



Public Service Department

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Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

February 2018

Central Ohio Litter Summit

On February 6, the director attended the Central Ohio Litter Summit hosted by ODOT at the District Central Office in Columbus. The Summit brought together stakeholders in litter prevention to present programs, available resources, and litter hot spots; learn about national litter research; hear case studies and best management practices; and leave with educational resources and action items. Following the Summit event, ODOT will develop a "Findings and Recommendations" document to send to participants for use as a guide to help reduce litter in their communities.

AEP Coordination Meeting

City staff members, Brian Walkenspaw, Mark Nemec and Mike Barker, met with representatives from AEP to discuss the installation of an underground main power line within the right of way in the Beauty Park area running from Innovation Way to Harrison Road. The purpose for the project is to upgrade the power system in developing areas of the Beauty Park and provide service redundancy for an uninterrupted supply of power. Further discussions will be scheduled.

SWACO Consortium Follow-up Meeting

The consortium members reconvened this month to review results from an RFI request that went out to trash hauling vendors within Ohio. Eight haulers responded to the informational request providing quality responses to questions proposed. Consortium members will be working with SWACO to analyze the information obtained and determine what changes need made to the grouping of community members within the consortium and services provided so that re-bidding of trash, recycling and yard waste contracts can occur. Additional meetings will occur in March.

Professional Development

On February 22, Maintenance Supervisor Steve Kidwell and maintenance Workers Nick Cichanowicz, Tyler Ashcraft and Carl McNeal attended the Waste Water Equipment & Truck show in Indianapolis, Ohio to see first hand the resources available for storm and sanitary sewer maintenance.

PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES **February 2018**

Village Center Traffic Signal Study

Additional meetings occurred in February with city staff and Dave Samuelson of E.P. Ferris to plan the next steps for improving the operation of the traffic signals located within Village Center. With increased traffic flow and new traffic patterns, congestions and vehicular backs-ups are occurring more frequently during the morning and evening hours of the weekday. After obtaining traffic counts and evaluating the operation of the signal equipment, the city traffic engineer has provided a recommendation for improvement. Work will be planned in stages and the first course of action will be to complete fiber connections between the Village Center traffic signal cabinets.

CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS February 2018

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

February 2018

The city forester, along with two seasonal staff members, have been busy with the city's tree inventory, completing 40% of the survey to date. While inventorying and pruning trees, many hummingbird nests have been found nestled within the branches. The photo to the right shows two of the nests next to a quarter to indicate just how small they are. Made from lichen, spider webs and other debris, they are very sturdy and well camouflaged to protect the new birds.



Two hummingbird nests found this season while pruning trees.

Maintenance Worker Shaun Bush installs a new street name sign at Nacot Place off of West Campus Road. The new sign was designed using the City's updated branding style which uses black letters on a white background. Four different color combinations were available under the new federal regulation. The city chose to steer away from white letters on a dark green background.



A new street name sign was installed in the business campus.

Maintenance Worker Justin Anderson along with seasonal employees Zach Farley and Ian Hurst, are replacing a residential mailbox that was damaged by a plow truck during snow removal. Often times resident mailboxes are installed too close to the road making them more susceptible to damage by plow blades and plowed snow. Most repairs are simple, however periodically a replacement is required.



Mailboxes are sometimes damaged by the plow trucks during the winter months.

Crew members Kenny Geiger, Justin Anderson, Chase Loughman and Andrew Love work alongside seasonal employees Zack Farley and Ian Hurst to repair the roadway embankment along Kitzmiller Road near the Golf Club entrance. Heavy rain events in February caused high levels of storm water flow which damaged the roadside drainage ditch.



A public service team works diligently to repair the ditch along Kitzmiller Rd.

SEASONAL STATISTICS February 2018

