



Public Service Department

MONTHLY REPORT

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Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

Be inspired.

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

October 2016

City Snow Operations

Public service department supervisors, operations manager and director met with the police chief to discuss proposed changes to the city's snow call-in procedures for the upcoming winter season. The department's updated snow removal plan would utilize New Albany Patrol Officers as an additional source for monitoring weather and road conditions on city streets. Once implemented, snow plow crews may be called-in at the discretion of patrol officers if they believe inclement weather is approaching which could effect driving conditions. Officers will simply report their observations to the on-duty police dispatcher, who will in-turn notify the appropriate shift supervisor with the service department.

Columbus Division of Water

The director, operations manager and supervisor Steve Kidwell met with members of the City of Columbus Division of Water to discuss possible improvements to the city's emergency response plan in the event of a water main break in New Albany. To increase city response and reduce water main shut-down time on repairs, New Albany proposes to assist City of Columbus crews with public notification, road closure and detours, labor and equipment for the repair process. Both entities have agreed that conducting semi-annually meetings to discuss their shared responsibilities for maintaining the public water distribution system would be beneficial for continued improvement.

Central College Beautification

Members of the community development department and the director met with the New Albany Links HOA president to further discuss the installation of additional trees along the Central College Road corridor. This meeting allowed for the group to develop an improvement plan for Central College Road that will match the city's strategic plan for rural corridors. Typically this setting calls for trees to be clustered in a more natural design, rather than lining the edge of the roadway with trees. Other points of discussion included wayfinding signage at the west and east ends of Central College Road near New Albany's corporate limits. The city agreed to develop a draft plan for tree plantings and share the plan with the Links HOA in January of 2017.

Professional Development

The annual Central Ohio Urban Forestry Conference was held at Denison University this year and attended by department staff members Brian Strayer, Doug Wittman, Mark Nemec and Steve Kidwell. Three topics were included in the event: old growth forests, elm yellow & oak wilt diseases and municipal street tree programs.

Service employees Jordan Gambill, Kenny Geiger, Nick O'Neil, Brent Rush, Bernadette Macchi, Eric Umbleby, Brian Strayer, Mark Nemec, Dennis Munsey, Steve Kidwell and Doug Wittman attended a two day training titled The Essentials of Supervision at the Phil Heit Center. Representatives from Ohio University's College of Business were the facilitators.

PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES October 2016

Dublin Granville Road Bridge at the Rocky Fork Creek

Franklin County is preparing plans for the reconstruction of the Dublin Granville Road bridge that runs over Rocky Fork Creek. Representatives from both the City of Columbus and the City of New Albany recently met to review and discuss the Stage II construction plans with the county's design engineers. Additional improvements at this location will include a leisure trail on the south side of the roadway and a pedestrian crossing over the bridge. To date, no funding is available, however grant dollars are being investigated for 2018.

2017 City Capital Projects

The director met with the city manager, finance director and development services manager for an initial discussion on proposed capital improvement project for the 2017 construction season. The range of projects include roadway and water line improvements, traffic signal installations and leisure trail extensions. The list was prioritized and estimated budget numbers were developed. Each project will be presented to city council for approval.

Fodor Road Proposed Traffic Signal

A site meeting was recently held, with representative of the local school district, to discuss the proposed installation of a traffic signal system located on Fodor Road at the New Albany High School entrance. The project is planned for next year and will include the extension of the median island at the school parking lot entrance to accommodate sidewalk and ADA ramp improvements and to locate the signal pole base. Plans are currently in the design phase.

CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

October 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 November 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 early November.



Crews are inspecting the paint applied to the inside of the tank bowl.

Planter's Grove Sidewalk Improvement Project

- Strawser Paving is performing the sidewalk replacement as part of the city street improvement project.
- Crews encountered heavy root growth beneath the concrete sidewalks.
- The city hired professional arborists to assist the contractor with root removal for optimal tree survival.



Tree roots growing beneath the concrete sidewalks have caused extensive damage.

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 Nov. 2016



Microsurfacing was completed on Walton Parkway from SR 605 to US 62..

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS October 2016

The city 2016 leaf collection program started on October 10th and will continue until December 2nd. For the month of October 41 tons of leaves were vacuumed and transported to McCullough's composting facility. Leaves are collected on a rotational schedule designed to alternate between city residential streets north and south of Dublin-Granville Road. Residents are urged not to place leaves in the street as to avoid getting into storm sewers and stream banks. Decaying leaves result in bacteria that depletes oxygen, killing fish and other stream life.



Service crews begin annual city leaf collection program in October.

Crew members Carl McNeal and Andrew Love utilize the city's sewer jet/vac truck to remove effluent from the septic holding tank located at the Johnstown Road Water Storage Tank. This work is routinely performed on a bi-monthly basis. When the water tank was constructed in 2000, there was no public sanitary sewer lines available, therefore a holding tank was installed.



Crew members work at the Johnstown Water Tank to empty the septic tank.

Annually, maintenance crew members participate in a snow plow rodeo to test their plow driving skills in a fun and competitive setting. This year, a new obstacle course was designed and include events titled; offset wheel run, tire plow, high/low fingers, mailbox, parked cars, alley docking and pipe maneuver. Participants are scored based on performance accuracy and special prizes are awarded for first, second and third place finishers.



Supervisor Kidwell sets up the obstacle course for the upcoming rodeo.

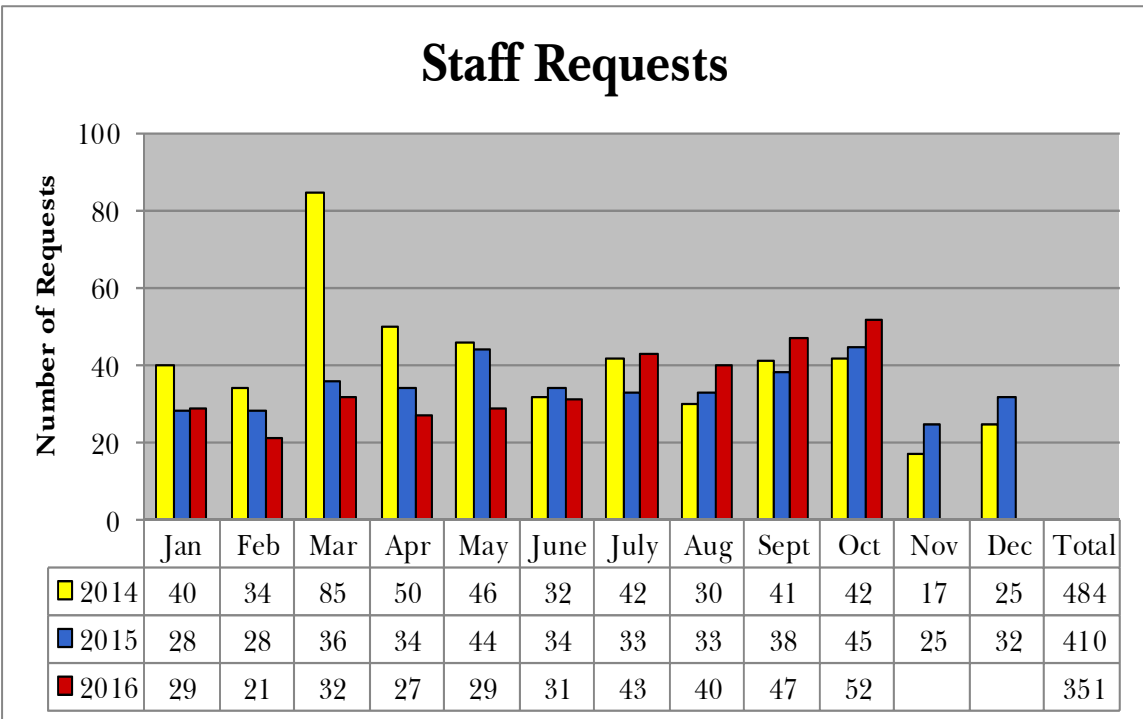
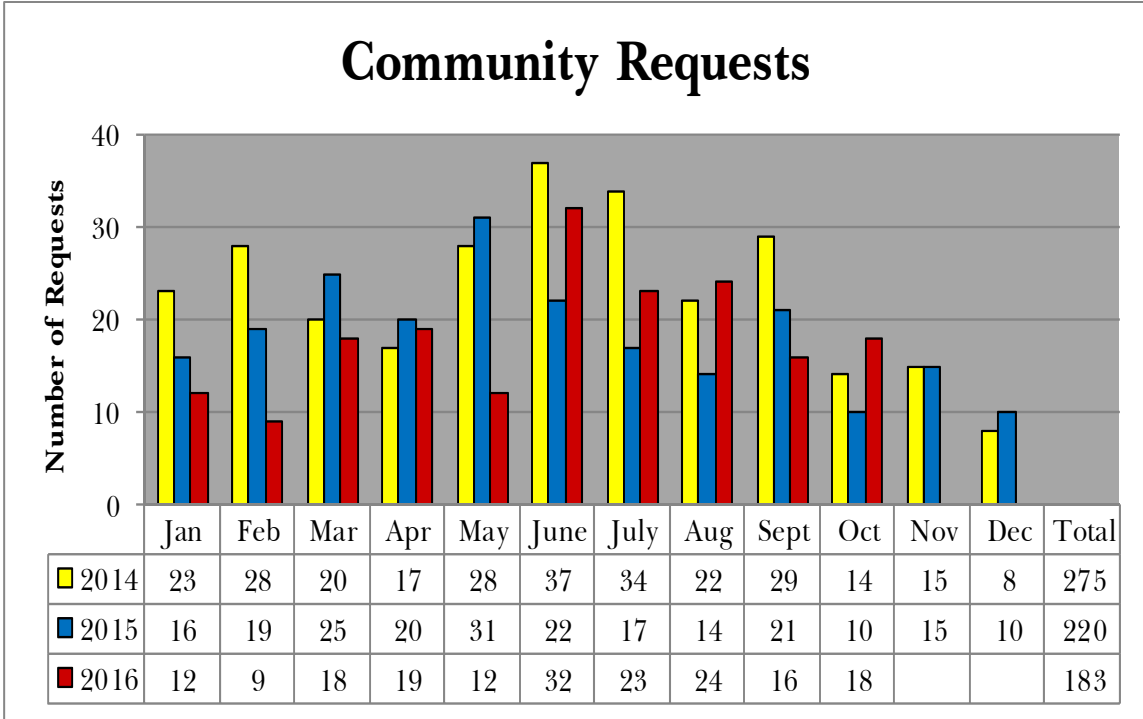
Crew members Andrew Love and Tyler Myers applied a two phased approach to removing cattail plants from the public service department pond that were causing drainage obstructions. Phase one entailed a hands on cutting of the cattails along the pond edge. Phase two utilized heavy equipment to remove the stems and pond sludge to clear the entrances to the drain structures, allowing for unobstructed flow of storm water.



Crews remove cattail overgrowth from the service department pond.

REQUESTS FOR SERVICE STATISTICS

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SEASONAL STATISTICS October 2016

