

## **Public Service Department**

#### **MONTHLY REPORT**

November 2019

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# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS November 2019

#### RealTerm Energy

The public service director and operations manager met with Steve Harriman, a representative from RealTerm Energy. RealTerm Energy supports municipalities in becoming Smart City-ready with MyTown, its Smart City app and municipal asset management platform. RealTerm Energy creates and fosters long-term partnerships with forward-thinking private, public and government market leaders to deliver innovative and cost-effective lighting solutions that make a real difference. The meeting was focused on the interest level New Albany has in becoming a Smart City that uses new forms of information and communications technology (ICT) to promote economic development, civic innovation, the sharing of data, and a higher quality of life.

#### Rose Run Tour

Public service supervisory staff met with Adrienne Joly, and the project manager of Messer Construction at the Rose Run construction site, for a tour of the Rose Run project. The Rose Run project has several bridges and multi-purpose trails that the public service department will have to maintain through the winter. For this winter season no de-icing chemicals will be used on the bridges in order to avoid premature deterioration. Only plows and brooms will be used to remove snow.

#### Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District Working Agreement

Public service administrative staff met with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) representatives to discuss a new working agreement with the city for 2020. The agreement details activity involving programs and support needed to implement the city's current Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP). Franklin SWCD has an experienced team who provide technical assistance to address four of the six minimum control measures outlined in the OEPA's MS4 permit. These four control measures involve public education and outreach, public participation and involvement, illicit discharge detection and elimination, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping.

#### **Professional Development**

Some of the public service staff attended mandatory "Ethics Training" at the public service department conducted by Susan Willeke from the Ohio Ethics Commission. Those who could not attend this training, attended a mandatory webinar the following week on, "The Ohio Ethics Law, Good Government in Action" at the public service department.

City Forester Marylou Bohannon attended the Society of Municipal Arborists and Partners in Community Forestry Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

Fleet Manager Eric Umbleby attended a training class at the City of Columbus on the topic of e-Replacement VINIMO parts.

# PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES November 2019

#### The Miracle Field of New Albany

The City of New Albany has been working with The Miracle League of New Albany and The New Albany Company to assist in performing certain components of the Miracle Field Construction Project. The Miracle League of New Albany is a non-profit organization who's goal is to provide a safe, successful and enjoyable baseball experience for children, teens and adults with special needs. The Miracle Field of New Albany will be located near the Wexner Community Park at Swickard Woods between the Plain Township Aquatic Center and the New Albany Schools Early Learning Center. The accessible stadium will include a specially designed rubber turf field and a playground for siblings, friends and athletes.

The city has committed to site clearing and tree removal for the project. Therefore, to initiate this work the director and city forester met on site with Jake Schumann from Corna-Kokosing Construction Company and Amy Taylor from MKSK to discuss the scope of work and identify which trees are to remain on site. The city forester reached out to several vendors for pricing to include land clearing and tree removal. From this, Russell Tree Service was selected for the project and is expected to begin work in January of 2020.

# CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS November 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.
- Sidewalk work was completed in October.



Replacement ADA Ramps and Sidewalks.

#### 2019 City Street Improvement Project

- The low bidder was 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 was June 24, 2019 to September 30, 2019.



Repaved Central College Road looking West.

#### 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 was finished in August.



Microsurfacing was completed on Central College Road east of SR 605.

# PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS November 2019

#### **City Forestry Activities**

City maintenance staff spent several days removing dead street trees from James River Road. These trees are Japanese Zelkova, which is a very large tree capable of damaging sidewalks when not given enough tree lawn space. Excessive mulching, girdling root growth and sidewalk repairs have caused significant dieback in the trees and led to structurally unsafe tree conditions.



Maintenance staff removing dying street trees from James River Road.

#### **City Curbside Leaf Collection Program**

The city curbside leaf collection program continued during the month of November and crews transported residential 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 834,000 lbs. of leaves during the months of October and November.



Crews worked through difficult weather collecting leaves in November.

#### **Street Pothole Repair**

Maintenance Worker Tyler Ashcraft and Curtis Reed worked with crews to patch a pothole at the corner of Beech Road and Morse Road. Making pavement repairs, patching potholes and replacing berm material along the roadside edges is a year round function of the department. A total of 618 potholes were repaired in the city in 2018.



Pothole repair at the corner of Beech Road and Morse Road.

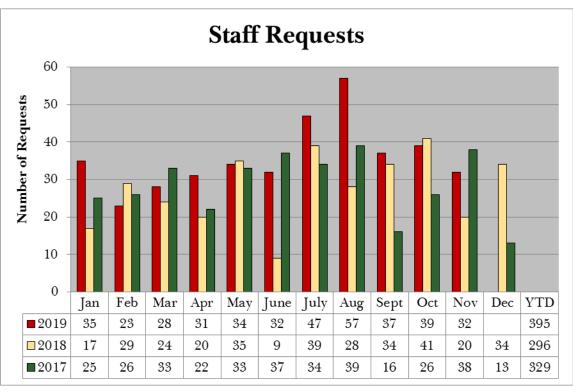
#### **Hazard Communication Training**

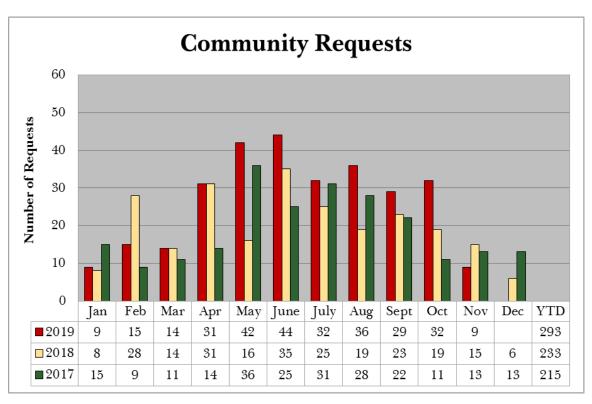
The city hired KLA consulting to conduct a Hazard Communication and Globally Harmonized System (GHS) training with public service department maintenance staff. Attendees learned how to recognize hazardous chemicals, understand the risks they pose, interpret the information on chemical labels and identify how to protect themselves from physical and health hazards of chemicals.



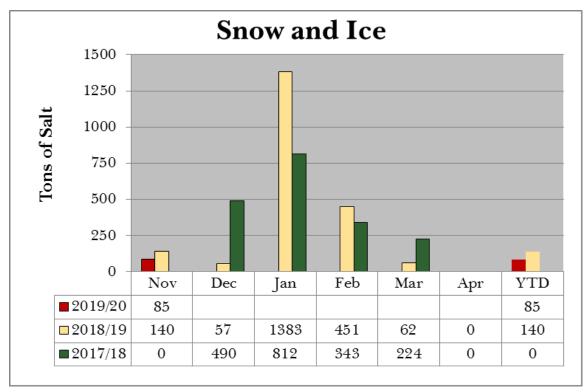
Hazard Communication and GHS Training with the public service department staff.

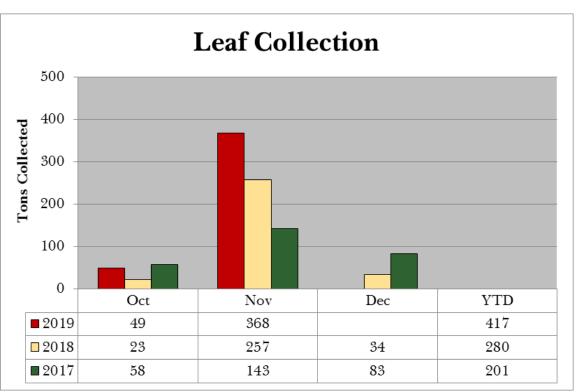
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