



Public Service Department

MONTHLY REPORT

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Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

Be inspired.

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

October 2017

Earth Advocate Grounds Maintenance

The director, supervisor and administrative assistant met with a representative of Earth Advocate Grounds Maintenance to discuss their environmentally friendly and natural lawn care services. As a new emerging landscape company, they focus on principles of zero emissions, low noise pollution and fully organic lawn products. Although the city is now under contract with another lawn care vendor, when additional property becomes available, Earth Advocate will be considered as a natural alternative to compare services and pricing to our current contracts.

Columbus Snow Removal Agreement

The City of New Albany currently provides snow removal services for the City of Columbus on a few select streets adjacent to New Albany roads to maintain efficiently in winter snow route operations. At the end of each snow season Columbus is invoiced based on a per lane mile cost for each City of Columbus street serviced. Last season New Albany maintained 9.08 lane miles for Columbus, however for the 2017/2018 winter season New Albany has proposed to cover an additional 3.02 lanes miles of Columbus streets which are busing routes for the New Albany-Plain Local School District. New Albany City Council requested that service staff look into the possibility of plowing the Columbus streets in the Hampsted Development where local school buses travel.

Professional Development

Service crew members attended two safety training sessions this month, one entitled Snow and Ice Removal, which included a snow roadeo, and the other, Fire Protection and Awareness. Both trainings were conducted onsite at the public service facility.

Brian Strayer Operations Manager, Steve Kidwell Maintenance Supervisor and Service Workers, Nick Cichanowicz, Jerry Smith and Andrew Love attended a class hosted by the City of Columbus and offered through the Ohio Water Environment Association called Preserving and Enhancing Ohio's Water Environment.

Project Management was the Ohio University Leadership Training Series topic this month. In attendance were staff members from the police department, community development, public service, finance and city administration. The focus of discussion was the various avenues to successfully complete a project while achieving the end goal of the team.

This month, Fleet Supervisor Eric Umbleby and Fleet Mechanic Steve Saunders attended a class entitled Hydraulic System Maintenance.

PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES October 2017

Municipal Service Garage Addition

In July, the city contracted with Ron Gajoch & Associates to provide construction plan services for an addition to the public service facility located off Bevelhymer Road. Preliminary design plans for the expansion of the garage were developed in April, therefore this work finalizes these efforts. The improvement encompasses approximately 10,000 square feet in area increasing the garage by five additional bays. Also, the current mezzanine area over the mechanics office will be enlarged by 2,000 square feet to be used for storage of parts and supplies. The current space utilized for hand tool storage will be moved into the new addition so that this area can be remodeled and converted into a employee breakroom and meeting space. In total, the costs for the addition and internal renovations are estimated at \$900,000 and would take 6 to 9 months to complete. If approved in the city's 2019 Capital Budget, construction would begin in March of 2019.

CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS October 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 west at the roundabout connection to Greensward Road.

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.



New pavement striping was performed on Kitzmiller Rd. at Dublin-Granville Rd.

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

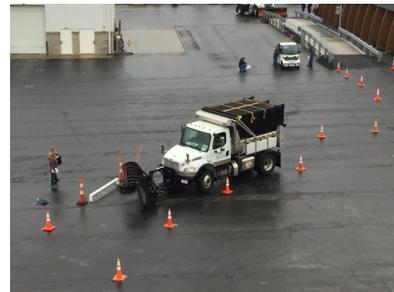
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Service department Maintenance Worker Andrew Love and Maintenance Supervisor Steve Kidwell worked with City of Columbus Division of Water Crews to repair a broken water valve located on Triplett Square in the New Albany Links Development. Residents discovered the water break in the early morning hours and notified the city. By using New Albany's vac-truck to excavated around the water valve, Columbus saved time making their repairs.



This repair involved a joint effort between Columbus and New Albany crews.

Annually, maintenance crew members participate in a snow plow rodeo to test their plow driving skills in a fun and competitive setting. This year, a new obstacle course was designed and include events titled; offset wheel run, tire plow, high/low fingers, weight scale start, barrel push and alley docking. Participants are scored based on performance accuracy and special prizes are awarded for first, second and third place finishers.



Supervisor Steve Kidwell and Administrative Assistant Bernadette Macchi conduct another successful snow plow rodeo.

Crew members Nick Cichanowicz, Justin Anderson, Andrew Love and Supervisor Steve Kidwell made storm sewer improvements off Smith's Mill Road North to alleviate flooding caused by the adjacent Gray Water Pond overflowing during heavy rain events. Workers installed an additional storm sewer pipe connecting the pond to the street curb inlet at the pond overflow level.



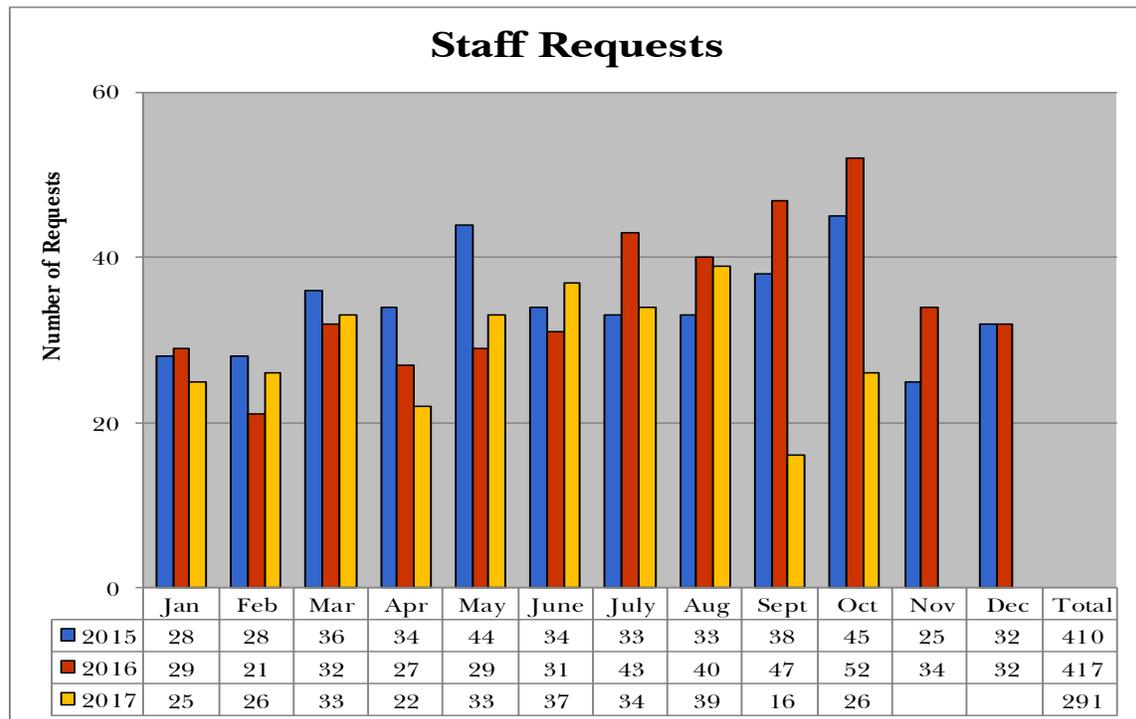
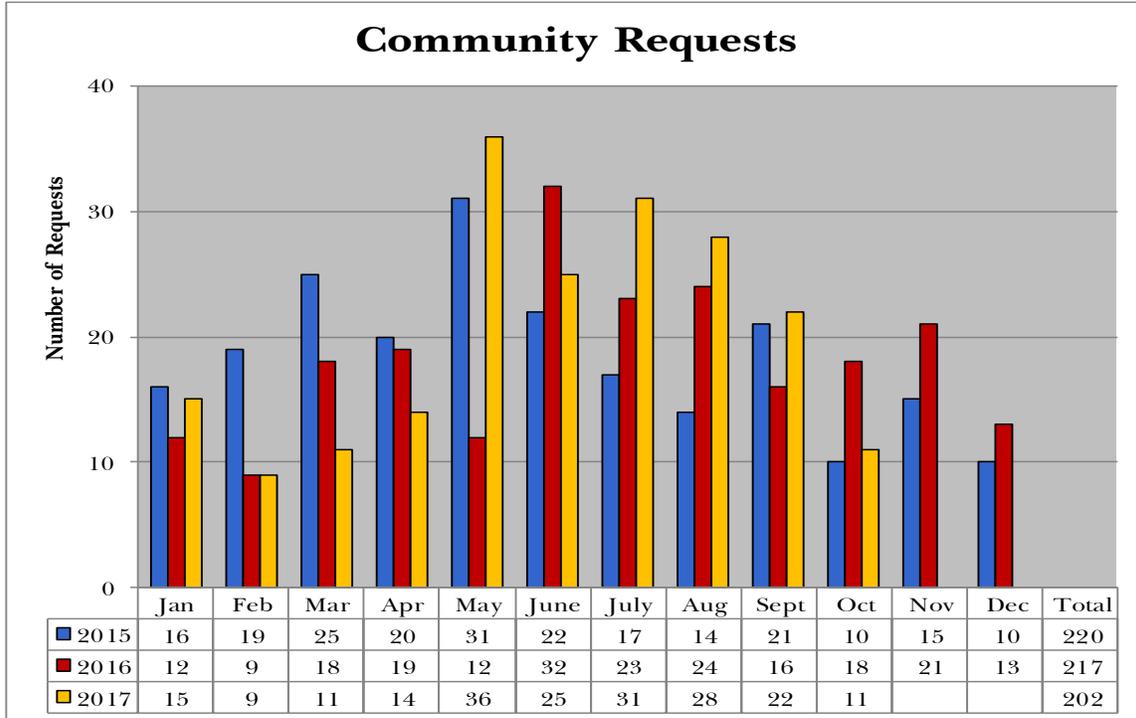
Crew members dig deep to install a storm sewer to alleviate roadway flooding.

Maintenance staff Justin Anderson, Kenny Geiger and Jerry Smith work together to berm the edges of the pavement on the north end of Beech Road. Without curbs in this section of roadway to control storm water runoff, the gravel berm slowly erodes away over time. This work is performed on an annual basis, unless rainfall for the season is lighter.



Crews place a new gravel berm along the north stretch of Beech Rd.

REQUESTS FOR SERVICE STATISTICS October 2017



SEASONAL STATISTICS October 2017

