



Public Service Department

MONTHLY REPORT

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Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

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Quarterly Stormwater Meeting

Staff from city departments along with representatives from E.P. Ferris, Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD), and Follow the River Environmental meet quarterly to review the status of city stormwater initiatives to stay in compliance with EPA water quality rules. The March meeting centered on discussions reviewing New Albany's Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) for 2020-2024. The City is required to develop, implement and support a SWMP to the maximum extent practicable, to protect water quality, and to satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of Ohio Revised Code (ORC), the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the National Pollution Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) general permit. The plan provides information to Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) on how the city intends to comply with the requirements of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Municipal Stormwater Program administered through the NPDES general permit for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). The plan also serves as a communication and guidance tool to city staff and elected officials, community partners, businesses and residents involved in implementing the stormwater program.

Forestry Specialist Interviews

The advertising and evaluation process for the newly created position of Forestry Specialist has resulted in six applicants for consideration. Five of the six had phone interviews in early March, however due to restrictions and policies in place to reduce the spread of the coronavirus the hiring process for this position has been put on hold. It is hopeful, that the interviewing process can continue in May with a potential hiring by June.

KLA Consulting

The public service director and operations manager met with Kim Arnold, Safety Consultant with KLA Consulting, to discuss updates to several safety policies and to schedule safety trainings for 2020. Ms. Arnold was hired last year by the city to assist the service department with needed work policy updates and routine safety training to keep the department in compliance with Public Employee Risk Reduction Program (PERRP) requirements for government employees.

New Albany Employee Lunch & Learn

Some employees from the public service department attended a city-wide health initiative Lunch & Learn titled "Happy, Healthy, Wild and Free." The presentation was given by Mount Carmel Health at Village Hall.

Compliment Given to the Public Service Department Staff

A resident called to say thank you to Maintenance Supervisor Dennis Munsey's crew for the awesome job they did, cleaning up her curb along Triplett Square.

Professional Development

Fleet Manager Eric Umbleby attended the Work Truck Show at the Indianapolis Convention Center in Indiana. The show is the largest in North America and offers the newest industry products.

The public service department provided additional in-house Munis EAM Work Order training for staff. The training was hands-on and interactive to assist and answer employee questions.

The public service department staff received training on the new wood chipper which was recently purchased. Vermeer, the manufacturer, provided an on-site representative to conduct hands-on instruction.

Management of New Albany Bridges

Ohio law requires annual bridge inspections be performed and inventory management be maintained for all bridges that the city owns and operates. These standards insure that the quality of Ohio bridges are consistently and effectively preserved. New Albany hires an engineering consultant to perform city bridge inspections and to keep it's records updated through ODOT's structure management system (SMS). Currently, the City of New Albany utilizes the engineering firm of E.P. Ferris and Associates to perform bridge inspection work. New Albany owns and maintains twenty two (22) bridges within the community. All of the bridges have been rated either very good or good at the last inspection performed in April of 2019.

SFN	ROAD	STREAM	CONDITION
2562103	Thompson Rd.	Rocky Fork Creek	Very Good
2565803	Dean Farm Rd.	Sugar Run Creek	Very Good
2565862	Dean Farm Rd.	Tributary	Very Good
2565919	New Albany Rd. E.	Sugar Run Creek	Very Good
2565978	Bevelhymmer Rd.	Underpass	Very Good
2566000	Steeplechase Ln.	Sugar Run Creek	Very Good
2566036	Aldie Mill Dr.	Tributary	Very Good
2566087	Fort Ward Dr.	Tributary	Very Good
2566133	Greensward Rd.	Rose Run Creek	Good
2566192	Harlem Rd.	Rose Run Creek	Good
2566249	Market St.	Rose Run Creek	Very Good
2566303	Smith's Mill Rd.	Blacklick Creek	Very Good
2566362	Hawksmoor Ct.	Tributary	Very Good
2566419	Greensward Rd.	Tributary	Very Good
2566478	Johnstown Rd.	Underpass	Very Good
2566524	Lambton Park Rd.	Tributary	Very Good
2566575	Stannage Pass	Tributary	Very Good
2566621	Evelyton Rd.	Tributary	Very Good
2570386	James River Rd.	Tributary	Very Good
2570432	New Albany Links	Sugar Run Creek	Very Good
2578492	Highgrove Rd.	Rose Run Creek	Good
4540035	Harrison Rd.	S. Fork Licking R.	Good

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 mechanicals are being installed.



The electrical contractor is installing lighting in the new garage addition.



The steel erection contractor is placing the first cupola on the garage addition roof.

City Forestry Projects

Forestry Specialist Chase Loughman worked to safely remove three dead Ash trees from city property which bordered the New Albany Links Golf Course. Like most other Ash trees in Ohio, these trees were killed by the Emerald Ash Borer. Large Ash trees can be difficult to remove because they become extremely brittle after infestation and can create a hazardous situation if they fall in the wrong way.



Forestry Specialist Chase Loughman removes several dead Ash trees.

Walnut Street Ditch and Storm Sewer Improvement

Maintenance Workers Rob Runyon, Kenny Geiger, Curtis Reed, Carl McNeal, and seasonal workers Kongi Andrews and Chris Muncie complete the final phases of work for ditch and storm sewer improvements on Walnut Street. After removing truckloads of clay, crews placed 24 yards of top soil, seed and straw. To correct drainage problems in the area, a storm sewer system was installed and the roadside ditch was cleaned and regraded.



Crews place topsoil, seed and straw to complete work off Walnut Street.

Spring Street Sweeping

With the early warmer weather, crews began Spring time street sweeping throughout the community. Street cleaning removes dirt, debris and other hazards from the road and storm sewer systems. It promotes the health, safety and appearance of the community. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) considers street sweeping a Best Management Practice in protecting water quality. The city street sweeper is equipped with water tanks and sprayers to loosen dirt and particles and reduce dust while in operation.



Street sweeping began early this year due to warm Spring weather.

Beech Road Sanitary Lift Station Maintenance

Maintenance crew members Chad Smith and Andrew Love utilize the city sewer/vac truck to remove effluent debris from the sanitary lift station at the Beech Road Water Tower Facility. Maintenance crews routinely clean out city lift stations to insure they are functioning properly and to extend the operating life of the system. The city owns and maintains two lift stations in the city, one off Beech Road and the other off Worthington Road.



Crews clean out the sanitary lift station at the Beech Road Water Tower.

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