



Public Service Department

MONTHLY REPORT

April 2019

Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

Be inspired.

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

April 2019

Tree City USA Awards Event

This year, the City of Bexley, Ohio, and Capital University hosted the 2019 Tree City, Tree Line and Tree Campus USA Awards Event. The director, operations manager and several maintenance workers attended. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation and provides national recognition for communities with Urban Forestry programs throughout the country. The Tree Campus USA program helps colleges and universities around the country establish and sustain a healthy community forest. The Tree Line USA program recognizes best practices in utility arboriculture. The day's program started off with remarks from Susan Quintenz, chair of the City Tree and Public Garden Commission and Christine Anderson, Ph.D. from the Primmer Outdoor Learning Center. Afterwards attendees toured Bexley Sustainable City Hall, Bexley Mill and Capital University Sustainable Habitat. The event concluded with an awards presentation and remarks from Tyler Stevenson, Urban Forestry program manager.

City Forester Interviews

The advertising and evaluation process for the vacant position of City Forester has resulted in two strong candidates for consideration. The final phase of interviewing consisted of a meeting with the city manager and answering questions. For the finalist, the process will conclude with a check of the applicants references. It is hopeful that the new City Forester will begin employment at the end of May.

Risk Management/Safety Services

The service department is preparing for updates to the departments Workplace Policies and provide training to maintenance staff to continue to stay in compliance with PEERP (Public Employment Risk Reduction Program) standards. The public service director, operations manager, and human resource officer met with several safety consultants to evaluate current department safety programs/policies and discuss future needs.

Professional Development

Service supervisors and crew members attended an APWA Webinar entitled, Managing Change & Improvement with Technology Tools.

Maintenance Worker Brent Rush attended MAPS—Writing Techniques for Improved Communication at OSU.

Operations Manager Brian Strayer attended MAPS—Teamwork: Moving from Dysfunction to High Performance at OSU.

Clerk Marlene Donaldson attended MAPS—Introduction to Grant Writing and Grant Research at OSU.

PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES

April 2019

New Albany Arbor Day Event

The city hosted its annual Arbor Day event at Safety Town this year. “Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future.” These are J. Sterling Morton’s stirring words about the holiday he initiated in 1872. In honor of Arbor Day, two eight-foot Redbud trees and five pint-sized Paw Paw trees were planted around New Albany Safety Town grounds to further strengthen the community’s urban forest program. Despite overcast skies and light rain, a group of New Albany High School students graciously assisted in the tree planting ceremony. Public service department staff and City Council member Kasey Kist attended and also assisted in the planting. Aaron Noblet from Preservation Arborists, LLC, was also on site to direct the planting celebration. These plantings strengthen New Albany’s natural landscape and illustrate the community’s commitment to beautiful surroundings for generations to come.

Earlier in the week, Maintenance Workers Kenny Geiger, Andrew Love and Chad Smith performed spring cleanup at Safety Town so the site was ready for the Arbor Day Event. Aaron Noblet from Preservation Arborists, LLC explained the benefits that trees provide, information about the specific tree species being planted (aesthetics, historical uses etc.) and explained guidelines for proper tree planting. Before the event concluded, a group photo was taken with the student participants.



CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

April 2019

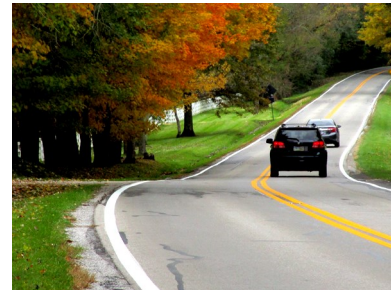
2018 City Sidewalk Improvement Project

- 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 April 2019

Spring Roadside Cleanup Project

The service department’s annual Spring Roadside Cleanup Project was cancelled due to continuous rain. However, maintenance staff completed the trash collection within their daily work schedule. SR 161 roadsides were cleaned and a total of 91 bags of trash equaling 3185 pounds of waste were collected. The cleanup event is scheduled annually before the mowing season begins.



Worker Andrew Love collects debris along SR 161 before mowing season begins.

Bevelhymer Park Sewer Service

AEP contractors were digging a new pole foundation at Bevelhymer Park when they damaged the sanitary service line for the Parks Office. To assist the repairing contractor, Maintenance Workers Carl McNeal and Chase Loughman used the city’s jet/vac truck to clean compacted debris from the existing line. AEP is providing reimbursement to the Parks District and city for the repairs and cleaning performed.



Service crews clean debris from sanitary service line at NA Parks Office.

No Parking Signs Installed on Keswick Drive

Service crews installed No Parking Signs on Keswick Drive from US 62 to Ogden Woods at the request of residents living on the street. Tenants living in the new Main Street apartments have been parking on Keswick Drive and blocking the mailboxes and limiting access for emergency vehicles.



Crew member Ian Hurst installs No Parking Signs on Keswick Drive

Street Sign Replacement Project

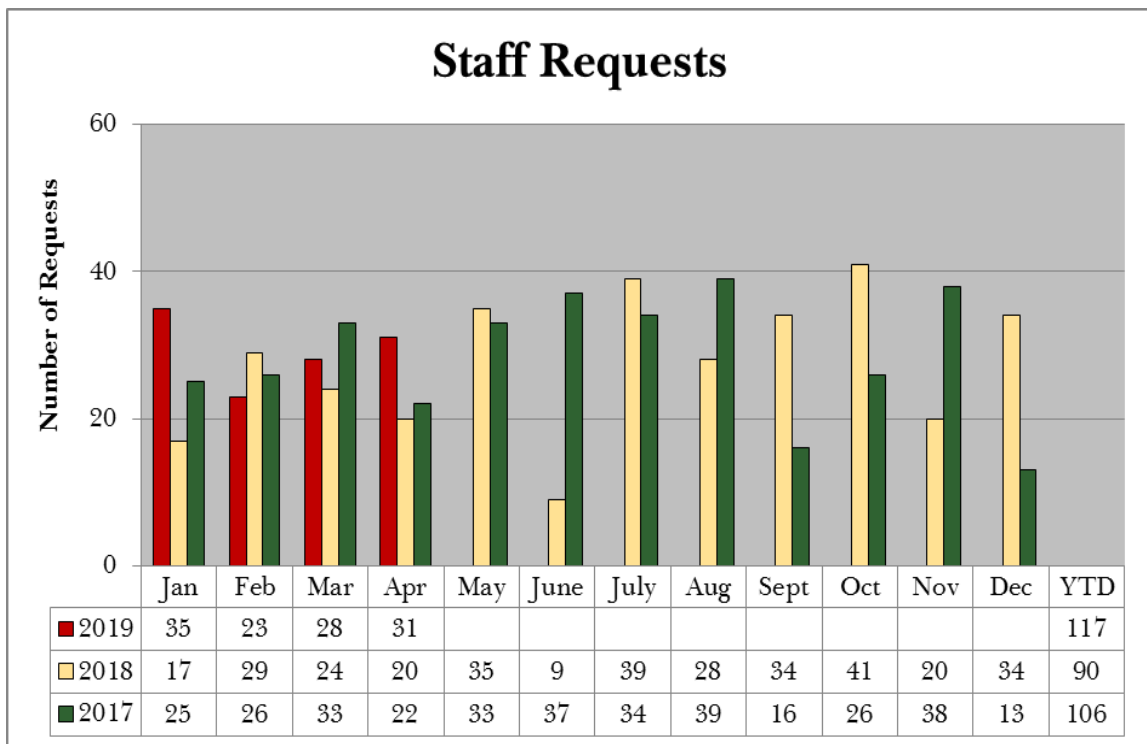
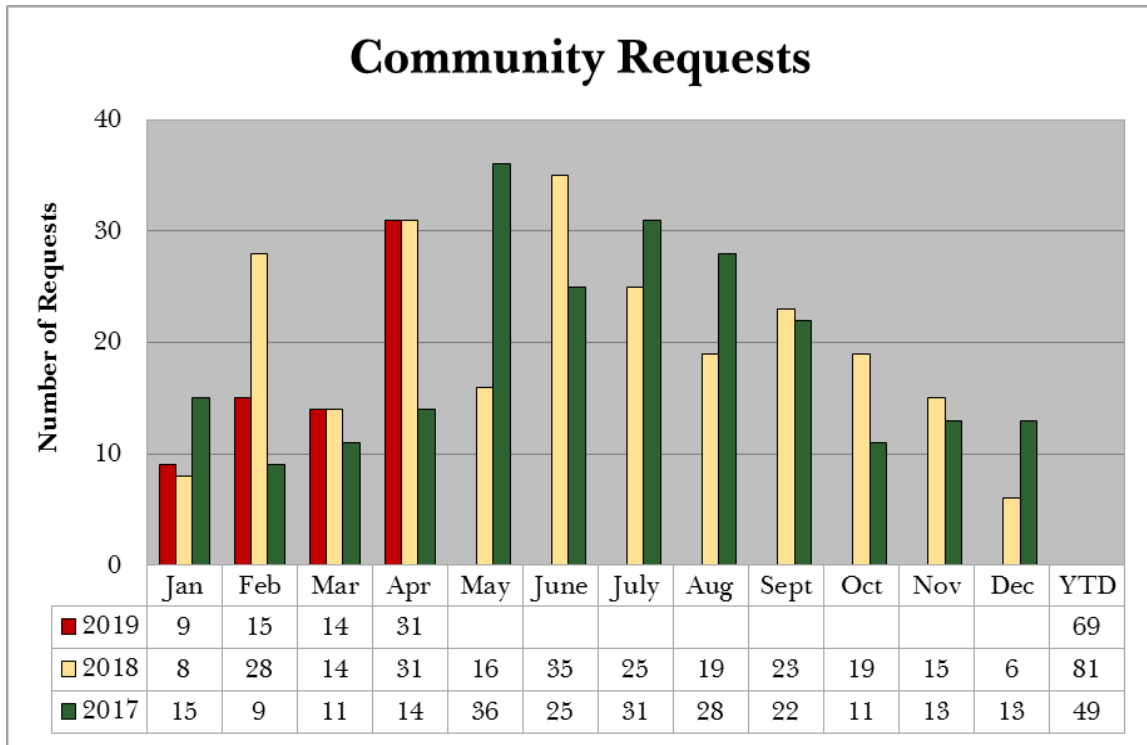
Maintenance Worker Tyler Myers is compiling an inventory of all street name signs throughout the city. Tyler's work is part of a multi-year project in which the service department is updating street signs to the new retro-reflectivity standards set by the Federal Highway Administration. The new signs will have black letters on a white reflective background.



Worker Tyler Myers takes inventory of street name signs in New Albany.

REQUESTS FOR SERVICE STATISTICS

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SEASONAL STATISTICS April 2019

