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# Public Service Department

## MONTHLY REPORT

June 2017

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## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### June 2017

#### **SWACO Business Assistance Resource Testing**

In an effort to promote new commercial recycling programs and improve existing ones, SWACO is drafting a resource guide to educate businesses on how to recycle. However, before finalizing the resource document local input is being sought from businesses and agencies to evaluate the guide and provide feedback. The director participated in a roundtable discussion, with other members of the Columbus community, providing input and observations on SWACO's draft recycling resource guide.

#### **Rain Garden/Rain Barrel Event**

On June 28, representatives from the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) were on hand at the Phil Heit Center with information about it's GreenSpot Rain Garden/Rain Barrel rebate program offered to interested residents of New Albany. Many aspects of the program were discussed including the benefits of using rain water in gardens, composting options and various rain garden designs. Fifteen participants attended the event and all received a voucher towards the purchase of a rain barrel or native plants for a rain gardens. More information is provided at the FSWCD website.

#### **July 4th Fireworks**

Representatives from the Plain Township Fire Department, New Albany Plain Local Schools, fireworks vendor Pyrotechnico and staff from the police and service departments organized a meeting to discuss the city's upcoming 4th of July celebration. Details such as fireworks set up/ tear down, site security and closure of Kardules Fields were discussed. New Albany's fireworks display were scheduled for July 4th at 10pm with a rain date of July 5th.

#### **Professional Development**

Members of the public service department management team, Mark Nemec, Brian Strayer, Doug Wittman, Dennis Munsey, Steve Kidwell and Eric Umbleby attended two sessions this month in the Executive Education series facilitated by members of Ohio University entitled Leading Self and Conflict Resolution.

Crew member, Kenny Geiger received his recertification for a herbicide applicators license this month which enables him to legally dispense weed control chemicals within the city.

## PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES

### June 2017

#### **Private Stormwater Inspections**

In conformance with EPA requirements and city stormwater regulations, the service department must oversee an annual inspection process to confirm that stormwater systems installed at commercial locations within New Albany are operating properly. In an effort to meet these standards, a team of department staff has worked together and reached out to local businesses and property owners with information on their particular stormwater system and the status of its operation. Next steps will include scheduled meetings with property managers in the field at each location to review their specific system, explain their responsibility and what the city's process will be for maintenance record keeping and follow up.

#### **Future Traffic Video Monitors**

Representatives from the city, EP Ferris and Treehaven Technologies met to review key locations identified for installing video cameras at designated intersections for multi-purpose functions. First, in today's technology video cameras are used to monitor traffic and adjust signal timing in real-time. A centralized control center can be established by using a computer and monitors to access the video cameras and make signal adjustments. Secondly, for traffic accident investigation and security surveillance the police department can utilize video monitoring in their daily operations. Eleven locations have been identified according to high traffic volumes and key entrances and exits to the community. Costs for a video monitor system may be incorporated into the funding for the city's CMAQ Grant designed to provide interconnectivity of New Albany traffic signals.

## CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS June 2017

### **Johnstown Rd. & Greensward/Lampton Roundabout**

- The construction contract was awarded to N.M. Savko & Sons at a bid price of \$1,528,988.
- Work includes storm sewers, curbs, street lighting, roundabout traffic intersection and landscaping.
- Construction schedule is June 2017 to Dec. 2017.



New traffic patterns are found on Johnstown Rd. to maintain traffic flow.

### **2017 City Street Improvement Project**

- The construction contract was awarded to Decker Construction at a bid price of \$530,855.
- Work includes ADA curb ramp improvements, pavement overlay, curb repair and crack sealing.
- Construction schedule is May 2017 to August 2017.



A view from Pembroke Pass looking towards Lambton Park Rd.

### **Smith's Mill Road Microsurfacing Project**

- Using 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.
- Work was performed in June 2017.



Smith's Mill Road microsurfacing project east of Kitzmiller Rd.

## PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS

### June 2017

Seasonal employees Kenny Beery and Garret Beery use a high pressure washer to prep wooden railings and decking for a coat of stain. The service department maintains many wooden pedestrian bridges throughout New Albany which provides important crossings for the network of leisure trails that the city has developed.



Bridge maintenance is routinely performed by summer seasonal workers.

Maintenance staff Carl McNeal, Jerry Smith and Nick Cichanowicz use the service department sewer truck to jet clean a drainage tile used to channel water away from the service yard dump pad. Ohio EPA regulations for good housekeeping require muddy water to be filtered clean before it gets into local streams and water ways. This particular drain tile outlets into a grass swale where sediment can filter out before the water can reach the service pond.



The jet vac is utilized at the PSD facility to keep drains clear.

Salt deliveries were scheduled for the month of June taking advantage of dryer weather for piling salt and to ensure that an adequate supply is on-hand for the coming snow season. Approximately 1100 tons of salt was purchased for just over \$57,000. With this most recent delivery and the road salt already in the barn the city has a total amount of 3,500 tons.



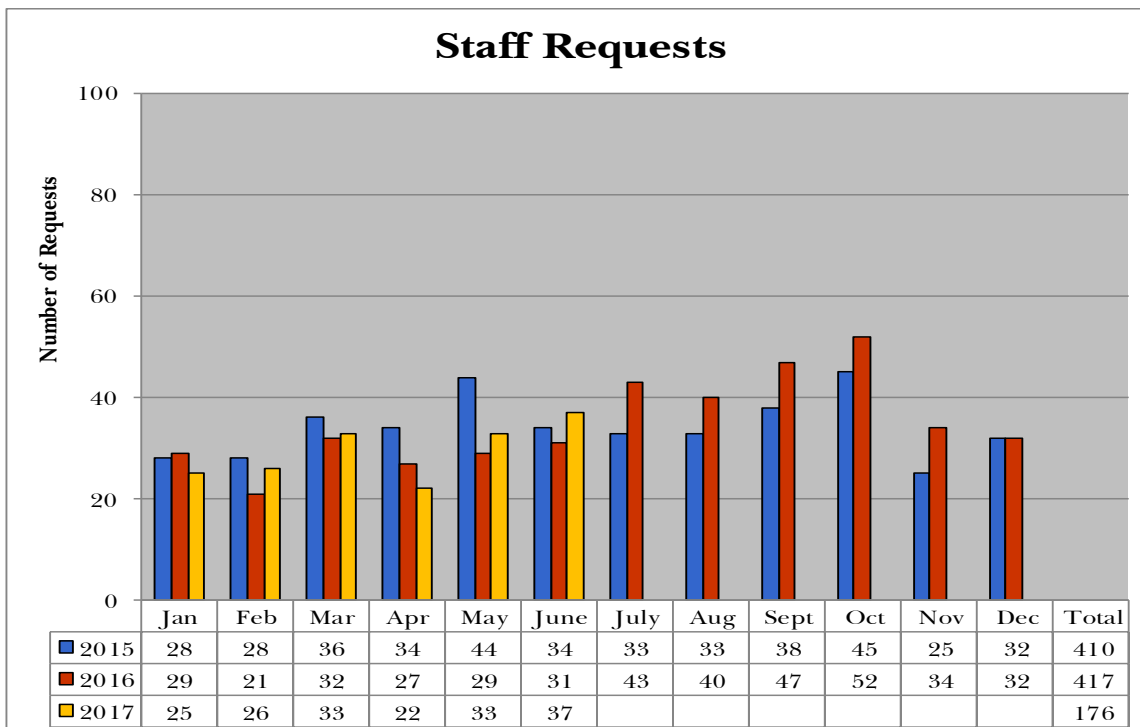
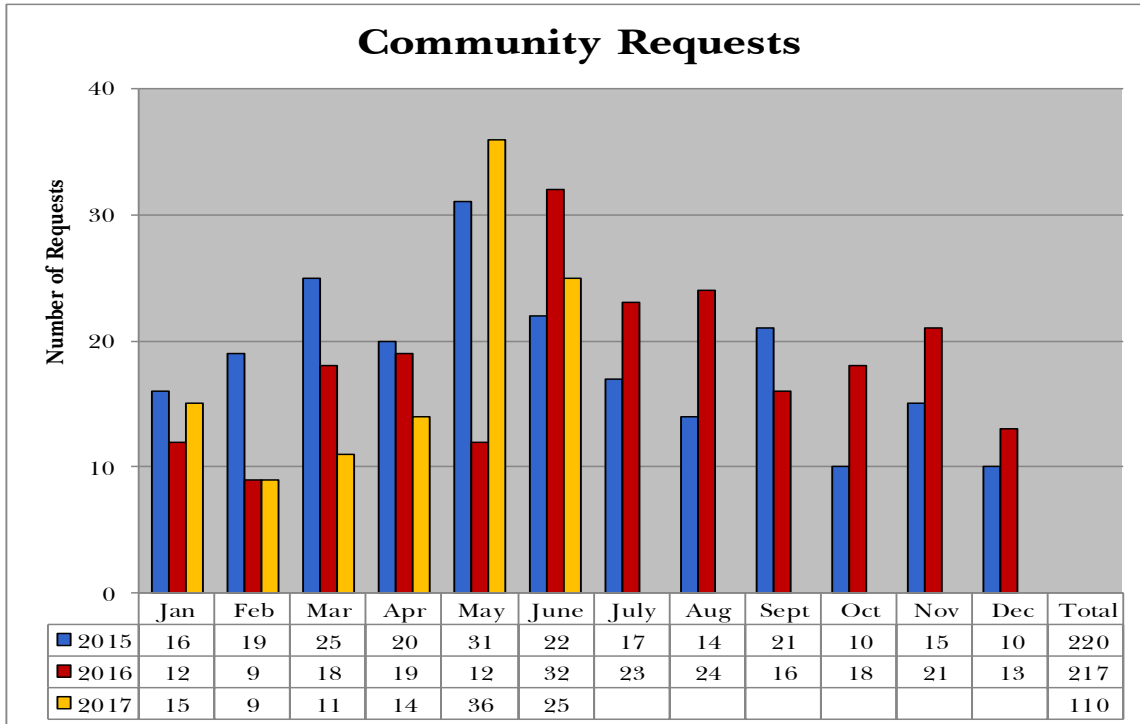
It looks like snow, but it is the salt deliveries being stacked in the storage barn.

PUP (pick up poop) is a local campaign developed to educate and motivate the public to pick up after their dogs. FSWCD has designed the program as a stormwater initiative to keep streams clean by eliminating bacteria and contamination from pet waste. Maintenance Supervisor Steve Kidwell built the dog house as a prop to advertise the program and store dog bag dispensers used by volunteers to distribute at community events.



The PUP wagon was designed to gain public interest in this stormwater program.

## REQUESTS FOR SERVICE STATISTICS June 2017



## SEASONAL STATISTICS

### June 2017

