



Public Service Department

MONTHLY REPORT

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Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

Be inspired.

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

July 2019

New Albany Microsurfacing Project

The director, operations manager, and engineering technician held a pre-construction meeting with representatives from Strawser Construction, the city's contractor and Quality Control Inspection (QCI), the city's construction inspection firm. They discussed the schedule for street improvement work of Central College Road (SR605 to New Albany Links Dr.) and Dublin-Granville Road (West Corp. Limit to Morgan Road). Strawser Construction will be re-surfacing these roads with a bituminous product called microsurfacing. There are multiple steps in the process which includes removing the existing pavement striping and applying temporary striping. During each phase of the project traffic will be maintained by utilizing flaggers and one way traffic control. Weather plays a big factor in the work being performed, so construction delays sometimes occur. The improvement work is planned for the week of August 5th.

Risk Management/Safety Services

In May, the city hired a safety consult to assist the service department with preparing updates to the departments Workplace Policies and provide training to maintenance staff on the updated policies to keep in compliance with PEERP (Public Employment Risk Reduction Program) standards. Safety consultant Kim Arnold of KLA Risk Consulting was selected to perform the risk management services for the department.

Since 1998, KLA Risk Consulting has been providing risk management consulting, safety consulting and training within Central Ohio. KLA focuses on proactive risk management programs and training to lower risk of worksite injuries and control liability. In July, the director, operations manager and department supervisors had a second meeting with Kim Arnold and work is progressing to update policies and develop guidelines for controlling job hazards.

Professional Development

Several members of the service supervisory staff attended "Supervising Communications" and "Supervising Customer Service Values" offered by the Ohio Plan. This was part of a Supervisory Series Training held at the Philip Heit Center in New Albany.

PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES July 2019

Public Service Garage Addition Update

With assistance from the city's project architect, Ron Gajoch, the public service director worked with several construction companies to determine the most current estimated cost of construction for the Public Service Garage Addition prior to public bid. The city budgeted \$1,000,000 in capital improvement funding for this project. However, in the last 18 months there have been several factors that have driven construction costs much higher than the current budget can cover. These factors include; material pricing impacted by tariffs, labor shortage in the construction industry and an overabundance of construction projects in the market limiting companies availability to build them.

Therefore, to lower projected construction costs several components have been removed from the project such as the service yard material storage structure, interior storage mezzanine expansion including stairway and railings, and the elimination of the kitchen counter tops and cabinets in the new employee break room. (These would be performed at a later date by the city staff) With these modifications the public service department has obtained a conservative cost estimate of \$1,595,624 to complete the project.

At this time, all the necessary adjustments have been made to the construction plans and specifications to reflect the changes in the project scope without impacting the integrity and usefulness of the project. In June, city council approved the increase to the capital budget for the garage addition and authorized bidding for construction. Currently, the project has been advertised and a bid opening date of September 6, 2019 was set.

CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

July 2019

City 2019 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 \$87,346.25
- Upper Fenway and the Sudbrook Square developments are planned for the improvement work.
- Sidewalks have been marked for replacement and are expected to be completed in September.



Typical sidewalk section to be replaced.

2019 City Street Improvement Project

- The low bidder for the construction contract is Decker Construction at a base bid price of \$ 704,899.17.
- Work includes ADA curb ramp improvements, pavement overlay, curb repair and crack sealing.
- Construction schedule is June 24, 2019 to September 30, 2019.



Resurfacing planned for Central College & New Albany Road East

2019 Microsurfacing Projects

- Using ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program a construction contract was awarded to the Strawser Construction Company for \$196,073.64.
- Work includes the application of microsurface treatment to sections of Dublin-Granville Rd. and Central College Rd.
- Work began in July and will finish in August.



Removal of striping for application of microsurfacing.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS July 2019

Park Fence Maintenance

Seasonal crew members Nick Taylor and Alex Rahde power washed the James River Park fence getting it ready for paint. Painting is done on a routine basis, while repairs are completed as needed. The service department maintains several miles of wooden fence throughout New Albany on city property. The white fence is an aesthetic feature of the city.



Fence maintenance is routinely performed by summer seasonal workers.

City Forestry Initiatives

New City Forester, Marylou Bohannon, has been assessing the condition of city street trees in New Albany. Marylou identified a tree that was dying due to improper mulching. Under the mulch, the base of the tree was rotted and the decay spread up the trunk of the tree. Limiting mulch to a 3" layer can prevent these types of consequences. In the July 26th edition of This Week-New Albany News "Improper vs. Proper Mulching Around Trees" was discussed.



This street tree has succumbed to root collar decay.

Good Housekeeping Training

Each year the New Albany Department of Public Service in collaboration with the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) conducts a good housekeeping refresher training. Supervisors and maintenance crew members attend the training. This years focus was reviewing the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) for the public service facility site.



Dave Reutter of FSWCD conducting the Good Housekeeping training session.

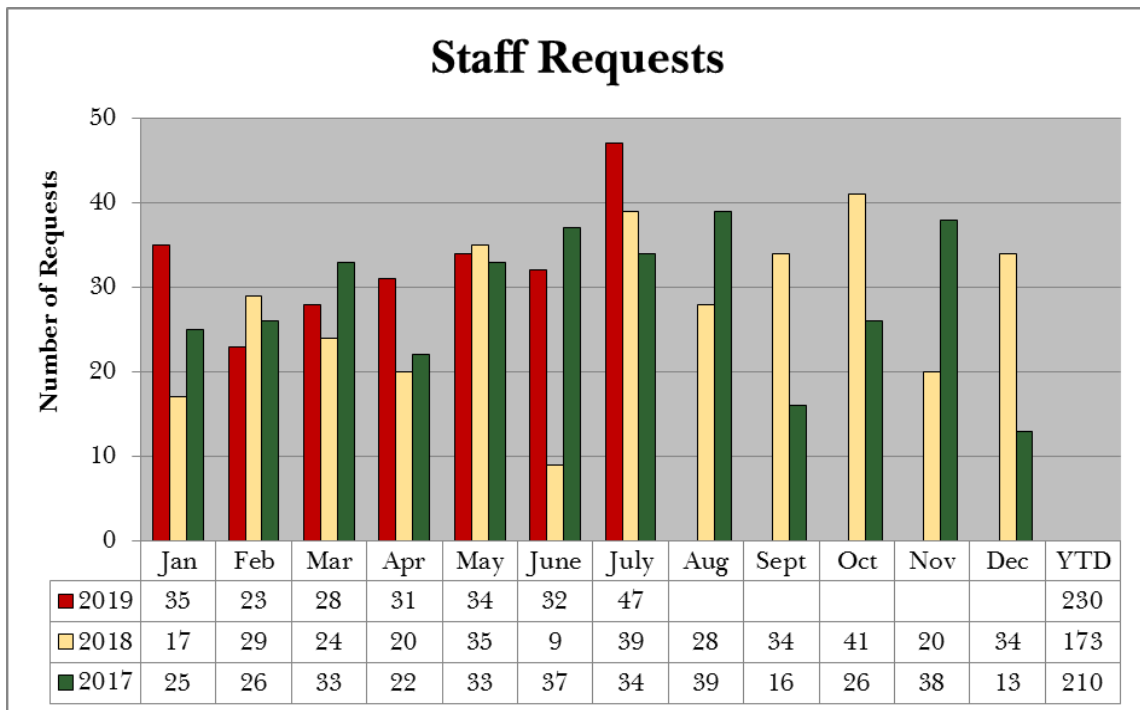
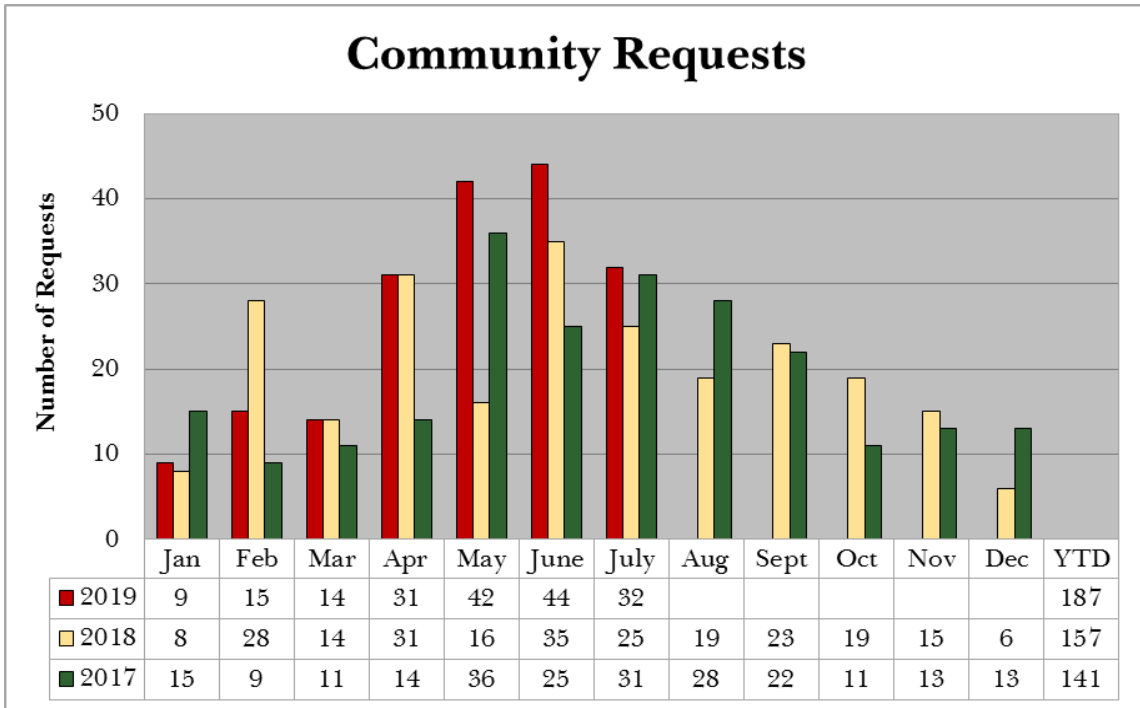
Street Sign Maintenance

Seasonal workers Blake Morman and Jack Murphy are painting street sign posts and sign backs. This has been their primary task this summer. Well maintained signs are essential as they help drivers make good decisions. The public service department is responsible for insuring that signs are maintained to meet the needs of the road user.

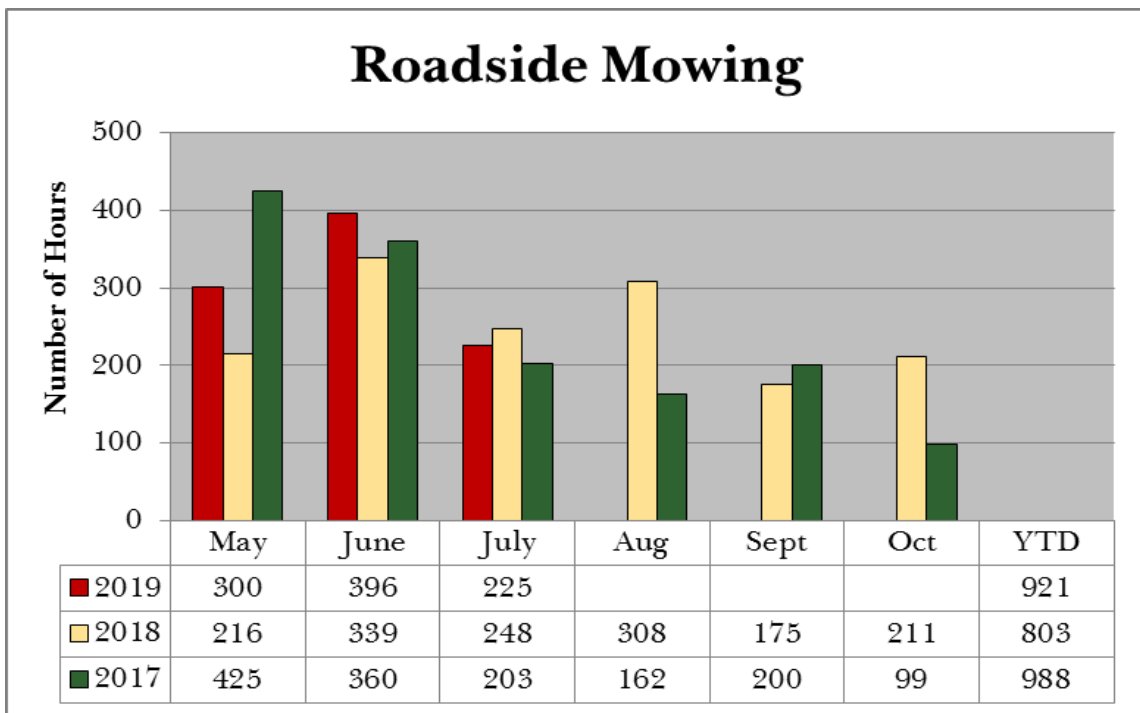
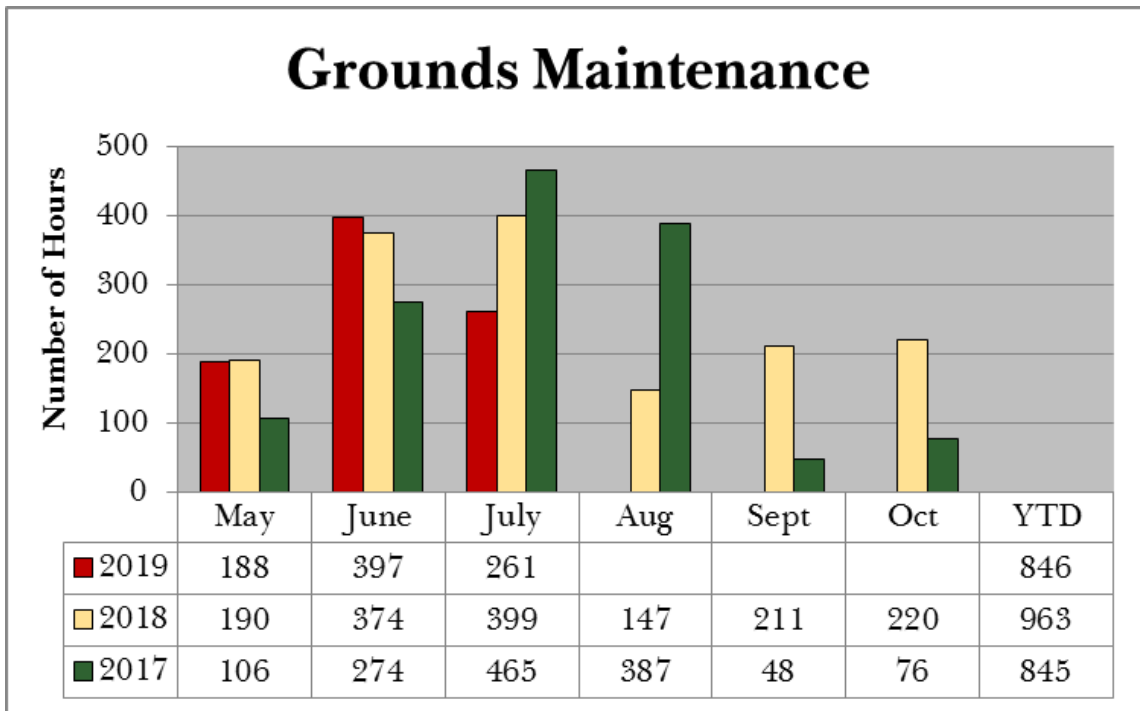


Maintained signs are essential to drivers.

REQUESTS FOR SERVICE STATISTICS July 2019



SEASONAL STATISTICS July 2019



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