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## **Public Service Department**

MONTHLY REPORT

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*Professionalism*

*Integrity*

*Reliability*

*Quality*

*Pride*

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**New Albany Blood Drive at the Public Service Department**

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, the City of New Albany hosted a blood drive for the community at the service department facility. The blood drive was conducted by Versiti Blood Center. Based in Columbus, Versiti Blood Center provides blood, blood products and specialty laboratory services to The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Versiti has established blood centers in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. The New Albany Blood Drive was very successful with 43 donors registering on-line in advance. On the day of collection, 28 donors signed in and 23 were able to complete their blood donations. Eleven donations of the 23 were Type O blood which is a treasured universal type of blood. Versiti was very appreciative of the opportunity to conduct the blood drive in New Albany and has scheduled more monthly collections at the service department through the end of the year. Blood donations during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is very important. As elective surgeries are rescheduled, the demand for blood will sharply increase and the need for blood on the shelves for patients is crucial.

**Market Street Bridge**

The director met with representatives from Environmental Remediation Contractor (ERC) on-site at the Rose Run Park to review a buildup of rock and shale underneath the Market Street Bridge. ERC provides contracting service in the environmental and civil industry centered around soil and water quality. With previous Rose Run Project experience, they provide attention to detail, efficiency and environmental compliance. It was estimated that 60 cubic yards of rock and shale needs cleared to restore the stream bed to its original elevation when the Market Street Bridge was constructed. Recent flooding in the Rose Run Park has caused damage to improvements and enabling the stream to flow properly will reduce future flooding. This work is expected to take place in May.

**Chatham Green Drive Sidewalk Improvements**

The public service director and engineering technician met with the City Forester on Chatham Green Drive to go over the city's plan to install a sidewalk on the south side of the street from Blackstone Edge Drive to North High Street. Currently, no sidewalk exists on this side of the street for students to walk to school. The area has brush and trees that need to be removed before sidewalk improvements can be made.

**Compliment and Appreciation Given to the Public Service Department Staff**

Residents of James River Road complimented and thanked the public service department staff for their effort and determination to repair a clogged underground drainage pipe caused by a large tree root. Unfortunately, the mature tree had to be removed so the drain pipe could be fully repaired.

**Professional Development**

City Forester Marylou Bohannon attended a LTAP GoToWebinar—Work Zone Traffic Control Part 3: Work Zone Traffic Control Layouts. Part 4: Flagging, Moving and Mobile Operations. And Part 5: Street Closures and Design Workshop.

Service Director Mark Nemec attended a LTAP GoToWebinar—Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian (STEP) Webinar—Part 1 through Part 4.

**Arbor Day Tree Planting Project at Kitzmiller Road Wetlands**

Service Department Forestry staff has developed a project to reforest a portion of the city's Kitzmiller Road Wetlands by planting 900 native saplings. There will be 16 different species of trees and shrubs planted which will support a wide range of wildlife including bees, mammals, and birds. Once established, many of the species are both drought and flood tolerant, making them ideal for an unpredictable climate. The saplings were provided by Green Columbus as part of their effort to plant 50,000 in Central Ohio for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day. Green Columbus is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting sustainable living and environmental community building in Central Ohio. The planting project was scheduled as New Albany's Arbor Day celebration with the public, but the volunteer event was canceled due to COVID-19. These plantings also serve to celebrate of Earth Day, which was on April 22nd.

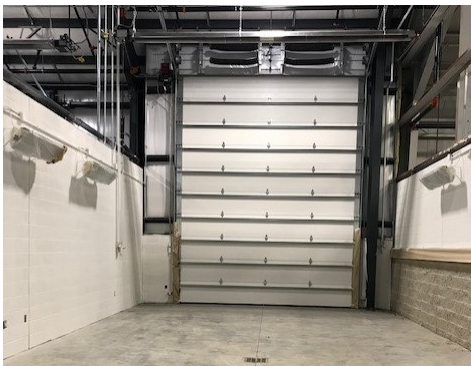
Trees provide many benefits:

- Create oxygen.
- Clean stormwater and reduce flooding.
- Take pollution out of the air.
- Sequester carbon dioxide for up to a century or more, depending on the tree.
- Provide shade. Tree canopies produce a cooling effect for all communities.



### Public Service Garage Expansion

- The R.W. Setterlin Building Company was the low bid contractor with a bid of \$1,564,246.13 for the project. Only two bids were received.
- The project will expand the storage space for trucks and equipment by 10,000 square feet. Also, the existing tool storage room will be converted into a lunch/break room for the staff.
- Construction activity began in November of 2019 with demolition of the parking lot and installation of the building footings.
- Steel erection occurred during the months of January and February. The siding, roofing and windows were completed in early March. Currently, the interior painting is being performed.



The new welding/fabrication room is being painted by contractors.



Painting contractors are organizing for their work with setting up a portable lift .

**Tree Roots Block Sump Pump Drainage**

Maintenance workers and forestry staff work together to replace a underground drain pipe crushed by massive tree roots from a Japanese Zelcova street tree. The tree was already in decline due to damage from previous sidewalk replacement and girdling roots. Therefore, with the additional roots removed to access the drain pipe the street tree will be replaced. The new tree will be located further from the pipe to prevent such conflict in the future.



Crews hydro-excavate to access drainage pipe and remove roots.

**Storm Drainage Improvements**

Using a small trac excavator, Maintenance Supervisor Steve Kidwell cleaned and reshaped an existing open ditch off Waterston Road. Over the past six months localized flooding occurred during heavy rain events. Therefore, removal of debris from the drainage way was a preventative measure the service department took on to help solve the flooding in this residential neighborhood.



Storm ditch maintenance to improve drainage in the Waterston neighborhood.

**Road Salt Delivery**

In April, crews from the Franklin County Engineers Office conveyed road salt into the service department salt barn. Utilizing ODOT contracts for road salt, purchase deliveries are made from a salt stock pile in Columbus. Each Winter, New Albany partners with the Franklin County Engineer’s Office for the use of deicing materials and facility operations. The city coordinates salt deliveries with the county so that their salt conveying system can be used to more efficiently store salt in the city barn.



Franklin County material conveyor is used for piling salt in the storage barn.

**COVID-19 Cleaning of Service Facility**

Maintenance worker Shaun Bush is disinfecting the lunch-room table after eating lunch. After the chairs and tables are wiped down, the chairs are put on top of the tables. By performing this measure it shows that the area has been disinfected and ready for use. Since sanitizing guidelines were handed down by the Ohio Department of Health, service crews have maintained a vigilance with cleaning building spaces, trucks and equipment.



Crews provide COVID-19 cleaning of service facility and equipment.

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