



Public Service Department

MONTHLY REPORT

September 2017

Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

Be inspired.

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

September 2017

Quarterly Stormwater Meeting

Staff from the public service department along with representatives from EP Ferris, Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD), and Follow the River Environmental meet quarterly to review the status of city stormwater initiatives to stay in compliance with EPA water quality rules. Updates on projects such as the city's Pick Up Poop (PUP) campaign, storm drain labeling, rain barrel workshop, Cleanwater program and water quality partnership letters were reviewed. In addition, new ideas were discussed for reaching more residents and educating the public on various ways to keep community stormwater systems healthy.

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 was completed which included completion of a questionnaire and interview with the city manager. A selection decision is expected by early October and possible hiring thereafter.

Professional Development

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District provided training to the maintenance staff at the public service department on EPA good housekeeping standards which is required by the EPA for the city's annual municipal stormwater permit.

BWC hosted a training session on Safety Data Sheets for crew members to review the importance of maintaining reference binders on chemicals and materials routinely handled by workers.

Maintenance Worker Kenny Geiger attended the Urban Landscape Pest Management Conference to obtain continuing education credits needed towards his chemical applicators license.

OAEVT training was attended by Fleet Supervisor Eric Umbleby to keep his training on servicing fire trucks up to date.

PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES September 2017

Safe Routes to School Leisure Trail

ODOT managed a project that extended the leisure trail on the north side of Dublin-Granville Road from Mead Way to Morgan Road. Contracted to BUDS, Inc (Bridges, Underground & Drainage Systems) for \$190,000, the job began in early August and was completed in late September despite experiencing multiple rain delays. Following ODOT standards, the leisure trail was constructed at ten feet in width rather than New Albany's designed trails built at eight feet.

Mobilitie Site Meeting

The city manager, city attorney and service director recently conducted an on-site meeting with representatives from Mobilitie, a wireless infrastructure provider, to review a demo installation of their microwave transmission equipment. Known as "small cell solutions", Mobilitie proposes to attached a small antenna and cabinet to city streetlight poles within the right-of-way at strategic locations. Mobile data use has drastically increased within the northern and eastern areas of New Albany's business campus and Mobilitie is attempting to respond to this demand. The city embraces the need and use of wireless technology, but through it's communication ordinances regulates the location and appearances of such structures.

CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS September 2017

Johnstown Rd. & Greensward/Lampton Roundabout

- 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.



A view looking east at the partially completed roundabout center median.

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.



ADA ramps and public walks were improved at Keswick Woods & Ogden.

Beech Road Leisure Trail Connection

- The city contracted with the Strawser Construction Company to install a trail connection on Beech Rd.
- The 8ft path provides connectivity from Jug St. to Smith's Mill Rd. North.
- Work was performed in September at a cost of \$33,500.

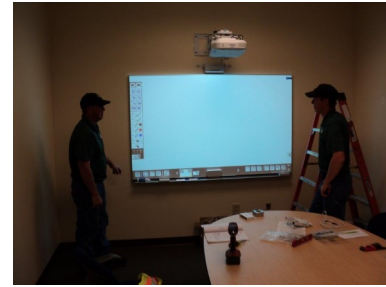


A new leisure trail was installed in front of the Beech Road Water Tower.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS

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Public service department crew members, Tyler Myers and Brent Rush install an electronic whiteboard unit in the conference room of Inc@8000, the city's business incubator that was introduced seven years ago. Also referred to as Innovate New Albany, the 16,000 square foot space offers office space to start up small businesses, tech companies and entrepreneurs in the area.



A new projector is installed at Inc@8000 for conference room use.

Crew member Tyler Myers joins the staff from the public service department for the annual Fall roadside trash collection project. The service department staff participates both Spring and Fall in an annual roadside trash collection project to pick up debris along SR 161 in preparation of right-of-way seasonal maintenance. This collection yielded 58 bags of trash equaling 2,030 lbs of debris.



Service department trash collection project takes place along SR 161 right-of-way.

Crew member Carl McNeal and seasonal maintenance staff member Ian Hurst reorganized the liquid tanks in the service department yard. These storage units hold de-icing liquid utilized during snow and ice removal operations. De-icing Liquids are used for both pre-treating roads and as a wetting agent for road salt. The city added two additional 10,500 gallon tanks to expand the storage available for salt-brine.



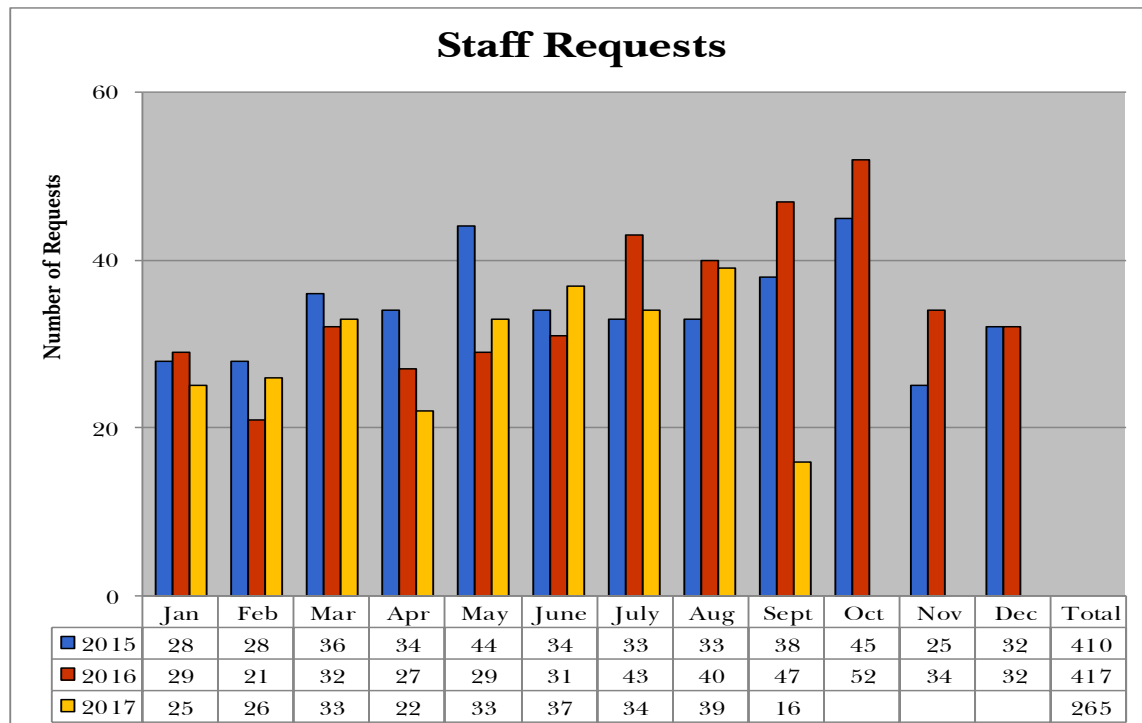
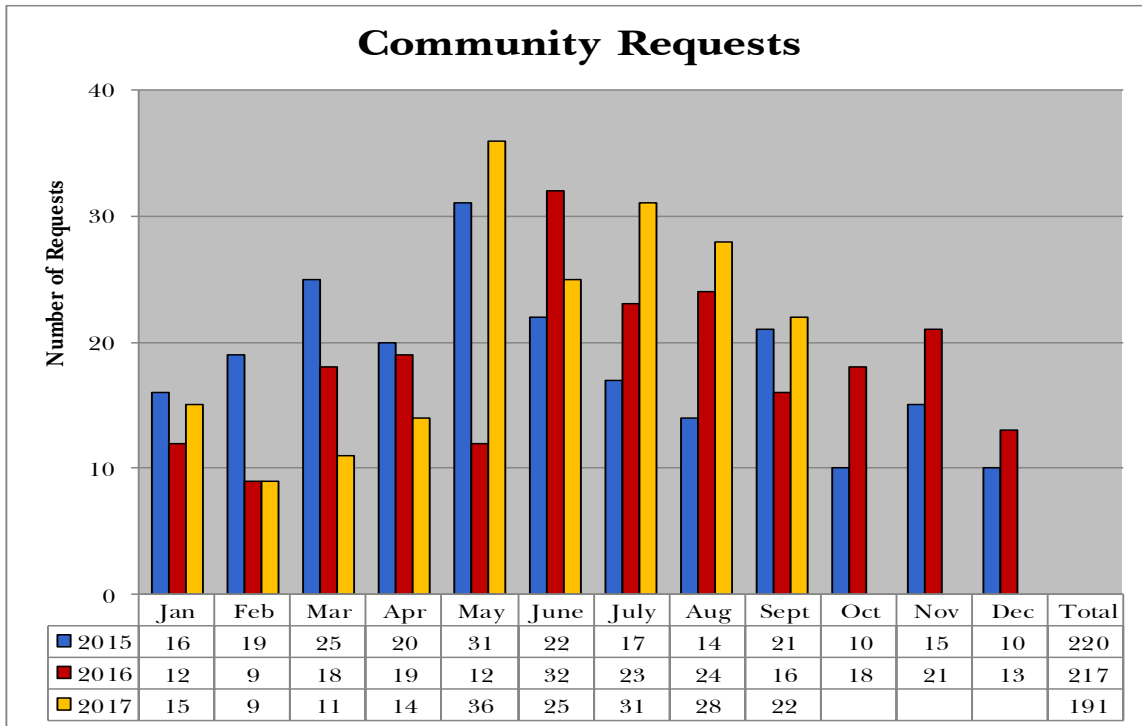
Seasonal crew member assists in moving department liquid tanks in service yard.

Service crews helped install insulation, plywood, electrical outlets and a wall pack heater in an out-building located at Lambton Park and Johnstown Roads. This renovated space will hold the backflow preventer and control panel for the new irrigation system servicing the US 62/Greensward Roundabout green spaces. Once operational, the city will be responsible for its maintenance and function.



Worker Brent Rush assisted in the renovation of a new irrigation control room.

REQUESTS FOR SERVICE STATISTICS September 2017



SEASONAL STATISTICS September 2017

