



Public Service Department

MONTHLY REPORT

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Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

Be inspired.

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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New Albany SmartRide

Operations Manager Brian Strayer and Director Mark Nemec met with Groveport's Transportation Director, Bob Dowler, to discuss the details of the shuttle service provided in their Groveport Rickenbacker Employee Access Transit Program. New Albany is currently looking for ways to improve its SmartRide shuttle service which provides transportation service to Business Park employees from COTA's Park & Ride location. Possible changes under consideration is employment of shuttle drivers and operational management of shuttle program.

Cleanup Fund Committee

As an acting board member, the director attended a quarterly Cleanup Fund Committee meeting hosted by the Franklin County Board of Health, which oversees the expenditure of funds collected from fines levied from the prosecution of environmental crimes. The agenda for the fourth quarterly meeting included discussions on recent nuisance abatement cases within Columbus, reviewing committee goals and upcoming community outreach events. In 2018, the Cleanup Fund Committee will consider plans to reorganize the structure of the committee and development Vision and Mission objectives.

New Albany High School Environmental Science Advisory Committee (NAHSESAC)

City Forester Chris Ellwood, and Director Mark Nemec attended the NAHSESAC meeting to discuss future management plans of the wooded areas and wetlands surrounding the school complex. Possible student projects such as inventorying trees, maintaining an adaptive management plan, utilizing iNaturalist and setting up soil assays were discussed to ensure that the students remain involved for years to come.

Professional Development

Office staff employees Bernadette Macchi and Mark Nemec attended the Ohio Stormwater Association's 2017 Watershed Workshop held at OSU's Fawcett Center.

Maintenance staff employees Brent Rush, Jordan Gambill and Steve Kidwell attended the Summit SWCD two day class entitled Inspection and Maintenance Certification for Stormwater Control Measures in Ohio.

City Forester Chris Ellwood participated in IMSA's two day Work Zone Safety Certification Sessions and Exam along with maintenance staffers Steve Kidwell, Shaun Bush, and Nick Cichanowicz.

City Forester Chris Ellwood also attended the Tree Care Industry Association event held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center beginning on November 2, 2017.

PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES

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Haines Ditch Improvements

In an effort to alleviate flooding and provide for public safety New Albany City Council, in 2016, approved funding for a stream cleanup project for a portion of Haines Ditch, a tributary of the Blacklick Creek, within the city. Vegetation overgrowth and stream bed siltation of Haines Ditch has caused widespread roadway flooding of Central College Road and Jug Street.

Haines Ditch flows generally north to south and is located on both private property and road right-of-way within various jurisdictions, including the City of New Albany as well as Licking and Franklin Counties. The stretch running between Evans Road and Central College Road includes approximately six private property owners, whose cooperation will be needed to make the necessary improvements within this specific area.

The city has contracted with the Franklin County Engineers Office to complete the stream restoration work which has been divided into two phases. Phase one was completed in the fall of 2016 and included portions of Haines Ditch which runs west of Evans Road onto Abercrombie and Fitch property. Phase two was scheduled to begin Fall of 2017, however delays have occurred related to replacing existing driveway culverts within the project area. Property owners are working with Franklin County to approve the changes. Work is expected to begin in early 2018.

CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS November 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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To avoid potential damage from city snow plows, service crews extended the side rails of the department's truck scale weighing station. The scales are utilized during Winter to measure the amount of salt used during snow events to more accurately account for usage and inventory. The metal side rails are part of the bridge scale system designed to keep trucks from going over the edge.



Service staff Nick Cichanowicz and Andrew Love work on the truck scale guardrails.

The city curbside leaf collection program continued during the month of November and crews transported their leaves to McCullough's composting facility on Jug Street. Leaves are collected on a rotational schedule designed to alternate between city residential streets north and south of Dublin-Granville Road. Residents are urged not to place leaves in the street as to avoid clogged storm sewers and dumping into streams. Decaying leaves result in bacteria that depletes oxygen, killing fish and other stream life.



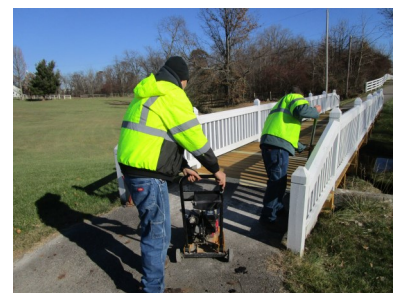
Crews collect 201 tons of leaves during the months of October and November.

Seasonal Workers Ian Hurst and Zack Farley assisted crews with the removal of a fallen dead tree in the community green space along James River Road. A portion of the city's white horse fence that surrounds the park was damaged. After removing the tree and branch debris, workers returned to repair the fence using wood boards from service department inventory.



Heavy winds caused fence damage from a fallen tree at the James River Road Park.

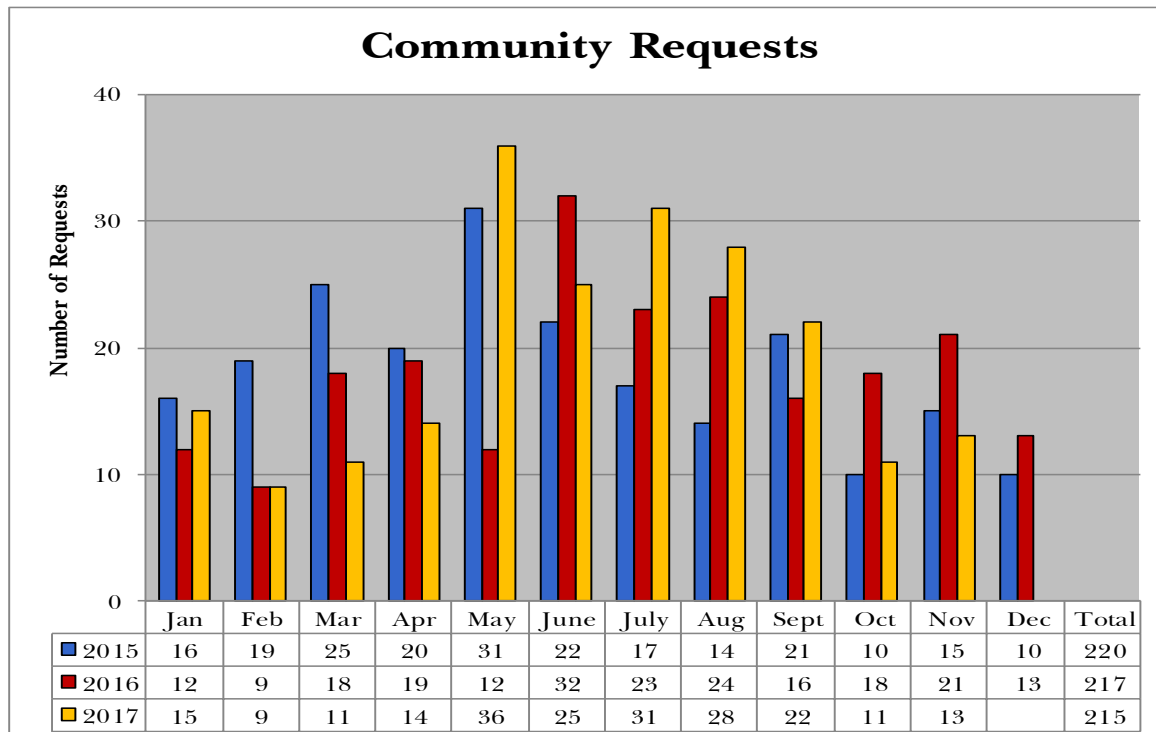
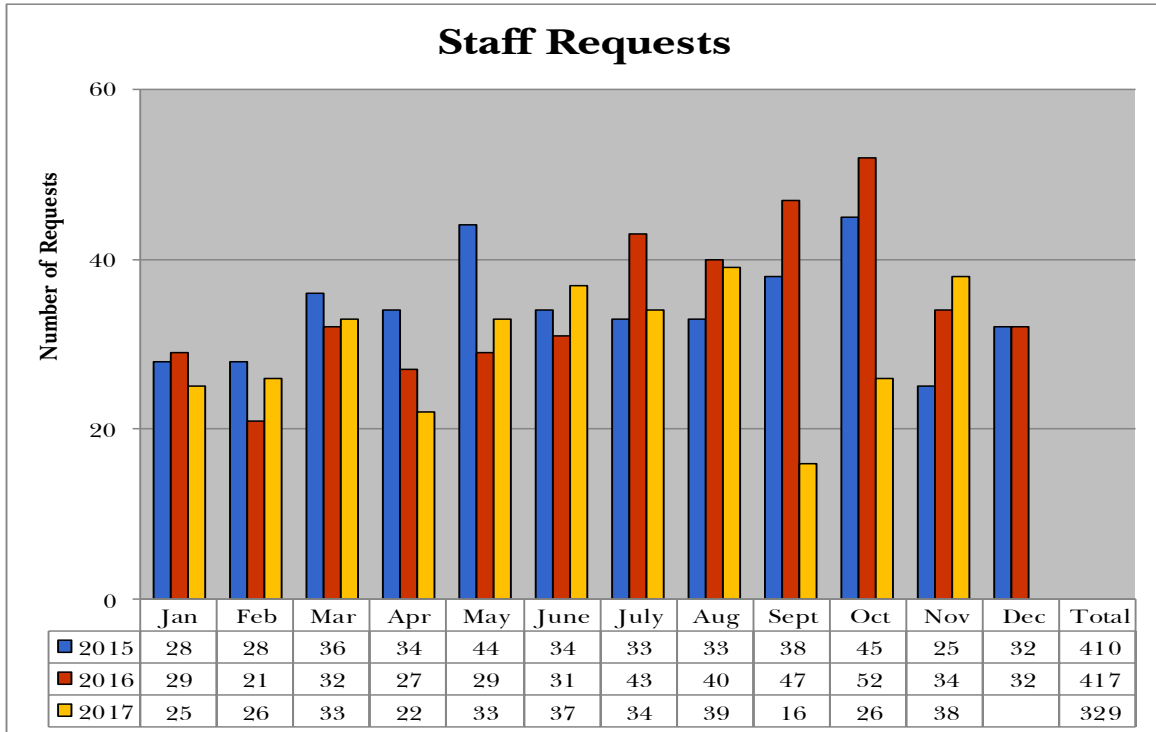
Using asphalt material, Service Workers Justin Anderson and Tyler Ashcraft fill an open gap in the leisure trail at the ends of the pedestrian bridge located along Central College Road. With roadway cold patch and a vibrating compactor, they were able to repair the area where the path meets the wooden deck of the bridge to provide a seamless transition.



A tripping hazard was corrected by service staff at the pedestrian bridge along Central College Road.

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