

## NEW SIGNS ARE HERE



The new signs have been installed.

## WILDLIFE

The annual Nest Box Cleanout Day took place on March 26 this year. Twenty-five volunteers braved the cold and snowy conditions to participate in the annual event. All 300+ nest boxes on site were cleaned and repaired or replaced if needed. Volunteers included members of the Grand Rapids Audubon Club, Muskegon Nature Club and Muskegon County employees. We're grateful to all of our volunteers for their continued support!



## GULL COLONY RESEARCH

Dr. Gordon Atkins of Andrews University completed his monitoring of the ringed bill gull colony on the center dyke of the storage lagoons in mid-June. We are awaiting the data on that research.

## 2022 GROWING SEASON

Corn planting wrapped up on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The first cutting of alfalfa began over Memorial Day weekend, and also ended on the June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Yields were good. Overall, crop conditions look good. All the soybeans from 2021 have been shipped and were sold at near record pricing. We are now beginning to ship corn.

## SAFETY CONTEST WINNER



Sara Moore was our 2022 Safety Contest Winner. Congratulations, Sara!

## J STATION REPLACEMENT

The new J Station is in service. Once the stairs and railings were installed, K & R was able to put the finishing touches on the pumps, valves, and electronics in the station. The contractor has been working diligently to troubleshoot and make the needed adjustments to get the pumps and electronics to communicate and to do what they need to do to push wastewater through the pumps.

## SOUTH IRRIGATION STATION REPLACEMENT

Kamminga & Roodvoets has pressured tested the piping in the wet well and also tested miscellaneous exterior piping at the new South Irrigation Station. The contractor has poured frost walls for electrical equipment pads and installed electrical conduit.



## FLEET-OPS BUILDING AND POLE BARN FACE LIFT



## SOLID WASTE

The landfill expansion area was cleared of trees, stumps, and root mass. Structural fill sand is being placed, graded, and compacted over the footprint of the future landfill cell.



In early June, the Solid Waste contracted litter cleanup laborer, Yvonne Herter, was surprised by a local school class with hand made statements thanking her for keeping the environment clean and picked up.



Dear Yvonne,  
I hope you're happy! Our planet would probably be messy if it wasn't all for you. My teacher says you bending down almost every day. She told me you pick up garbage. Some people think that's a nasty job I dont and when I grow up I'll be just like you picking up garbage.  
Sincerely,  
Sophia Cross

## STAFF CHANGES AT RESOURCE RECOVERY

New Operations Maintenance Mechanics John Carr and Roman Cartwright, who started in November, 2021.

New Laboratory Technician Cecil Drake, who



Amelia Isitan joined the team as the new Operations Supervisor in May.



Doug Noyes is the new Engineer-Project Manager, who started in May.

New Operations Maintenance Mechanic Michael, "Mickey", Starr, who started in May.



Cody Whitten joined the Operations Maintenance Mechanic team in July.

Kari Visser was promoted to chemist. Congratulations Kari!



New Operations Maintenance Supervisor Ivan Phillips, who started in May.

## Have an Awesome Summer !!

