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# Public Service Department

MONTHLY REPORT

October 2018

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## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### October 2018

#### **Morse Road at Kitzmiller Road Roundabout**

Director, Mark Nemec attended the preconstruction meeting held at the Franklin County Engineer's Office for the roundabout project planned at Morse and Kitzmiller roads. The \$3 million construction project includes a single-lane designed roundabout and reconstruction of the bridge on Morse Road over Blacklick Creek, just east of Kitzmiller. From 2013 to 2015, sixteen crashes were recorded at the intersection. Five caused injuries and one included a fatality. The Ohio Department of Transportation is providing \$1 million for the project, leaving the county with \$2 million to fund. Most utilities have already been relocated and road work is expected to begin in March of 2019.

#### **New Albany Cemetery Restoration Project**

Headstone-restoration work, which was performed by Gravestone Transformations, has been completed in the city's New Albany Cemetery. The project included restoration and placement of forty-eight existing monuments. Six missing monuments will be reproduced and six more repaired, then added to the cemetery at a later date. The overall work is part of a city council restoration effort for the cemetery, formerly known as the Old Burying Ground. The cemetery dates to the 1850's and is southeast of Village Hall on the edge of Rose Run. The Old Burying Ground first was used in 1854 and 1855. The cemetery restoration began in 2016, when Columbus-based Ohio Valley Archaeology did a minor excavation to the cemetery and found headstones beneath the ground's surface. After the 12 headstones are added to the cemetery, any future improvements there will have to be done in concert with the second phase of the city's Rose Run project.

#### **Professional Development**

Service crew members attended two safety training sessions this month. The first entitled Snow Training, which included a snow roadeo. The second, presented by the Bureau of Workers Compensation, entitled, Fire Extinguishers: Basics & Maintenance. Both trainings were conducted onsite at the public service facility.

City Forester, Chris Elwood, attended a one day forum at the Ohio Woodland Stewards Program on Why Trees Matter: Aesthetically, Economically, Environmentally and Socially.

Operations Manager, Brian Strayer and Fleet Supervisor, Eric Umbleby attended a two and one half days training on Advanced Safety for Public Employers Part 2 at the Ohio BWC. Several topics discussed: Road Work Safety, Chain Saws, and Fleet Safety .

Fleet Supervisor Eric Umbleby and Fleet Mechanic Steve Saunders attended a two day Cummins Engine CNG training at the City of Columbus.

## PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES October 2018

### **Multi-Way Stop for Central College Road and Bevelhymer Road**

In 2017, the city received a complaint from a citizen regarding the safety of the intersection of Central College and Bevelhymer Roads. Several days prior to the resident's inquiry, a traffic accident occurred at the intersection which prompted the individual to contact the city. When accidents such as these occur, the service department evaluates the incident based on traffic crash reports received from the police department, then makes safety changes as needed. At this particular intersection, improvements were made previously in 2011 which included adding left side supplemental stop signs, installing stop ahead signs and cross traffic does not stop signs. The city also added sign post reflectors and contracted with American Electric Power to install a cobra-head streetlight over the intersection.

Given the continued traffic crashes at this intersection the service director requested a traffic study be conducted by the city traffic engineer at EP Ferris. The evaluation was performed in conformance to standards set by ODOT in the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The results concluded that based on the number of crashes in a twelve month period warrants were met for a multi-way Stop. Therefore, given the engineering analysis, the traffic engineer recommended that the city convert the intersection from a two-way stop to an all-way stop condition.

The traffic study was presented to city council detailing the traffic crash data and the traffic engineer offered his recommendation for safety improvements. The service department plans to complete the intersection conversion from a two-way stop to a multi-way stop in November 2018.

## CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS October 2018

### City Sidewalk Improvement Project

- Decker Construction was the low bid contractor for performing sidewalk replacement as part of the city street improvement project at a cost of \$263,226.
- Upper Fenway and North of Woods were targeted for the improvement work.
- Sidewalk improvements began in July and were completed in September.



### 2018 City Street Improvement Project

- The low bidder was Decker Construction at a base bid price of \$911,909.
- Work includes ADA curb ramp improvements, pavement overlay, curb repair and crack sealing.
- Construction schedule was July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018.



### Market Street - Traffic Visibility Improvement Project

- Decker Construction was the low bid contractor for removing the existing concrete curb and asphalt parking spots at Market Street at a cost of \$13,772.
- The tree lawn area was expanded, where previous parking spots were, and new concrete curb added.
- Work improves the sight visibility on Keswick Commons and was completed by September.



## PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS

### October 2018

#### 2018 Snow Roadeo Event

Annually, maintenance crew members participate in a snow plow roadeo to test their plow driving skills in a fun and competitive setting. This year, a new obstacle course was designed. Judges citywide scored crew members based on performance accuracy. Prizes were awarded to all crew members.



Maintenance crew members participate in the 2018 Annual Snow Roadeo Event.

#### City Forestry Activity

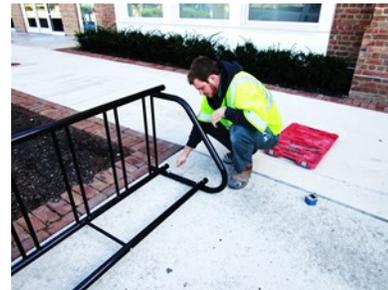
Crews removed dead ash trees off of Margarum Bend, which were leaning unfavorably toward a residential home. A pulley system was utilized with ropes to correct the tree's lean and pull it away from the house as the tree was taken down. Currently, bids are being sought for autumn street tree replacements, which will plant nearly 130 new trees.



City Forester Chris Ellwood removing dead Ash trees off Margarum Bend.

#### New City Bike Racks

Maintenance workers Andrew Love and Ian Hurst, installed a total of six new bike racks near the Phil Heit Center area. The bike racks were installed to better accommodate cyclists who frequent the Market Square area. Cyclists now can secure their bikes while visiting, dining and shopping in the Village Center area.



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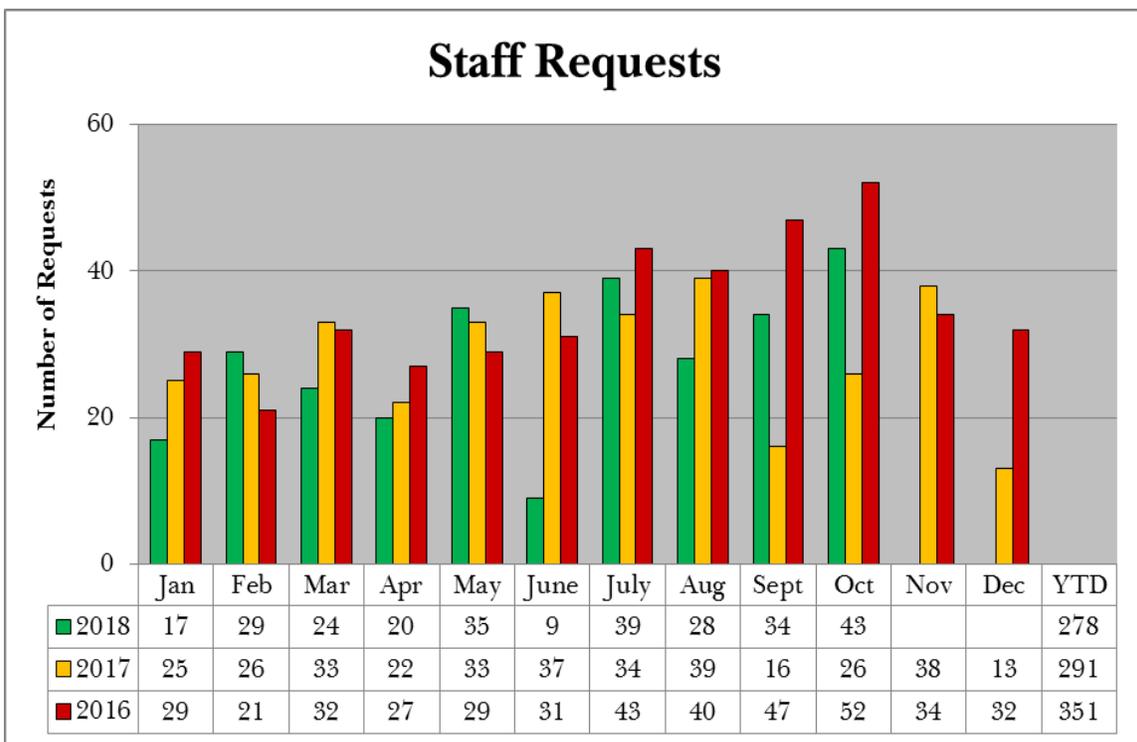
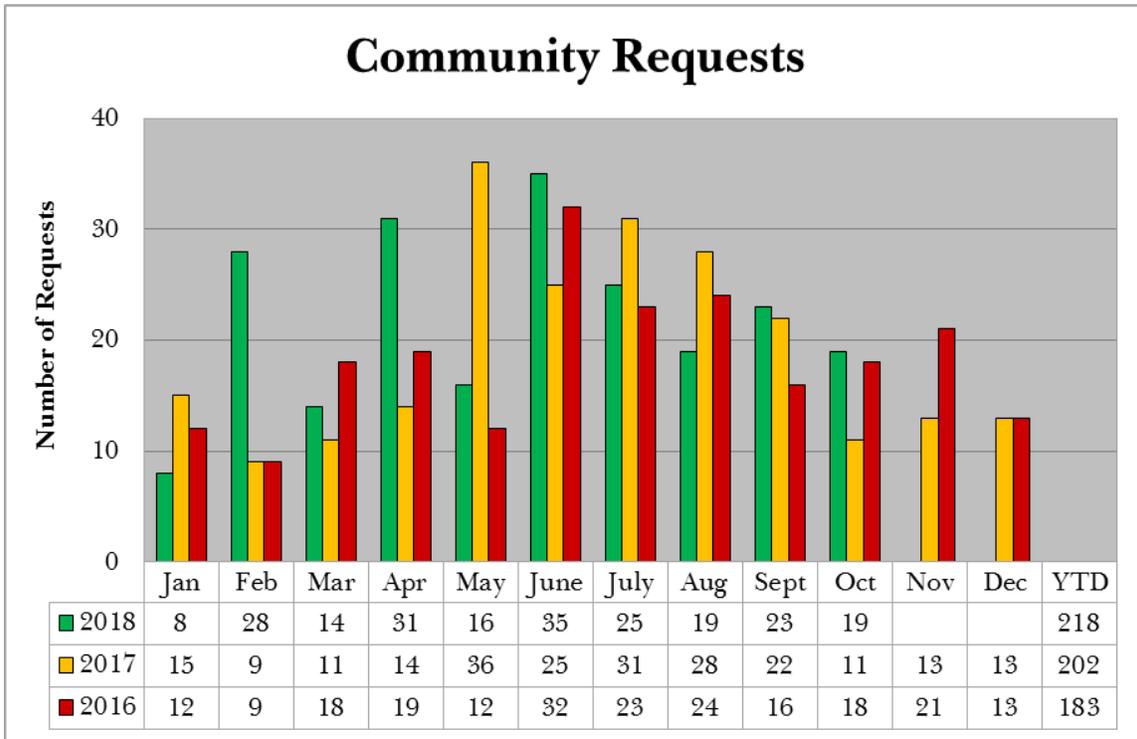
#### Wood Fence Maintenance

Crew members Chad Loughman and Andrew Love, painted the city owned wood fencing on Fodor Road, Swickard Woods Boulevard and the access drive to Wendy's. The four board wood fence is a unique feature to the City of New Albany. Therefore, keeping them in top condition is an important task for the department.

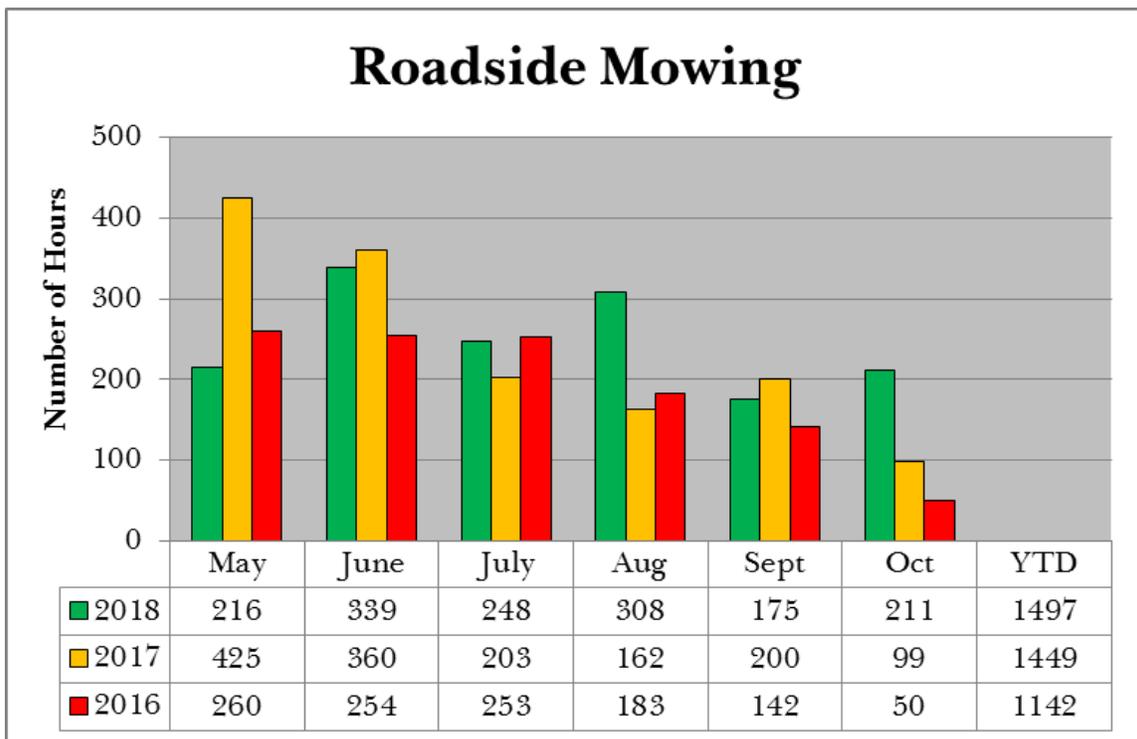
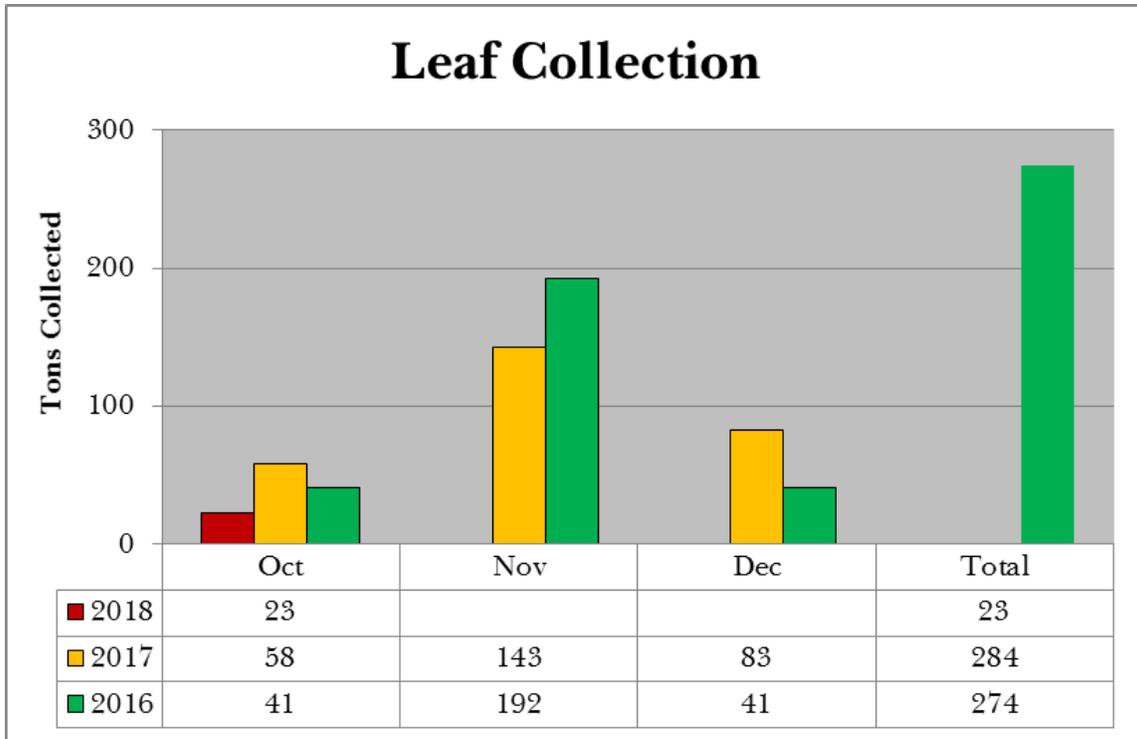


Crews repaint wood fencing along Fodor Rd. and Swickard Woods Blvd.

## REQUESTS FOR SERVICE STATISTICS October 2018



## SEASONAL STATISTICS October 2018



# New Albany Smart Ride

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