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# Public Service Department

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## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### January 2016

#### **Updates to City Tree Ordinance**

Public service department staff members met with members of the community development department and administration to discuss proposed modifications to the city street tree requirements for new developments. A draft proposal from the environmental resources technician was reviewed and discussed. Improvements include identifying tree sizes for proper tree lawn widths, spacing between trees, maintaining clearance to obstructions and tree protection during building construction. Once a final draft is complete the next steps include meeting local developers to gather their comments before taking legislation to Council and Planning Commission.

#### **Editorial Board Meeting**

Senior staff members met with representatives from New Albany News, the local community newspaper, to discuss city projects completed in 2015 and to review department goals for the coming year. The development department discussed the growth of the city, the police department reviewed the new CAD record management system that is being designed and the addition of new officers. The service director reviewed the increase in departmental staff, completed capital projects and a 2016 goal of obtaining city arboretum designation.

#### **Urban Forestry Program**

The director, operations manager and environmental resources technician met with representatives from the City of Bexley to learn of their urban forestry program. Included in the program are events such as an all day Arbor Day celebration, tapping maple trees for syrup as a community outreach project and reclaiming cut street trees. The city has a small milling machine where they cut wood planks to use as features in city buildings and to fabricate benches for community parks.

#### **Professional Development**

Maintenance Supervisor Dennis Munsey was recognized this past month for his generous actions assisting a stranded motorist in the business campus by changing a flat tire. As a member of the public service department Dennis displayed the department's mission of delivering benchmark services to the New Albany community.

Environmental Resources Technician Aaron Noblet attended a two day training seminar hosted by the Tree Commission Academy (TCA) and the Ohio Division of Forestry where topics discussed provided information on contracting, destructive pests, tree risk assessment, volunteer use and management, as well as tree selection.

Fleet mechanic Steve Saunders and Fleet Supervisor Eric Umbleby attended Ohio Auto Tech training for IPDS where they learned how to test equipment and were given diagnostic tips regarding intermittent drive concerns.

## PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES

### January 2016

#### **Beech Rd. Tank Sanitary Lift Station and Force Main**

Plans and bid specifications are near completion for a lift station and force main project that will provide sanitary service to the Beech Road Water Tank. The new water tower is currently under construction and is expected to be in operation by early June. Therefore, timing is important on the bidding, securing a contract and the start of the lift station and force main project. The cost of the project is estimated at \$100,000 with a completion date of May 31, 2016.

#### **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ)**

In May of 2015, the city received grant funding from MORPC through the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program. New Albany proposes to interconnect all 23 traffic signals systems within the city using fiber optic cable and master control equipment. The project is estimated at \$935,000 and would begin construction in 2018. Meetings have taken place with the city engineer and director to formulate a project schedule to capture the entire project scope from site survey, design, bidding and construction management.

#### **2016 Capital Projects meeting**

With direction from the city manager, the director is currently evaluating improvement projects to include in the 2016 capital projects list. These projects include road improvements, traffic management and leisure trails.

# CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

## January 2016

### Beech Road 2 Million Gallon Water Tank

- Storage tank foundation and concrete reinforced column walls were completed in June.
- Welding of the metal tank occurred in the summer and crews have finished painting the bowl exterior.
- The water tank is scheduled for June 2016 operation.



The metal tank waiting any further exterior work till Spring.

### Johnstown Road Water Tank Repainting

- Project was advertised and bids opened, with the city receiving nine proposals.
- Lowest and best bid came from Central Painting & Sandblasting at a base bid price of \$396,200.
- Construction schedule is June 2016 to August 2016.



Current photo of Johnstown Road Water Tank before painting.

### Forest Drive to Zarley Street Connector Road

- Construction contractor is Nickolas Savko & Sons.
- Project began in November with earth moving work, storm basin setup and cutting in the roadway.
- Improvements include, storm sewers, a two lane road, curbs, street lights, leisure trail and fencing.



Site grading and roadway base preparation has been performed.

### Beech Road Fiber Hut

- Through a working agreement with the city, AEP is serving as the general contractor on this project.
- This prefabricated structure will house electronic equipment used to support New Albany's robust fiber optic system.
- Construction began in November 2015 and will be completed by June 2016.



Fiber Hut building is waiting for electric and natural gas utility hook-ups.

## PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS January 2016

Crew members Rob Runyon, Brent Rush and seasonal employee Kevin Carl install a new Park and Ride sign along Worthington Road just east of Beech Road. The previous sign was damaged in a vehicular accident. Prior to installation, modifications were made to the support structures to ensure a proper fit.



The bucket truck is utilized to install a new Park and Ride sign.

Maintenance Workers Jerry Smith and Chad Bauman inspect sanitary sewer manholes within the city to ensure they are centered over the concrete castings and are not leaking ground water. The Ohio EPA requires municipalities who own and operate a sanitary sewer system to perform scheduled inspections and repairs and properly document the work.



Sanitary manhole inspections are performed annually throughout the city.

Staffers Ken Gray and Nick Cichanowicz perform repairs to a fire hydrant in the Oxford subdivision located off Johnstown Road (US62) just north of the Morse Road roundabout. The City of Columbus reported damage to the hydrant, so workers replaced the bottom break-ring to straighten its position relative to the street. It was suspected that a vehicle or truck when off the road and slightly turned the hydrant.



Hydrant repairs take place in the new Oxford community.

When the weather forecast warrant, service crews apply liquid sodium chloride pretreatment to roads in longitudinal lines. These liquids prevent snow and ice from bonding to pavement and make it easier for snow accumulation to be plowed off. The city has two tanks from which pretreatment can be dispensed; a truck mounted unit and a trailered unit.



Dublin-Granville Road receives pretreated prior to a forecasted winter event.



## SEASONAL STATISTICS January 2016

