



Public Service Department

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Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

Be inspired.

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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Residential Refuse Collection

As a member of the Central Ohio Solid Waste Consortium, New Albany is working with other community members on proposed bids for new refuse collection and recycling processing contracts. With ten months remaining on the current three year collection contract, communities have determined that the consortium's best interest is served by considering new service collection prices before committing to a one year contract extension. All bid prices obtained through this effort will be evaluated against the consortiums option to extend the current trash collection contract an additional year.

City Forester Interviews

The advertising and evaluation process for the newly created position of City Forester has resulted in two strong candidates for consideration. The second phase of interviewing consisted of a tour of the public service department facility along with a field exercise to test the applicants knowledge and communication skills related to tree identification, disease detection and care. The final phase of review will include completion of a questionnaire and interview with the city manager.

Integrated Pest Management

New Albany resident, Rebecca Malik, recently met with service department staff to discuss details of the city's Integrated Pest Management program as promoted on the city website. The meeting was very positive and resulted in several environmental initiatives under consideration such as educating residents and raising awareness on the alternative use of organic fertilizers verses chemical fertilizers for residential lawns.

Professional Development

Maintenance employees Carl McNeal, Nick Cichanowicz and Jerry Smith attended a workshop in February called the WWETT (Water, Wastewater, Equipment, Treatment & Transportation) Show where new products and the latest technology were on displayed. The WWETT show also offered exhibitor booths and education seminars.

Crew members Jordan Gambill and Ken Gray participated in local training for Certified Municipal Stormwater Inspector. Course curriculum covered field inspections, annual reports, illicit discharge detection and elimination, pollution prevention and community education and involvement.

Maintenance Worker Tyler Myers was enrolled in the Work Zone Safety certification sessions which also included an exam. Training was hosted by ODOT's Central Office in Columbus.

Director Mark Nemec attended the Ohio Building Officials Association Joint Conference (OBOA), in Dublin, two day training regarding state building codes. Classes taken included topics on cellulose insulation, improving the performance of wood frame structures in a tornado, and a review of IFG for safe installation of natural gas piping & appliances.

PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES

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Smith's Mill Road Microsurfacing Project

The public service department is responsible for evaluating the condition of city streets and overseeing the proper maintenance, repair or replacement of the road system to keep it safe and drivable, and to prolong pavement life. Since 2013, the city has utilized a surface treatment process called Microsurfacing to extend the lifespan of existing pavement. Microsurfacing consists of the application of small black stone called trap rock, asphalt binder and additional additives; which, when applied to asphalt pavement, extends the surface life seven to nine years. The city proposes to continue the use of microsurfacing on Smith's Mill Road from Kitzmiller Road to Beech Road.

A comparison of the material and installation prices obtained through the city's 2016 bid process with those of ODOT's cooperative purchasing program, revealed that the ODOT designated contractor's prices were lower. Based upon an estimate of the amount of material and labor necessary to perform the work, the approximate savings to the city will be \$50,000 if ODOT's contractor (Strawser) is awarded the work

CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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Beech Road 2 Million Gallon Water Tank

- Caldwell Tanks was the general contractor awarded the contract to construct a \$4,500,000 water storage facility on Beech Road.
- The water storage tank was completed and placed in operation in August of 2016.
- Work still remains on the Smith's Mill Road PRV water monitoring equipment.



Completed Beech Road Water Tank.

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.
- Sidewalk improvements will continue in May of 2017.



Completed sidewalks on James River Road.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS February 2017

Crew members Shaun Bush and Andrew Love set up construction barricades and cones on the extension of Market Street just east of the traffic roundabout. With apartments under construction closing the public walks, a temporary pedestrian walkway was created utilizing the on-street parking spaces. If a new sidewalk is installed across the street, then the temporary walkway will be removed.



Crew members create a temporary walkway using barricades and cones.

The city contracted with the Decorative Paving Company to repair damaged sections of granite curb at the Morse Road and Johnstown Road (US62) traffic roundabout. The project required service crews to close the northbound lanes of US62 so workers could remove the damaged pieces and install new ones. Two days of lane closures was required to complete the work.



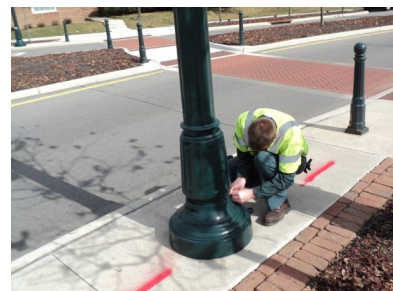
Contractors replace damaged granite curbs at the Morse & US62 roundabout.

Maintenance employees Kenny Geiger, Carl McNeal, Tyler Myers and seasonal worker Tyler Ashcroft made adjustments to the on-street parking spaces on the north side of Market Street adjacent to the Mellow Mushroom restaurant. The city created a NO PARKING zone at the west end of the parking spaces to improve site visibility coming out of the Market Square parking lots.



Crews install a No Parking Zone on Market Street to improve site visibility.

Over the winter a one car accident caused damage to a city streetlight on West Main Street just north of the Market Street roundabout. Crew member Shaun Bush installed a new light pole totaling \$2,400 in replacement costs. The city utilizes Graybar Electric to purchase replacement streetlight poles, fixtures and materials. Damage to streetlights at or near the roundabout seem to occur annually.



A new streetlight is wired-in on W. Main St. by crew member Shaun Bush.

SEASONAL STATISTICS February 2017

