

## **Public Service Department**

#### **MONTHLY REPORT**

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#### Public Service

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS December 2019

#### **MORPC Local Government Energy Partnership**

The public service director attended the Local Government Energy Partnership quarterly workshop for MORPC's Benchmarking Program. The Local Government Energy Partnership is a collaborative program offering local governments and associate members a variety of programs and services to advance energy saving opportunities. Working together and creating a sustainable region helps to reduce the costs of government, attracts businesses and encourages their growth and promotes responsible stewardship of resources. MORPC partnered with JadeTrack to provide members with an online dashboard to benchmark building utility usage performance. This tool allows participants to collect, analyze, and visualize utility data to identify energy saving opportunities across all publicly-owned buildings and fleets.

#### **Energy Optimizers, USA**

The director and operations manager met with a representative from Energy Optimizers, USA to discuss replacing building thermostats to SMART control technology, in both the service garage and seasonal building. SMART control systems would allow monitoring thermostats 24/7 from a computer or mobile phone and program night and weekend settings. Energy Optimizers specializes in developing, engineering and implementing energy efficiency and energy savings projects for educational, governmental and commercial customers. The company goal is to reduce client costs while saving the environment.

#### **Resident Compliments of Public Service Staff**

A New Albany resident stated, "I workout at the Heit Center a few mornings per week and typically use this time to look at your properties and drive around the city a bit. It seems that every time I did this, there was a new project popping up or street being rerouted. I simply wanted to commend you guys on a job well done. Every time I saw one of our trucks or workers, they were safe and busy getting the job done and am a satisfied resident of New Albany."

A New Albany resident stated, "The New Albany Service Department does a wonderful job all year long but I do appreciate the leaf pick up. I'm sure its not an easy task. I am fortunate to live in this community and do value the effort people give to make it a nice place to call home."

#### **Professional Development**

The public service department was trained on site by Tyler Technology representative on using the Munis Work Order System.

Maintenance Worker Shaun Bush attended the International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA) Traffic Signal Field Level II in Lexington, Kentucky. The Level II Field certification gives the technician additional training in traffic signal control system troubleshooting, on-site repairs and methods to maintain equipment.

## PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES December 2019

#### **New Albany ADA Transition Plan Project**

In 2019, the service staff worked with consultants from EMHT to develop a city ADA Transition Plan, aiming to ensure residents and visitors are not discriminated against on the basis of disability. Enacted on July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act required that public agencies perform self-evaluations and prepare transition plans to upgrade facilities for accessibility as needed, including streets, sidewalks and buildings. Access to civic life by people with disabilities is a fundamental goal of the ADA. To ensure that this goal is met, Title II of the ADA requires local governments to make their programs and services accessible to individuals with disabilities. This requirement extends not only to physical access at government facilities, programs, and events, but also to policy changes that government entities must make to ensure that all people with disabilities can take part in, and benefit from the program and services of State and local governments.

The New Albany ADA Transition Plan document is close to finalization and once complete will be shared with the public via the New Albany Website. Posting is expected by January 31, 2020.

## CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS December 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.



Repayed 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 December 2019

#### 2019 Franklin County Children Services Holiday Wish Program

Thanks to the generosity and support of city employees in making the 2019 Franklin County Children Services Holiday Wish Program the biggest and best, yet! More than 6,000 children will receive gifts through this remarkable program. The outpouring of gifts from the city brightened the holidays of several children who were facing difficult situations. City employees sponsored 14 individual children's wishes as well as donated additional toys and bikes.



Tree with gifts for the 2019 Holiday Wish Program

#### **City Forestry Initiatives**

City maintenance staff used the grapple trailer to pick up debris after a large tree fell and blocked Kitzmiller Road. The grapple trailer allows staff to pick up stacked piles of brush and logs allowing for a much safer and efficient tree removal operation. Log and brush material are generally taken to a local yard waster facility where the material is processed into mulch.



Grapple trailer with fallen tree debris.

#### **Grinding Tree Stumps at Rose Run**

Maintenance Workers Tyler Ashcraft, Kenny Geiger, Curtis Reed and Joe Stuber removed twelve crabapple trees in the Rose Run Park which were in poor condition. The stumps were ground and soil prepared for new trees to be planted by Yard Solutions, the city landscape contractor.



Grinding tree stumps at Rose Run.

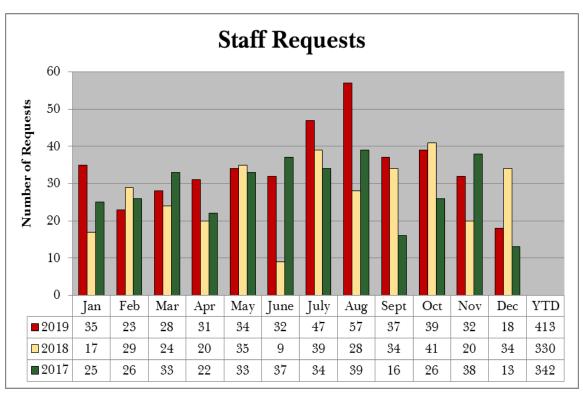
#### New Path from Village Hall to Police Station

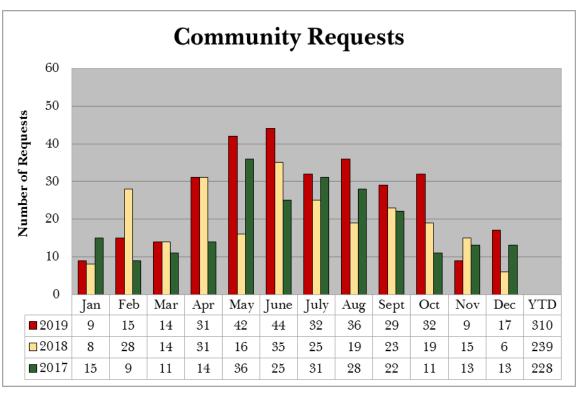
To serve as a temporary connector path from Village Hall to the Police Station, crew members Kenny Geiger, Andrew Love, Joe Stuber and Curtis Reed removed sod and installed wood chips in the grass yard that separates the two city parking lots.



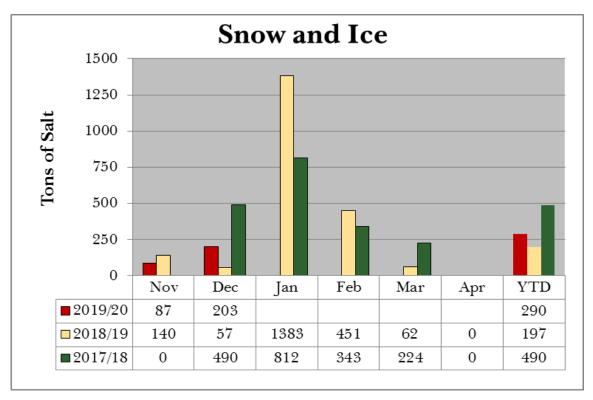
Temporary walking path installed.

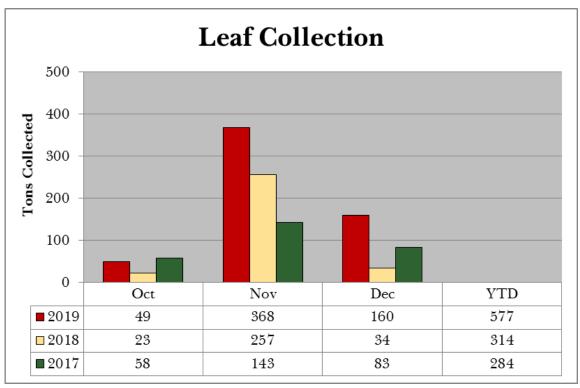
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# SEASONAL STATISTICS December 2019





## New Albany Smart Ride Public Service December 2019

