; East entry façade – icicle indicates failed flashings above. (trf 03.15.13)



Photo 02; Column cover damage east façade – note cracked pedestal, steel column undamaged. (trf 03.15.13)



Photo 03; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Joist bearing @ cantilever along west side stairs. (trf 03.15.13)



Photo 04; Roof – Failed gypsum deck over insulation board at joist bearing on steel beam (trf 03.15.13)



Photo 05; Roof – Close up of gyp deck over insulation board above steel beam, gyp deck appears to have been field placed. (trf 03.15.13)



Photo 06; Roof – See photo 05 (trf 03.15.13)

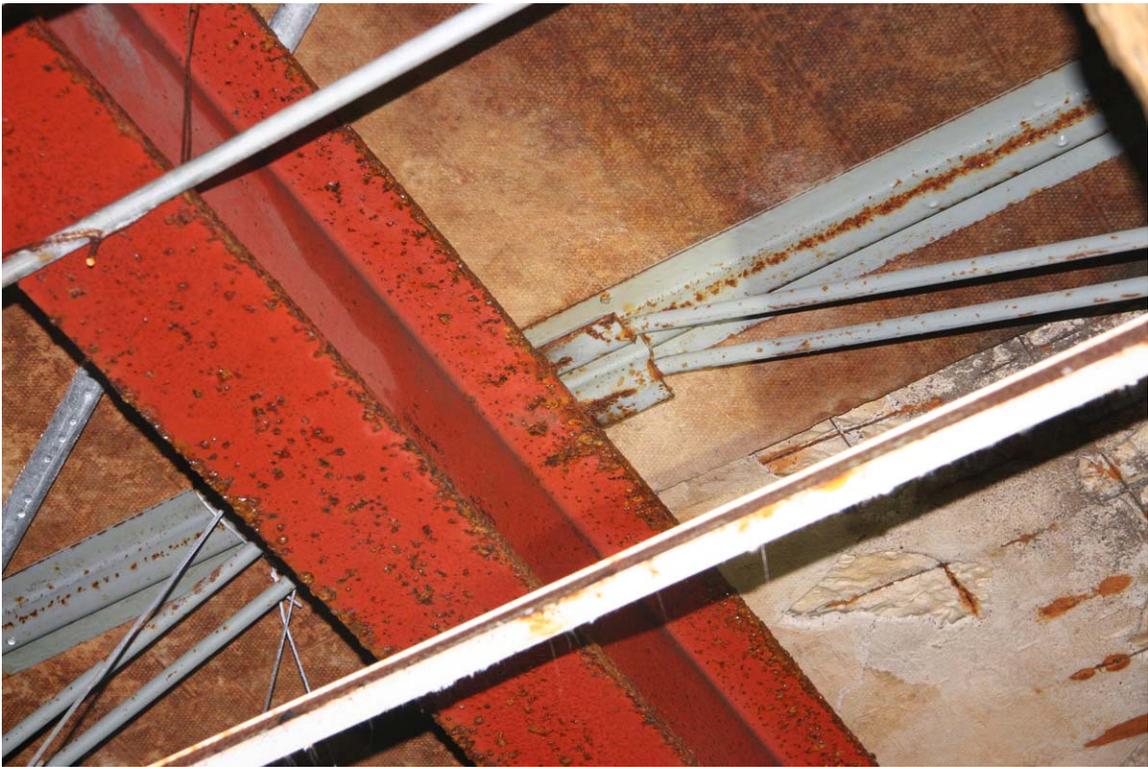


Photo 07; Roof – Joist bearing on beam detail. (trf 03.15.13)



Photo 08; Roof – Joist, beam, column detail. Joist is connected at both bot and top chord providing some lateral resistance in the east-west direction. Beam is continuous over column but connection does not provide full moment and lateral resistance. (trf 03.15.13)



Photo 09; Roof – North wall toward east end, U strap over joist is intended to provide lateral support for the cmu exterior wall except the roof decking is not capable of providing required diaphragm action. (trf 03.15.13)



Photo 10; Roof – HVAC support at roof opening. Joists don't look beefed up to support the HVAC unit. (trf 03.15.13)



Photo 11; Column Base – East side is shown, at least two bases at north end of west side similar. (trf 03.15.13)

Blight control program:

The City has been implementing the Dangerous Buildings program since 2009. Since that time, 61 properties been a part of the program, the goal of which is to either rehab or otherwise bring a property up to code to where it can be reoccupied, or move it to demolition, reducing the negative impact the property has on neighboring properties and the community.

Between 2009-2011 – (61 properties)

- 20 have been brought into compliance
- 5 have been completely rehabbed
- 32 have been demolished (that includes some Water Street properties).
- Four are still pending action
- 12 added to the program in 2012-2013.

While not formally a part of the dangerous buildings program, the renovation of the former Parkview Apartments into Hamilton Crossing was perhaps the City's biggest achievement in that time frame. The City committed NSP funds and the County HOME funds to the project in addition to HUD up front grants, LIHTC and a MSHDQA loan.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

Teresa Gillotti

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April 2, 2013

City of Ypsilanti  
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Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

Attention: Mr. Stan Kirton

Regarding: Grove Street Reconstruction - Project Update

Dear Mr. Kirton:

OHM is scheduled to present the final construction drawings at an upcoming City Council meeting. We have prepared this summary of the basic project information as well as a brief summary of the funding status. We hope this will be useful to Council in advance of the presentation.

The project is a complete reconstruction of Grove Street from the south side of the I-94 bridge to the City/Township border just south of Emerick Street. The road will be replaced with an asphalt cross section with concrete curb and gutter. New guardrail will be installed on the west side of the road. Sidewalk gaps will be filled on the east side of the road. The road will consist of three 12' travel lanes (one each direction with reciprocal turn lane) and two 4' dedicated on-street bike lanes. The project is scheduled to be completed this construction season. The traffic control plan calls for the road to be open one-way northbound only for the duration of construction.

As part of the complete streets ordinance, OHM presented the project to the Planning Commission for review and comment. The following suggestions from the Planning Commission were incorporated into the final plans:

1. Providing concrete sidewalk along the east side of Grove Street for the entire project length.
2. Including a midblock crosswalk with appropriate signs and pavement markings.
3. Including on-street bike lanes in each direction.

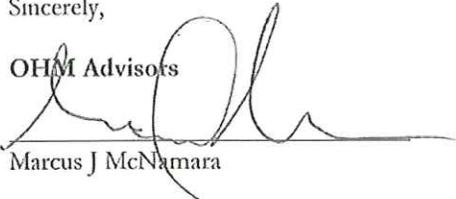
The Planning Commission had also requested narrowing the vehicle travel lanes from 12' to 11'. OHM proposed this modification to MDOT, but the request was denied based on the truck traffic demands and Federal Highway requirements.

OHM has been working with the City since 2009 attempting to secure funding for this project. In 2011 Surface Transportation funding of \$352,000 was allocated for the 2014 construction season. Since the original allocation an additional \$100,000 has been secured for the project, and the funding advanced to 2013. The City now has \$452,000 of Federal Aid allocated in the current fiscal year.

Please contact us if you have any questions. We will be in attendance at the next council meeting to present the final plans and answer any questions.

Sincerely,

OHM Advisors



Marcus J. McNamara

cc: Teresa Gillotti, City Planner

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# City of Ypsilanti Fire Department



**January and February 2013 Report**



# City of Ypsilanti Fire Department Monthly Report

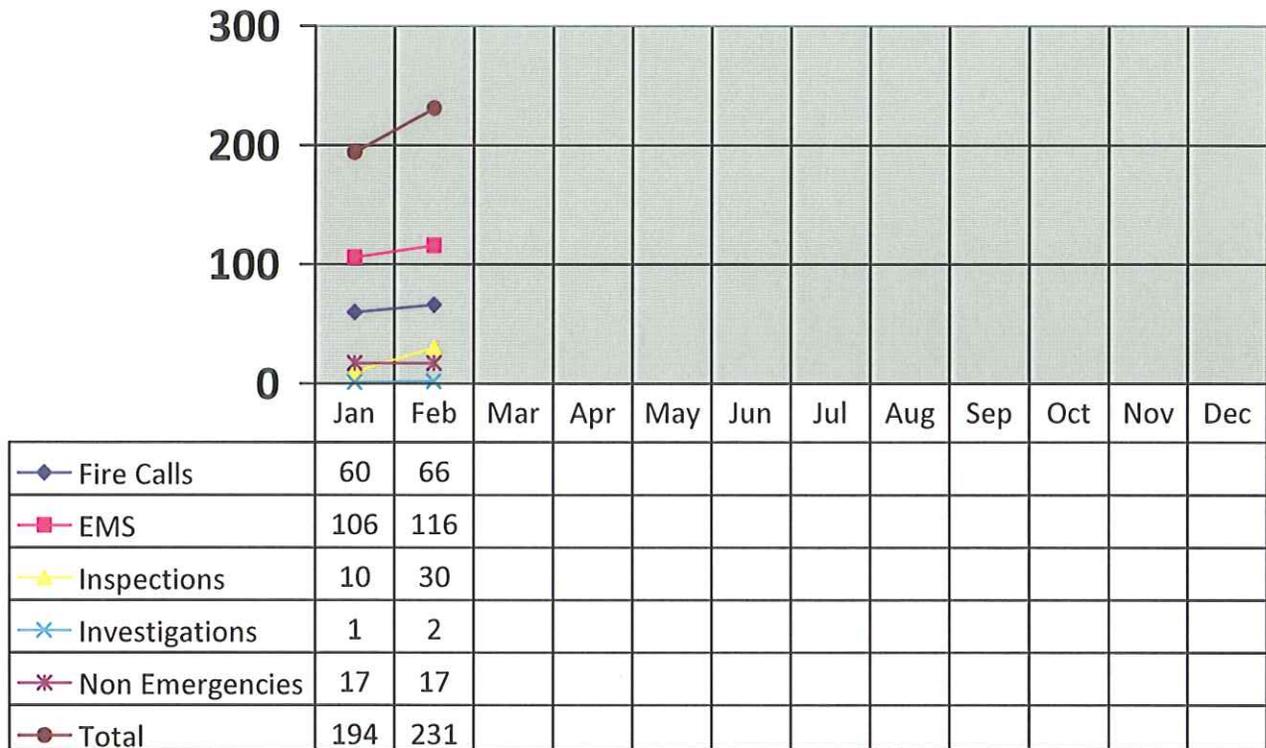


January / February 2013

## OPERATIONS:

### Responses:

- In January we responded to 166 emergency calls and 28 non-emergency requests.
- In February we responded to 182 emergency calls and 49 non-emergency requests.



### Standard Operating Guidelines:

- All Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) are now updated and approved.

### Significant Fires:

- Jan 7: 5986 Bosuns Way, Ypsilanti Twp. Apartment building fire.
- Jan 8: 434 Jefferson ,Ypsilanti. Duplex house fire.
- Jan 13: 1310 Packard, Ann Arbor. Apartment building fire.

- Feb 9: 3375 E. Michigan, Ypsilanti Twp. Double mobile home fire.
- Feb 27: 712 Pearl, Ypsilanti. Three story apartment house fire.

**Mutual Aid and Box Alarms:**

3 Given      2 Received

**Cardiac Arrests:**

- Jan 7: Pronounced at the scene
- Jan 7: Saved
- Jan 9: Pronounced at the scene
- Jan 13: Pronounced at the scene
- Jan 13: Return of a pulse, passed away two days later
- Jan 15: Return of a pulse, unknown if still alive

**Hazardous Materials:**

- Feb 2: 333 S. Prospect, car accident /car vs. building resulting in a natural gas leak.
- Feb 24: 1624 Washtenaw, natural gas leak above lower explosive limit in apartment building.

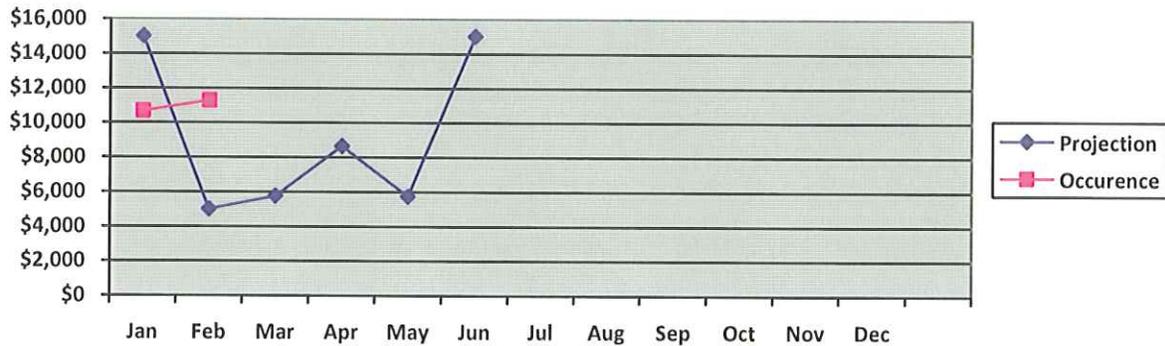
**Extrications:**

- Feb 20: Cross and Wallace, car accident with victims pinned-in: Jaws of Life operation.

**EXTRA DUTY DAYS AND OVERTIME:**

The Extra-Duty Day line item, which was amended by \$97,000 as suggested by Marilou, is still well over our yearly prevision. On a positive note, the Overtime budget was amended by -\$15,000 since Chief Ichesco and I have restricted overtime use for trainings, meetings and other non-minimum staffing activities.

## 2013 Overtime Projections and Occurrence



### FIRE MARSHALL ACTIVITIES:

- Dangerous buildings: 9
- Business inspections: 30
  - Violations: 4 in January, 83 in February
- Dangerous buildings: 9
- Fireworks and pyrotechnic permits: 1
- Fire Watch during concerts: 2

### WORK IN PROGRESS:

#### Fire Department Organization:

- The Department was reorganized to match our new staffing levels.
- Rules and regulations are being totally redone (some are 20 years old).
- Lt. Maddison is establishing a solid training program including an outline for each topic. He is following MIOSHA part 74 for training compliance.
- Firefighter Roe, currently on light duty injury, is running our inspections. This is illustrated by an increase in Fire Inspection activities for the month of February.

- Insurance Survey Organization: I am evaluating our options to avoid a drop in our Fire Protection Rating due to decreased staffing.
- We are looking at different options for the Fire Marshall testing procedure.

**Morale Issues:**

Mr. Burton’s Diversity Training ended on a positive note. I wrote a policy addressing expectations with regard to cultural diversity and how to address eventual problems (see Appendix B). The policy was given to HR for review.

**Hybrid Program:**

A meeting with Chief Walker is scheduled for March 8.

**COST RECOVERY**

Date	From	Revenues	
		Amount	Reason
1/11/2013	The Killers	\$ 150.00	Fire watch EMU concert
2/12/2012	Revenue Rescue	\$ 360.00	Cost recovery
2/13/2013	2 fire reports	\$ 20.00	Fire reports
2/27/2013	Zenith Technology	\$ 150.00	Fire watch EMU concert

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Firefighter Knasiak discovered a 3<sup>rd</sup> fire in a very stubborn apartment house fire triggered by an electrical surge during an ice storm resulting in saving the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the structure.

Firefighters Brierley, Montalvo, Roe, and Schroeder and Lt Kouba for saving the life of a male patient in cardiac arrest.

Respectfully Submitted,

Max Anthouard,  
Interim Chief

# Community Center Open House



Come out and support our children, staff, volunteers, partners and programs as we Open the doors of the center to our most valued treasure  
– YOU!

Saturday, April 27, 2013 11am-2pm  
Parkridge Community Center 591 Armstrong  
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