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# Public Service Department

MONTHLY REPORT

November 2018

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## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### November 2018

#### **AEP Charging Station Incentive Program**

The director and operations manager met with development staff and a representative from ChargePoint to discuss new AEP Incentives for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. The incentive program will provide AEP Ohio and others with information about how EV charging is utilized by Ohio customers. The goal of the program is to encourage EV charging in a number of different settings and learn how they are utilized by customers. This information will help inform how charging stations are deployed throughout the AEP Ohio territory, across the state, and the nation. ChargePoint is a manufacturer of charging stations and they offer assistance with AEP's incentive program. ChargePoint uses cloud technology to manage their growing network of charging station units. The incentive program allows local governments to apply for funding to install a maximum of six charging ports for level 2 chargers and two charging stations for DC fast chargers.

#### **Compliments Given to Public Service Department Staff**

The public service department received compliments from residents regarding the city's curbside leaf collection program. Residents were appreciative of the timely service they received and recognized the hard work that was being performed by the crews. Also this month, several Ashton Grove residents brought in a "Thank You" breakfast to the public service staff recognizing all the work the department has performed for their development such as tree care, snow removal and leaf collection.

#### **Professional Development**

Maintenance staff employees Andrew Love, Chase Loughman, Ian Hurst and Chad Smith attended the ODOT LTAP Snow and Ice Control training. This course covered safety practices, pre-trip inspection and maintenance of the truck, plow, and spreader. Additionally, they discussed vehicle operation, plowing and salting techniques, and identification of different snow conditions.

City Forester Chris Ellwood attended the 2018 Central Ohio Urban Forest Conference. Information, projects, and operations regarding tree care, mostly in a municipal context was the focus of this day-long seminar. Several City Foresters gave specific examples of the trials and tribulations of their programs.

Director Mark Nemec participated in Ohio EPA's 2019 Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant Opportunities webinar. This webinar discussed Ohio EPA's application process and those activities targeted by this funding option. The content focused on how the competitive grant programs provide opportunities for local governments, businesses and nonprofit organizations to establish and implement recycling & litter prevention programs, market development for manufacturers, expansion of equipment and processing facilities, and infrastructure improvements leading to processing efficiencies.

## PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES

### November 2018

#### **Market Street Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing**

In 2018, city council approved the expenditure of up to \$200,000 for improvements to pedestrian crossings at the Market and Main Roundabout and several mid-block crossings on Market Street and Main Street. While improvements at the roundabout are just about complete, work has not yet started for the mid-block crossings. However, a design and site layout has been determined and material ordered for the Market Street mid-block crossings. The city will test the use of rectangular rapid flash beacons at these locations. A Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon or RRFB provides high visibility to motorists approaching pedestrian crosswalks. The Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon meets the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) requirements for all approved flash patterns. RRFB features a high visibility pedestrian confirmation light, black or yellow powder coated aluminum enclosure, and is pedestrian activated. These units fit easily onto existing signposts, and can be installed by city crews with minimal traffic disruptions. RRFB units are recommended for mid-block crosswalks, trail crossings and unsignalized intersections. Service crews expect to have these signals installed and operational by late winter or early spring.

## CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS November 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 November 2018

### City Forestry Activities

Maintenance Workers Carl McNeal and Tyler Ashcraft assisted City Forester Chris Ellwood street tree removal along James River Road. The crew was careful when removing each branch of the Japanese Zelkova trees since they are known to splinter in multiple pieces if they are dropped to the ground.



Crews remove dying street trees along James River Road.

### City Curbside Leaf Collection Program

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. Crews collected 277 tons of leaves during the months of October and November.



Crews had poor weather for collecting leaves in November.

### Storm Water Maintenance

Maintenance Workers Tyler Myers and Carl McNeal installed new yard drains in the tree lawn area of Olmstead Road. A resident contacted the city regarding poor drainage near a newly installed sidewalk completed by city contractors. To correct the situation two small drains were installed to collect the water from the sidewalk and channel it to the street underdrain.



Crews install yard drains on Olmstead Rd. to alleviate ponding water on the sidewalk.

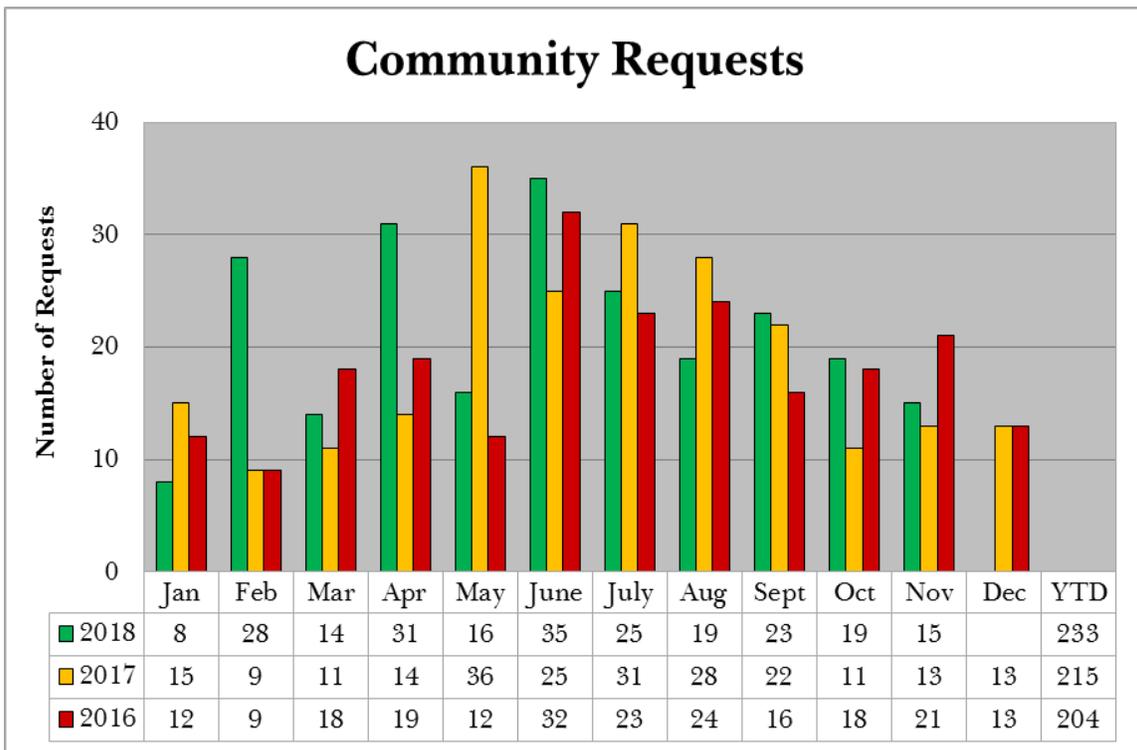
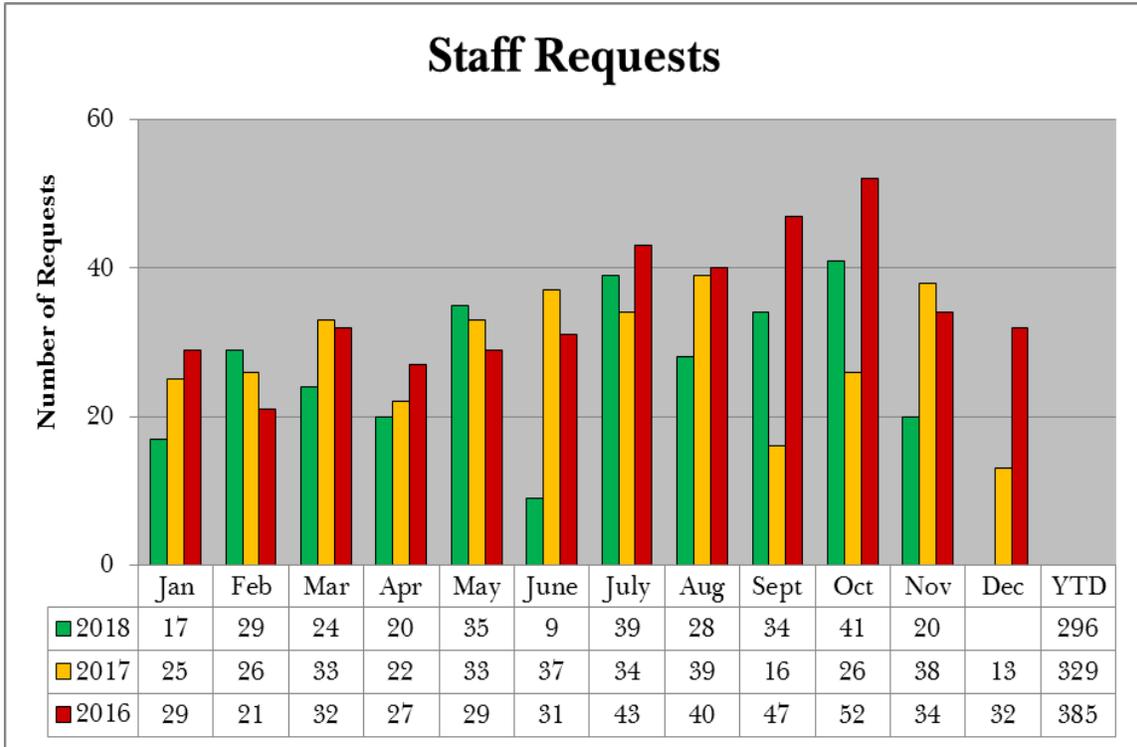
### Holiday Red Bows

Maintenance Worker Shaun Bush utilized the bucket truck to reach the top of the city's street light poles to install the annual holiday bows. Each year crews use red velvet holiday bows to dress up the Village Center for the November and December holidays. This year the weather was cold and rainy making this annual task more difficult as in years past.

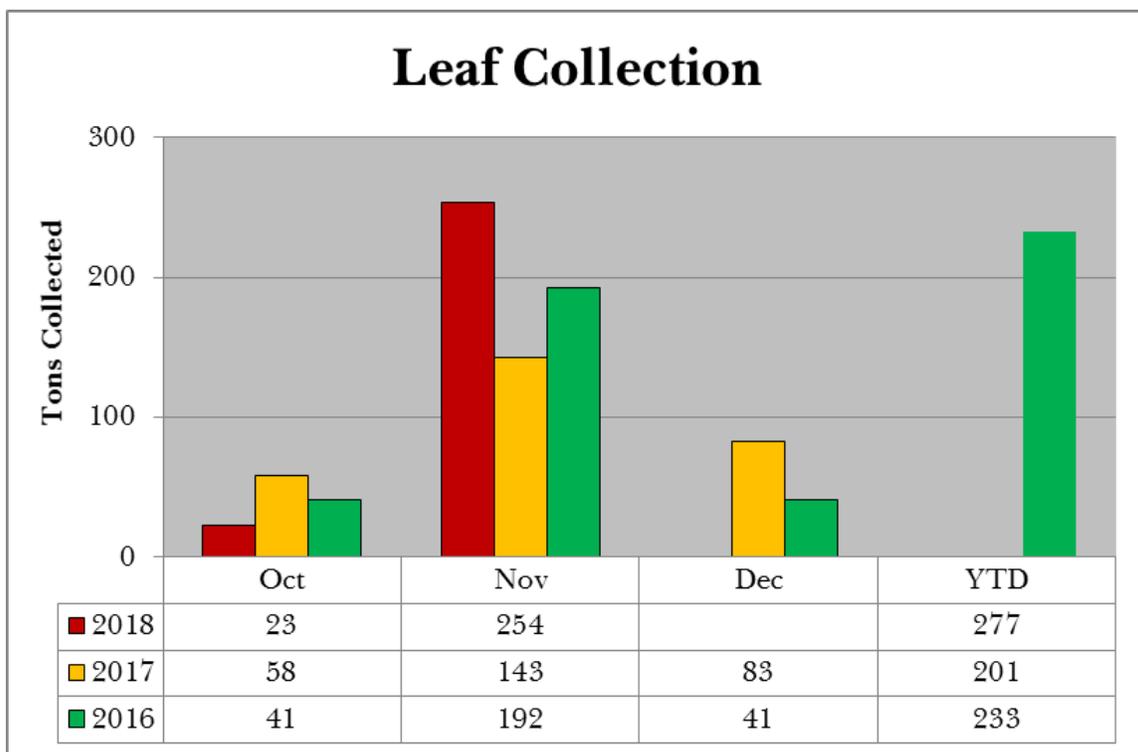
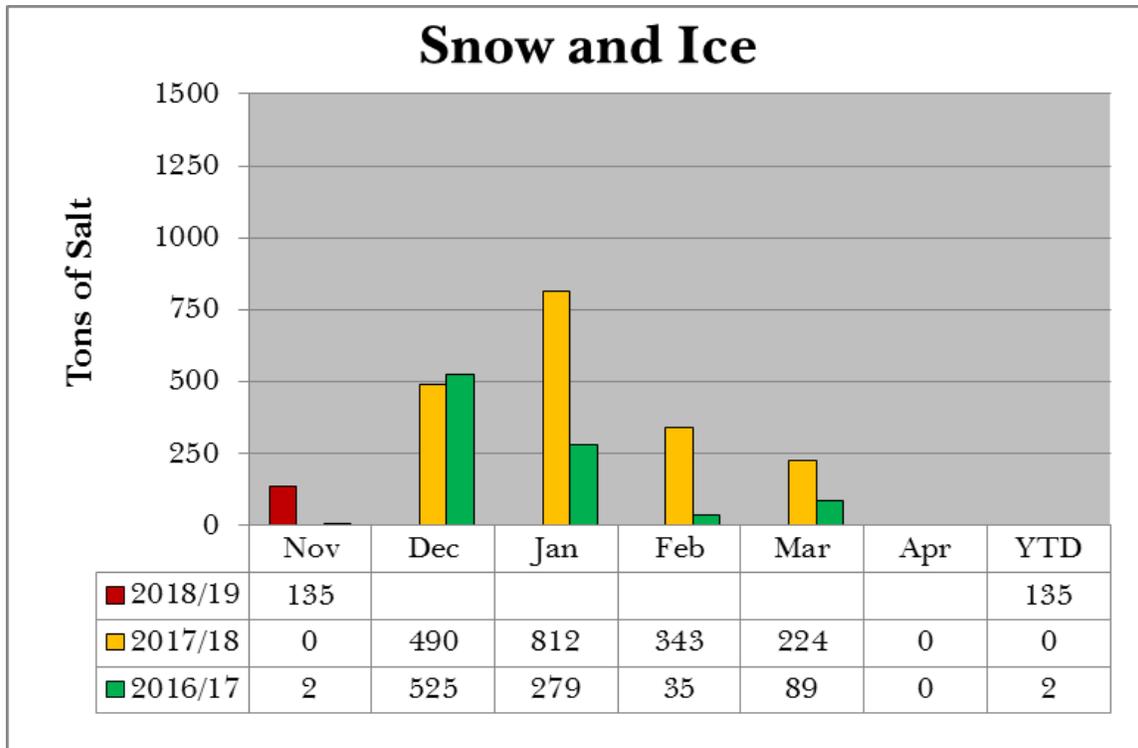


The annual Holiday Red Bows go up in the Village Center.

## REQUESTS FOR SERVICE STATISTICS November 2018



## SEASONAL STATISTICS November 2018



# New Albany Smart Ride November 2018

