



Public Service Department

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Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

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Service Facility Salt Barn

The service director and building maintenance supervisor met with a representative from the Franklin County Engineers (FCE) office to discuss the need to replace the siding on the City Salt Barn. Franklin County has two similar salt barns that are experiencing the same deterioration of the siding on the front and rear of their buildings. The county has already researched available options for replacement materials and have shared their findings with the city. Additionally, the city and county are working on a collaborative effort for purchasing the siding materials and performing the replacement work.

Solid Waste Consortium Meeting

The City of New Albany is a member of the Central Ohio Solid Waste Consortium which represents ten local communities within Franklin County. The consortium's existing three year contract with Rumpke for trash, recycling and yard waste service expires at the end of 2021. The consortium communities have been conducting remote meetings to discuss options for extending the current contract through 2022 or rebidding for collection services. New Albany residents are currently paying \$17.50 a month for collections services. These rates will go to \$18.70 a month in 2021, which is the final year of the three year contract. Consortium meetings will continue monthly through the end of this year.

Compliment Given to the Public Service Department Staff

The public service department received a compliment from a resident on Central College Road. The resident said that city workers Nick Cichanowicz, Jerry Smith, Carl McNeal and Curtis Reed were "doing a really good job" on the ditch cleaning on Central College Road. He also said that he really appreciates their hard work and taking the time to ensure that the grass will grow back again. "Really nice job!"

Professional Development

Service department staff signed up for several Strategic Government Resources Virtual Trainings in October. Course topics included: Customer Service Values, Customer Service for Various Personalities and Customer Service for Diverse Generations.

Maintenance staff completed annual good housekeeping training to satisfy National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements set out through the Ohio EPA. Staff participated in a video presentation on best management practices for Municipal Storm Water Pollution Prevention.

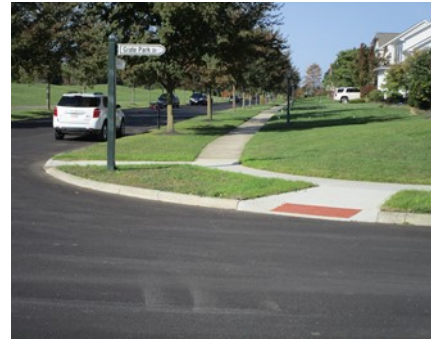
Street Name Sign Upgrades

Through approval of council, the city updated the design standards for street name signage throughout the community. The new standard requires a reflective white background with black letters utilizing upper and lower case detail. In order to replace the existing 730 street name signs in the city, a two year replacement program was developed and initiated in 2019.

All street name signs within residential areas of the community have been completed. This includes converting wood posts to decorative metal posts in the Village Center. The remaining work includes replacing the street name signs hanging from traffic signal mast arms. This work is expected to be completed by March 2021.

2020 City Sidewalk Improvement Project

- Decker Construction was the low bid contractor for performing sidewalk replacement as part of the city street improvement project at a cost of \$134,886.96.
- The Hampsted Village neighborhood is the area planned for improvement work.
- Sidewalk improvements began in July and wrapped up in August.



Newly upgraded ADA ramps at Grate Park Drive and Gilg Street.

2020 City Street Improvement Project

- The low bidder for the construction contract was Decker Construction at a base bid price of \$856,221.97.
- Work includes ADA curb ramp improvements, pavement overlay, curb repair and crack sealing.
- September work included striping improvements.



Repaved Bevelhymer Road

Miracle Field Parking Lot

- The low bidder for the construction contract was Decker Construction at a base bid price of \$67,000.
- Work includes ADA curb ramp improvements, pavement overlay, curb replacement, sidewalk and handicap parking stalls.
- The project was finalized in October.



Miracle Field Parking Lot

Fenway Pond Gets Trash & Recycling Bins

Maintenance workers Tyler Ashcraft and Ian Hurst construct a wood frame to pour a concrete pad for a new trash and recycling receptacle at Fenway Pond. Recently, residents have requested the placement of trash containers for convenience of park users. Last year, the city upgraded the asphalt leisure trails within the park and pedestrian use has increased giving way for the need for trash and recycling receptacles.



A pad is poured for trash & recycling receptacles at Fenway Pond

New Albany Road East Replacement Streetlight

Service crew members Shaun Bush, Rob Runyon and Tyler Myers install a replacement streetlight that had been hit by a motorist on New Albany Road East. When performing this task the bucket truck is utilized to hoist the new streetlight pole in place. Crews then securely bolt the pole and light base to the concrete foundation. Once the wiring is connected to the circuit and the luminaire installed, then the power is restored and the system checked for proper operation.



Service crew members installing a replacement streetlight pole.

Tree Maintenance on James River Road

Forestry Specialist Nick McPherson and Maintenance Worker Curtis Reed worked together to remove dead branches from the Japanese Zelkova trees on James River Road. While some of the Zelkova trees will still need removal in the future, others are recovering and can continue to provide many years of benefits with proper pruning. Zelkova trees can be difficult to prune because of how tightly the branches grow together. The bucket truck used was a free demonstration vehicle supplied to help the department learn more about what kind of truck will be appropriate for future needs.



Forestry crew utilize a demo bucket truck unit designed for trimming trees.

In-house Snow and Ice Training

Supervisors Steve Kidwell, Dennis Munsey and Doug Wittman, facilitated the annual snow training for the public service department maintenance employees. The full day event began with crews selecting snow routes, then a review of department snow removal policies, use of pretreatment systems and truck weighing for salt usage. The afternoon session included inspecting plow trucks and running snow routes looking for pavement deficiencies.



Service crew members participates in snow and ice training.

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