



Public Service Department

MONTHLY REPORT

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Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

Be inspired.

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

November 2016

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 2017. The consortium communities have been gathering to discuss options for extending the current contract into 2018 or rebidding for collection services.

Quarterly Stormwater Meeting

To ensure that the city meets the EPA's requirements for public involvement, the service department conducts quarterly meetings to discuss New Albany's stormwater management plan. Recent meeting topics included improvements made to the city's process for receiving and tracking stormwater complaints. Also, staff is working on program development for post construction inspections for stormwater features on private sites. This program will have an outreach component to educate property owners of their responsibility for maintenance and reporting. The final item discussed was an update on proposed changes being made to improve several sections of the city's stormwater ordinance.

Innovative Organics Recycling

The director met with Ray Leard of Innovative Organics Recycling to discuss the possibility of introducing a food waste recycling pilot program within New Albany. Food waste materials, if recycled properly, can be transformed into beneficial soil while reducing the production of methane gas. Items included in food waste composting programs include vegetable & fruit scraps, coffee grounds, tea and tea bags, egg shells, paper towels and grass clippings. Currently, Mr. Leard has successfully launched a pilot program in the City of Athens, Ohio. Also, he operates a food waste recycling program for residential customers in central Ohio as a pay to participate program.

Professional Development

The director, operations manager and engineering technician attended an ODOT workshop on ADA curb ramp design to improve city compliance with ADA laws for public properties.

Maintenance Workers Andrew Love, Nick Cichanowicz and Tyler Myer recently tested for their Class A Commercial Driver's License and successfully passed.

Consultant Diana Clonch, former ODOT division manager, facilitated the annual snow training for the public service department maintenance employees. The full day event began with the review of detailed information regarding snow removal, pretreatment systems and new plowing techniques. The afternoon session included a "snow roadeo" providing a friendly competition between crew members on various obstacle courses.

PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES

November 2016

Four Way Stop Traffic Study

Two intersections within the city have been identified as meeting ODOT warrants for the conversion from a two way stop condition to a four way stop. The first intersection studied by the city traffic engineer was Dublin-Granville Road and Kitzmiller Road. Based on the volume of vehicular traffic accidents and the speed of the approaching vehicles on Dublin-Granville Road this intersection was recommended for a four way stop. Conversion is planned for December of 2016.

The second intersection studied is located at Ogden Woods Boulevard and Keswick Drive. The traffic engineer noted site visibility concerns at the north side of the intersection and recorded pedestrian use by students walking and biking to school. With these two conditions combined the warrants suggest a conversion to a four way stop. Conversion is planned for March of 2017.

Streamside Buffer Restoration Project

OSU graduate student, Rosalie Hendon, has proposed an internship with the city to help develop and implement a streamside buffer restoration project in New Albany. The project will help Ms. Hendon meet her college curriculum requirements while improve the beauty and health of New Albany's stormwater system. As part of OSU's Master of Environmental and Natural Resources program, the internship will require 8-10 work hours per week towards the project which will include design, planning and installation of native trees, shrubs and grasses. The project will involve city staff to locate and prepare the area for planting and community volunteer participation. The anticipated date of completion is late spring of 2017.

CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS November 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 December 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 completed in 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

November 2016

Service crew members Ken Gray and Nick Cichanowicz perform sewer maintenance to the New Albany sewer system by operating a camera to inspect the interior of the sanitary line at Fern Ridge Drive. They were looking for deficiencies and potential problems that could be causing the sidewalk in this particular location to settle unevenly.



Crew members search for a solution to a sinking sidewalk.

Aaron Noblet of Preservation Arborists and staff member Bernadette Macchi measure tree circumference while collecting information for the city arboretum project. Identifying and labeling 25 different species of trees within the city's Swickard Woods Park will make it possible for New Albany to achieve ArbNet's Level I status as a municipal arboretum. After the data is collected and the trees located by the city GIS technician, a map will be created for community members to follow.



Collecting data on each tree will be used for the walking tour map.

Service crew members begin the winter season with a friendly snow roдео competition to test their snow plowing skills on an obstacle course set up in the service yard of the public service facility. Staff members from Village Hall participate as judges and prizes were awarded to all competitors. Before the roдео began crews were trained on snow and ice removal and were provided lunch.



A sky view of a driver midway through the obstacle course.

Members of Girl Scout Troop #1195 volunteer to pick up trash at the city's Swickard Woods Park near the elementary school. While learning the valuable lesson about keeping their community clean, the scout troop collected one large bag of trash and one large bag of recycling, the girls also earned a badge for their efforts.

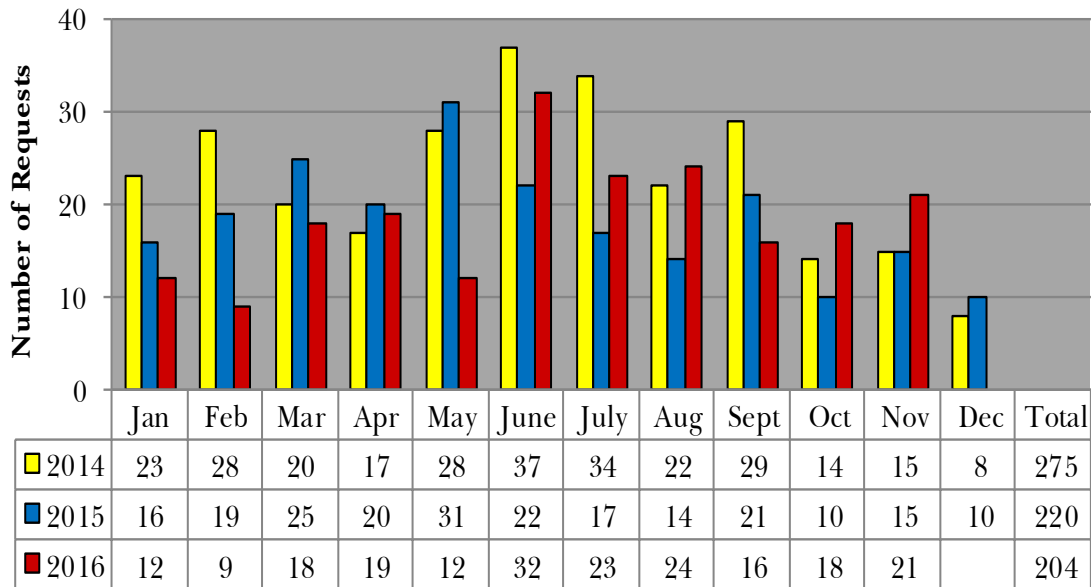


Girl Scout members pick up trash within our community.

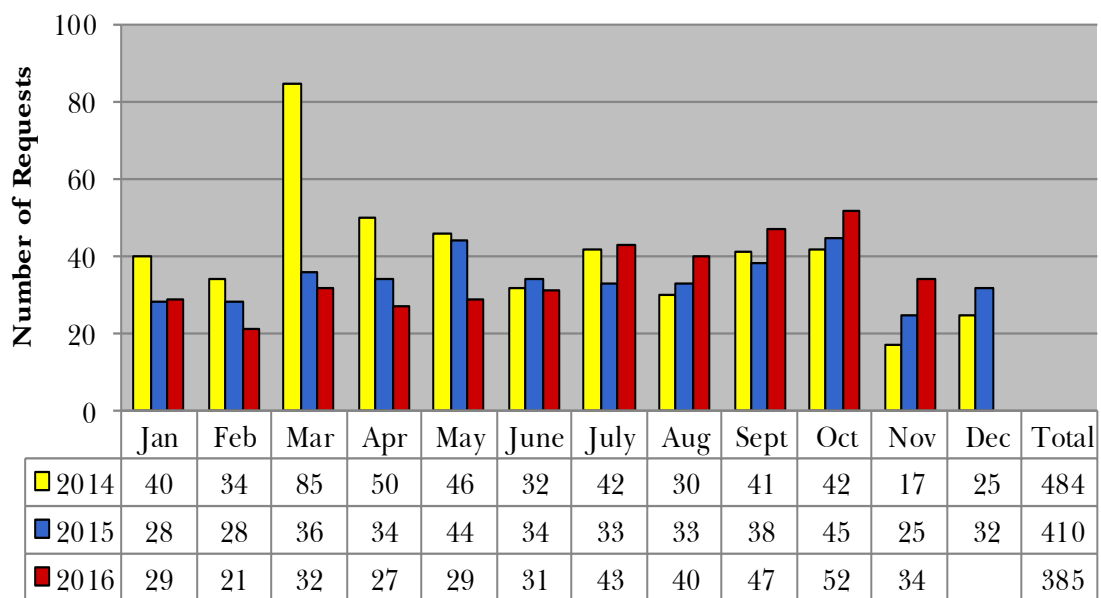
REQUESTS FOR SERVICE STATISTICS

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Community Requests



Staff Requests



SEASONAL STATISTICS November 2016



Leaf Collection

