



Public Service Department

MONTHLY REPORT

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Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

August 2016

Cleanup Fund Committee

As an acting board member, the director attended a quarterly Cleanup Fund Committee meeting hosted by the Franklin County Board of Health, which oversees the expenditure of funds collected from fines of environmental crimes. The agenda for the third quarterly meeting included discussions on recent nuisance abatement cases within Columbus, reviewing committee goals and upcoming events. The Environmental Crimes Task Force reported 1,341 complaints via the call-in hotline this year and mailed 337 letters to those found littering. Currently the sheriff's department investigates all cases; however, the Task Force would like to identify a plan to involve more local law enforcement agencies.

Also discussed at the meeting was the Community Cleanup Crew Program, created by Environmental Court Judge Hawkins, which utilizes individuals, required to work community service hours for various environmental projects such as neighborhood cleanups and/or garden projects. So far, sixty individuals have dedicated 1,700 service hours to the program.

Attributable Funds Committee

As New Albany representative, the director attended MORPC's attributable funds committee meeting held in August. ODOT sub-allocates federal transportation funds to MORPC, who then in turn awards funding to various local projects. To monitor this program, MORPC hosts multiple Attributable Funds Committee meetings per year to review the already funded projects and discuss the funding available to new and competing projects. In 2016, MORPC received almost 40 applications requesting nearly \$200 million in grant money. Projects funded must qualify for one of three programs: surface transportation, congestion mitigation and air quality improvement, or transportation alternatives.

Professional Development

Joining other senior staff members, the director attended training on Liabilities Arising from the Use of Social Media & Workplace Cyber Security Liability, Assessment & Coverage held in Dublin. Topics discussed included information on social media, records retention, common law concerns and employment concerns.

Maintenance employee Kenny Geiger renewed his Pesticide Commercial Applicator License, while Fleet Supervisor, Eric Umbleby renewed his Emergency Vehicle Certification.

Supervisors Steve Kidwell and Eric Umbleby and Crew Member Nick Cichanowicz attended Effective Safety Team training at the Bureau of Workmen's Comp location in Pickerington.

A two day remote webcast session entitled, Global Leadership Summit, was attended by Fleet Supervisor Eric Umbleby in downtown Columbus.

PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES

August 2016

New Albany Cemetery Restoration of the Old Burial Ground

In the spring of 2016, Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc. was contracted by the City of New Albany to conduct several tasks in the New Albany Cemetery, a nineteenth century cemetery now located between the Village Hall and the Police Department buildings. The cemetery was established between 1854-55 and continued to be used until the early 1880s, when it was replaced by Maplewood Cemetery. Since then, cemetery maintenance has waxed and waned and the locations of formerly marked graves have been lost. The 2016 restoration project focused on:

- (1) Mapping and documenting cemetery features visible at the surface
- (2) locating additional marker stones through probing and excavation
- (3) conducting non-invasive surveys using a magnetometer and ground-penetrating radar to help identify unmarked graves and other subsurface cemetery features
- (4) compiling a brief history of the cemetery with a list of those known to have been buried there based on documents and marker stones

Each objective of the project met with reasonably good success. A detailed surface map was made of the site using a laser transit and photogrammetric data created with drone-based aerial photos. Two trenches excavated with a backhoe located evidence of at least three iterations of the cemetery perimeter fence, including two distinct lines of postholes that once held wood fence posts. The geophysical surveys located as many as 50 possible and probable graves and probing to locate buried stones found a number of complete and fragmentary stones, including stones for people new to the known list of names associated with the cemetery. Unexpectedly, the probing and subsequent excavations also found a small building foundation and 39 stone rubble capped grave shafts, many of which are not associated with marker stones.

In addition to collecting data on unmarked graves and other features beneath the surface, all loose stones, including those clustered around trees, were gathered up and moved to an offsite storage facility. There the stones were lightly washed and photos were taken of each stone with inscriptions. All inscriptions were recorded and are reported in an appendix at the end of this report, along with photographs of the stones. The study concludes that from 68 to 134 people have been buried at New Albany Cemetery and as many as 66 could have been disinterred and moved to the Maplewood Cemetery.

CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

August 2016

Beech Road 2 Million Gallon Water Tank

- The tank interior and exterior has been completed. Final site cleanup and grading has occurred.
- Columbus Division of Water has placed the water tank in full operation.
- Full occupancy of the interior storage space is expected in October 2016.



A view of the Beech Road Water Tank with the security fence installed.

Johnstown Road Water Tank Repainting

- The construction contract was awarded to Central Painting & Sandblasting at a base bid price of \$396,200.
- Work includes painting both the interior tank bowl and exterior building surfaces.
- Renovations began in August and completion is expected by mid-October.



Crews are working inside the Johnstown Road Water Tank.

Forest Drive to Zarley Street Connector Road

- Construction contractor is Nickolas Savko & Sons.
- Project includes new road, water line & hydrants, street lights and leisure trail.
- The new road was paved and opened to traffic in August.



New Via Tessora Road looking at the completed traffic circle.

2016 City Street Improvement Project

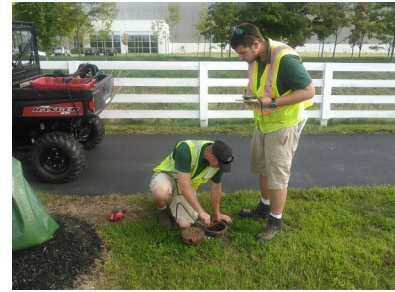
- The construction contract was awarded to Strawser Paving, Inc. at a bid price of \$833,864.
- Work includes ADA curb ramp improvements, pavement overlay, curb repair and crack sealing.
- Construction schedule is June 2016 to Sept. 2016



Paving on Fodor Rd. was completed and striping at the High School entrance.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS August 2016

The city recently discovered that certain Mueller water valves have faulty bolts that over time deteriorate and cause leaks in the water system. To get out in front of future potential leaks Crew Members Ken Gray and Justin Anderson worked on locating these shut-off valves for both the city water mains and fire hydrants. They are locating the deficient bolts and reporting any observed leaks found in the water system.



Service crews are inspecting the condition of water valves throughout the city.

The public service department hosted the fourth annual Touch-a-Truck event on August 20th and had 1,173 attendees. This year's event included a food drive for the local food pantry, Village Coalition Against Hunger, as well as a coloring area for the youngsters waiting in line for their turn at the Police Department's Child ID program. In addition to the public service vehicles, the Plain Township Fire Department and the police department provided vehicles for the children to explore.



A Touch a Truck event attendee enjoying the view from within a city truck.

Installation of a new solar powered speed display sign was completed for southbound SR 605 traffic, just south of the Walton Parkway intersection. After evaluating traffic speed and visibility for vehicles coming over the SR 605 bridge, it was determined that a digital display sign was needed to slow motorists down as they enter a residential area and school zone. The speed limit in that area is 35mph, but the approaching zone from Central College to Walton parkway is 45mph.



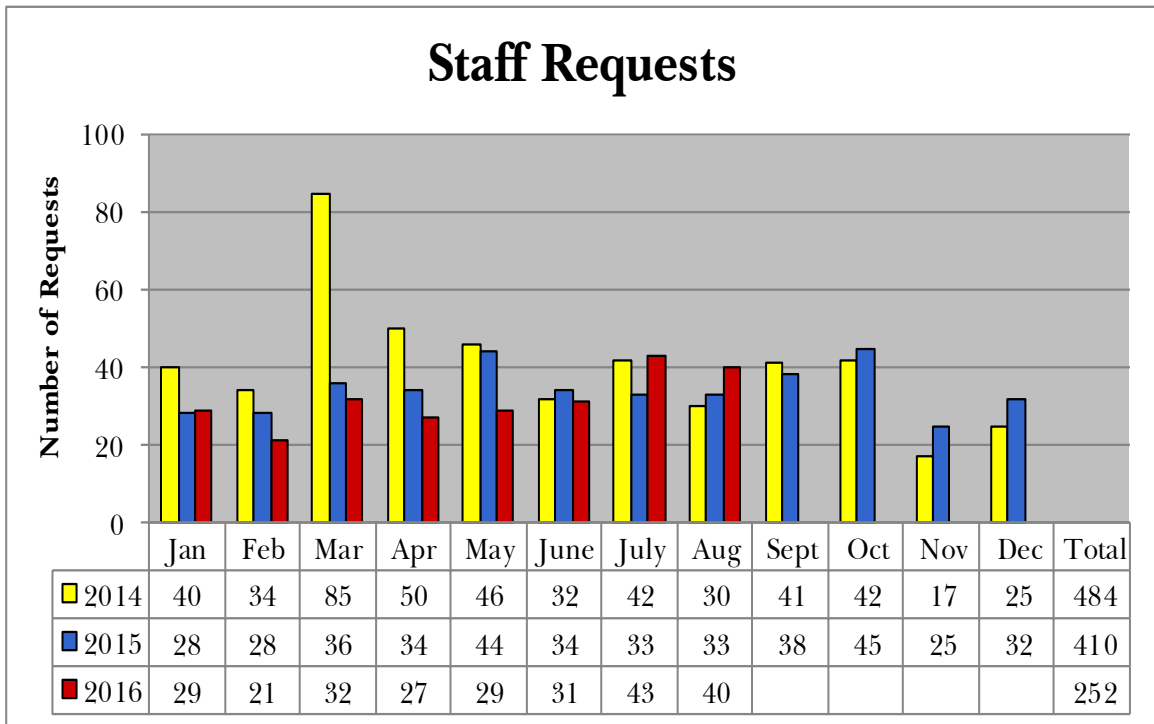
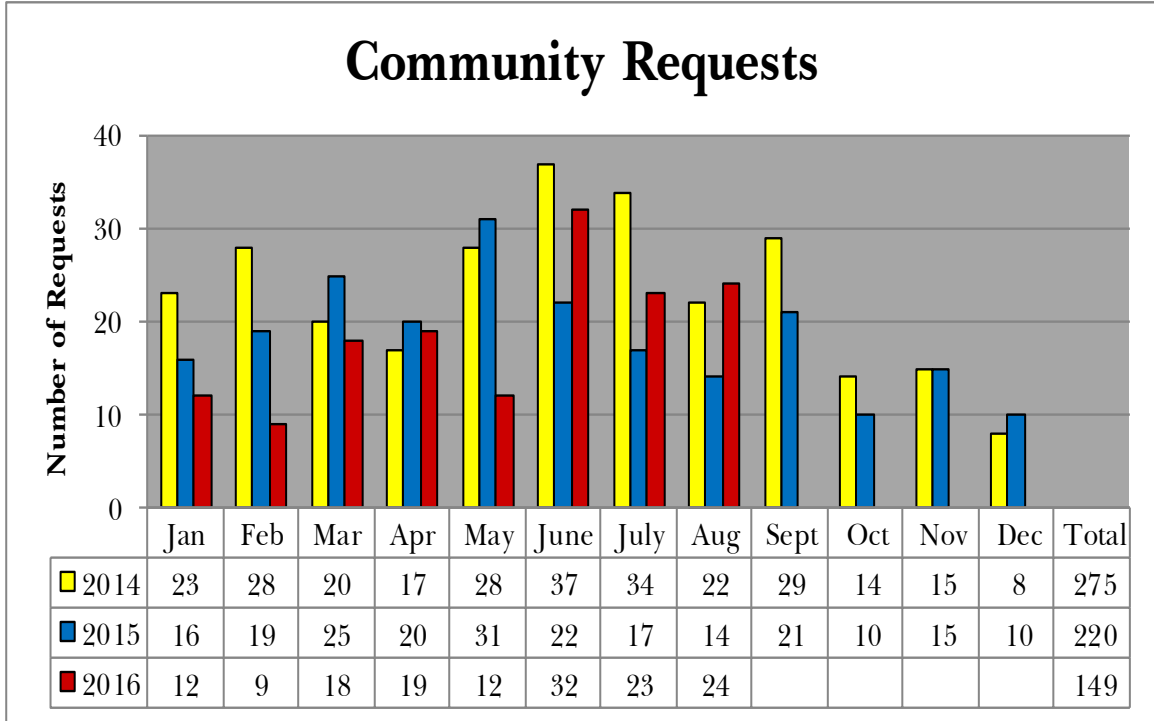
A speed display sign was installed near the SR 605 bridge to slow motorists.

Final salt deliveries was scheduled for the month of August taking advantage of dryer weather for piling salt and to ensure that an adequate supply is on-hand for the coming snow season. Approximately 800 tons of salt was purchased for just over \$43,000. With this most recent delivery and the road salt already in the barn the city has a total amount of 4,400 tons.



Salt is piled high in the storage barn to prepare for winter snow operations.

REQUESTS FOR SERVICE STATISTICS August 2016



SEASONAL STATISTICS August 2016

