



Public Service Department

MONTHLY REPORT

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Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

Be inspired.

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

March 2017

Trash Hauler Meeting

The public service director met with Michael Darling, Rumpke's municipal representative and was introduced to Taylor Greely, Municipal and Public Sector representative to discuss service quality and review the city's current trash collection contract, which expires at the end of this year. It was revealed that in comparison to other surrounding communities, New Albany services are unique in two areas of residential collection: yard waste and cart rentals. Statistics indicate that the annual tonnage of yard waste collected for the city is uncommonly low, a possible result of homes using private lawn care services. In regards to trash collection cart rentals, New Albany has a very high participation rate. Sixty five percent (65%) of residents rent, whereas other city's average is thirty five (35%).

Quarterly Stormwater Meeting

To ensure that the city meets EPA's requirements for public involvement, the service department conducts quarterly meetings to discuss New Albany's stormwater management plan. A recent meeting included a review of the city's stormwater activities performed in 2016 and included the annual report to the Ohio EPA. In addition, the committee discussed projects outlined for 2017, such as the PUP (Pick Up Poop) Program, Integrated Pest Management, Arbor Day celebration, field inspections and in-house training for department staff.

Paving the Way 2017 Projects Meeting

The director attended the fifteenth annual Paving the Way Construction Project review meeting where local communities gather to discuss upcoming projects to be featured in the Glovebox Guide, a publication made available to assist travelers in planning road trips around construction projects within the Central Ohio area. Each community is allotted time to present information and details regarding their upcoming street projects to inform other government agencies of construction dates, road closures and detour information. Paving the Way is a partnership of the City of Columbus, ODOT, MORPC and the Federal Highway Administration.

Professional Development

Fleet mechanics Steve Saunders and Eric Umbleby attended a half day training entitled Ford Engine Training at the City of Columbus garage. The seminar reviewed the use of scan tools and lab scopes to diagnose intermittent hard start, no start and check engine issues. The information will assist with maintaining and repairing the EcoBoost engines found in the city's police cars as well as in a few pickup trucks.

PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES

March 2017

2017 New Albany Street Improvement Program

The city street improvement project is an annual program where repair, replacement and preventative maintenance work is performed on the city's roadway system. Items such as crack sealing, asphalt patch repairs, curb replacement, street repaving and handicap sidewalk ramp improvements are performed. Using a pavement condition rating system, combined with field inspections, streets are inspected annually and ranked based on their condition ranging from very good to poor. Based on information gathered and available funding a list of street improvement work is determined and placed in a formal document for construction bidding. This years street improvement program will include repaving roads at Maynard Place in the NA Links Subdivision and Pembroke Green in the NACC Subdivision. Other major improvements will include ADA handicap curb ramp upgrades at the intersection of Ogdon Woods Boulevard and Keswick Drive.

CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS March 2017

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.

Smith's Mill Road Microsurfacing Project

- Through ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program the construction contract was awarded to the Strawser Construction Company at a price of \$187,865.
- Work includes the application of microsurface treatment to Smith's Mill Road from Kitzmiller Road to Beech Road.
- Construction schedule is June 2017 to Aug. 2017.



A view looking east on Smith's Mill Road.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS March 2017

With the expansion of additional lockers in the men's restroom for seasonal employees, workers requested bench space to have a means to sit down while changing their uniforms. Therefore, through the design of Maintenance Supervisor Steve Kidwell and craftsmanship of crew member Ken Gray, a wood bench was built and installed for employees to use.



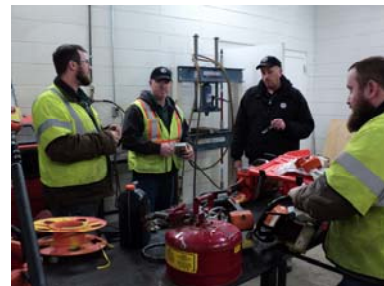
New wood bench was custom built by service staff.

Maintenance Worker Shaun Bush replaced the light fixture on a thirty foot tall streetlight pole at the corner of New Albany Road East and SR 605. Typically, the city has 25-30 street light repairs to perform each month, items consisting of replacing bulbs, ballasts or drivers. Because the bucket truck is needed for this work, repairs are grouped together and scheduled for the 1st and the 15th of every month.



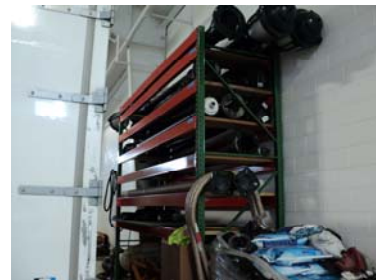
Streetlight repairs are routine tasks for maintenance crews.

Winter seasonal employees James Hempy and Zach Farley confer with service employees Brent Rush and Doug Wittman on the proper procedure for removing and maintaining chainsaw blades. Early Spring time tasks include pruning city street trees in designated areas of the community. Street trees are generally pruned on a five year cycle.



chainsaws are kept in good working order by seasonal staff.

New pallet racks were installed in the seasonal building at the public service department to store streetlight poles and parts. Prior to utilizing the rack storage system, these materials were kept outside in the service facility yard, exposed to the weather. In addition to providing protective storage, the rack system improves the departments ability to keep it's facility organized and inventory accessible.



New pallet rack storage units are installed in the seasonal building.

SEASONAL STATISTICS March 2017

