



Public Service Department

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Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

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Request for Increased Recycling

Chelsey Gilchrist, a New Albany High School student, reached out to city council members and the public service department to request placement of public recycling receptacles in the Market Street area. The public service director met with Miss Gilchrist and several other high school students regarding their request to increase recycling in the Village Center and quest to raise public awareness to environmental benefits of recycling. Also, the director shared what roles the service department plays in providing services to the community, such as leaf collection, snow removal and contracting for residential waste collection.

Public Service Office Renovation

The public service director met with F.H. Paschen, a local contractor, to review plans and discuss pricing for the office renovation project at the public service department. F.H. Paschen has more than forty years experience in public sector renovation, rehabilitation and infrastructure construction work. They also utilize alternative delivery methods such as Design-Build Construction, Job Order Contracting and Construction Manager at Risk, serving both the public and private sectors.

Morse Road Water Booster Station

The public service director, operations manager, maintenance supervisors and fleet manager met with Prime Engineering for a walk through review of the new Morse Road Booster Station. While the City of Columbus will monitor and control the operation of the booster pumps, the service department will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the building, grounds and site utilities.

Compliments Given to the Public Service Department Staff

The public service department received compliments from The New Albany Chamber, Board of Trustees for storing the community holiday tree at the City's Public Service Facility year-round. The public service department assisted in loading, unloading and transporting the many pieces and parts of the tree and boxes of decorations. They especially thanked, Maintenance Supervisor Doug Wittman and his team who went above and beyond to make the installation of the community tree possible.

A resident called the city administrative office and expressed her gratitude to whomever was involved and followed through on her request for installing the "No Parking" signs along Keswick Drive. She and a few other neighbors had called the city regarding parking issues along the street. The "No Parking" signs were installed after confirming they were mistakenly removed while homes were built on that street.

Lunch & Learn

Employees for the Public Service Department attended a city-wide Lunch & Learn, "Planning Ahead: What you need to know." The presentation was put on by the Central Ohio Area on Aging. Information included how to plan ahead for the aging process, covering topics like Medicare, power of attorney, wills, etc.

Professional Development

The maintenance staff participated in a Flagging Basic Webinar held at the public service department. The webinar went over employee qualifications and responsibilities, required equipment and clothing, proper flagging procedures, signage and flagging station setup, and the difference between a short term flagging and a long term flagging situation.

Pavement Management Group

The director, operations manager and engineering technician met with James Golden with Pavement Management Group to discuss a proposal for evaluating the pavement condition of New Albany City Streets. Mr. Golden spent 14 years directing pavement management projects for a local engineering firm before founding his first pavement management company. The Pavement Management Group (PGM) provides a turn-key pavement management solution including, network inventory, inspection, condition assessment, consulting and support.

PMG consults with public and private agencies throughout the United States. A few of their Ohio clients include the City of Akron, Summit County Engineer, City of Canal Winchester, City of Kent, City of Hudson, City of Hilliard and the City of Westerville.

The Pavement Management Group has provided a proposal to the public service director. The scope of services include a complete pavement evaluation and management program for the estimated 100 centerline miles (236 lane miles) of the city's street network.

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Public Service Garage Expansion

- The R.W. Setterlin Building Company was the low bid contractor providing a bid of \$1,564,246.13 for the project. Only two competitive bid proposals were received.
- The project will expand storage space for trucks and equipment by 10,000 square feet. Also, the existing tool storage room will be converted into a lunch/break room for staff to utilize.
- Construction activity began in November of 2019 with demolition of the parking lot and installation of the building footings.
- Steel erection started in January and will continue through February. Roofing and siding will follow the completion of the steel frame.



Damaged Streetlight Replacement

Crew members installed a replacement streetlight pole and fixture for one damaged at the Main and Market Street Roundabout. The incident was not reported to the police department and was only discovered by service crews driving through the area. Streetlights provide increased visibility for motorists traveling through intersections or through business and commercial areas at night .



Service crews replace a streetlight damaged at Main and Market Street.

Leisure Trail Drainage Improvement

Maintenance Workers Kenny Geiger and Ian Hurst use the service department hydro excavator to install a 4” drain tile along a section of leisure trail on Innovation Way. The pathway was holding water along the sides causing the asphalt to deteriorate. The new drain tile was connected to the roadway under drain located beneath the curb. The service department is responsible for maintenance of leisure trails in the city right-of-way.



Workers use the hydro excavator to install new drain tile.

Ditch Drainage Improvements for Walnut Street

Supervisor Steve Kidwell and crew members Carl McNeal and Tyler Ashcraft work on the installation of new catch basins and drainage tile on Walnut Street to improve storm water drainage along the roadway. The new stormwater system will control water run-off during rain events by removing water quickly from surface areas, thus reducing flooding on roadway and at adjacent properties.



Crews install new catch basins and drainage tile on Walnut Street.

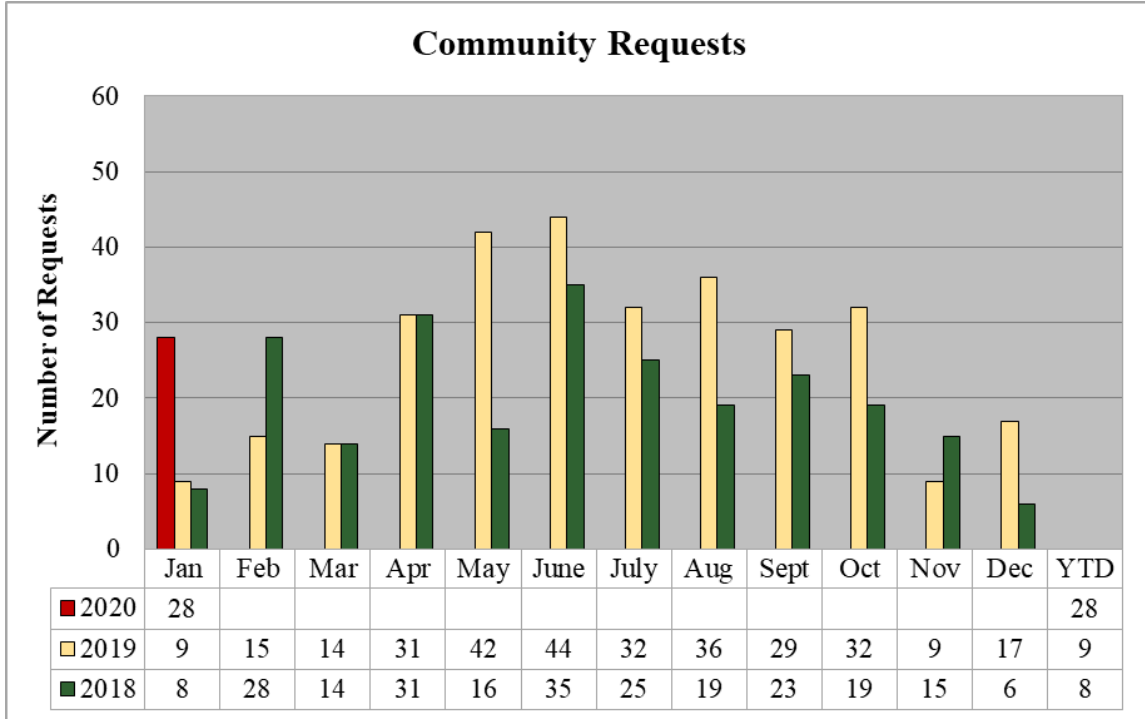
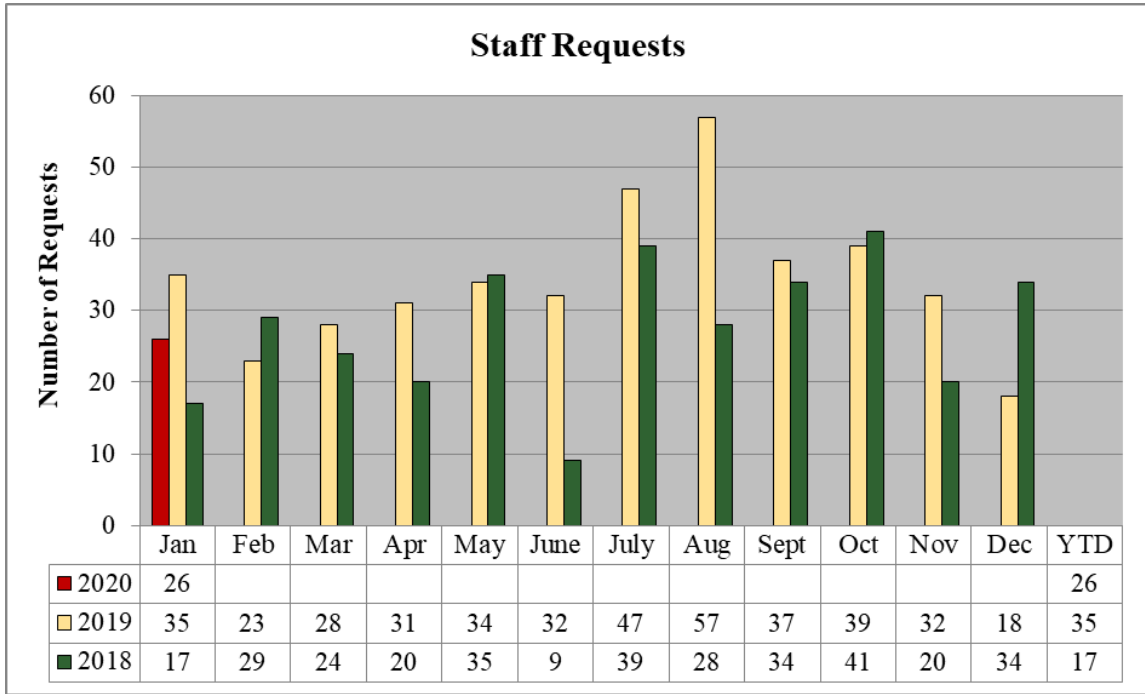
New Stop Sign for Leisure Trail Crossing

Maintenance Workers Brent Rush, Chad Smith and Tyler Myers install a stop sign for the leisure trail crossing at Straits Farm and Reynoldsburg—New Albany Road. The new stop signs will increase the safety for pedestrians who use this trail. The public service department is responsible for insuring that traffic signs are maintained throughout the community for both motorists and pedestrians.

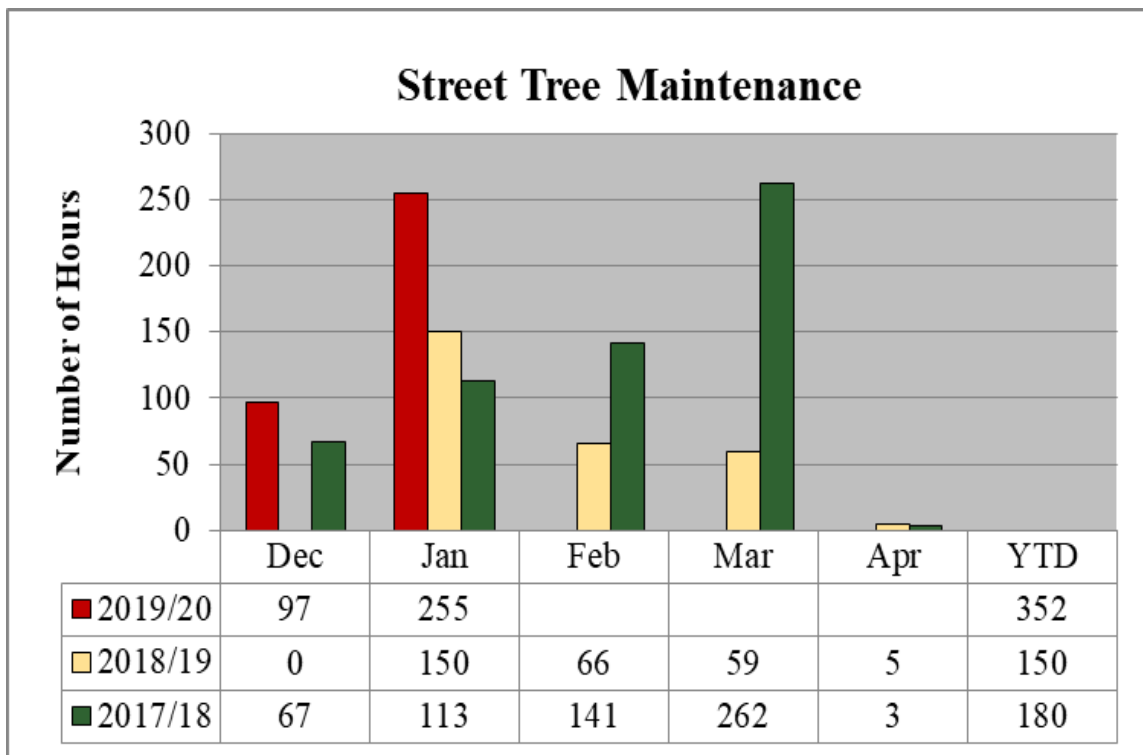
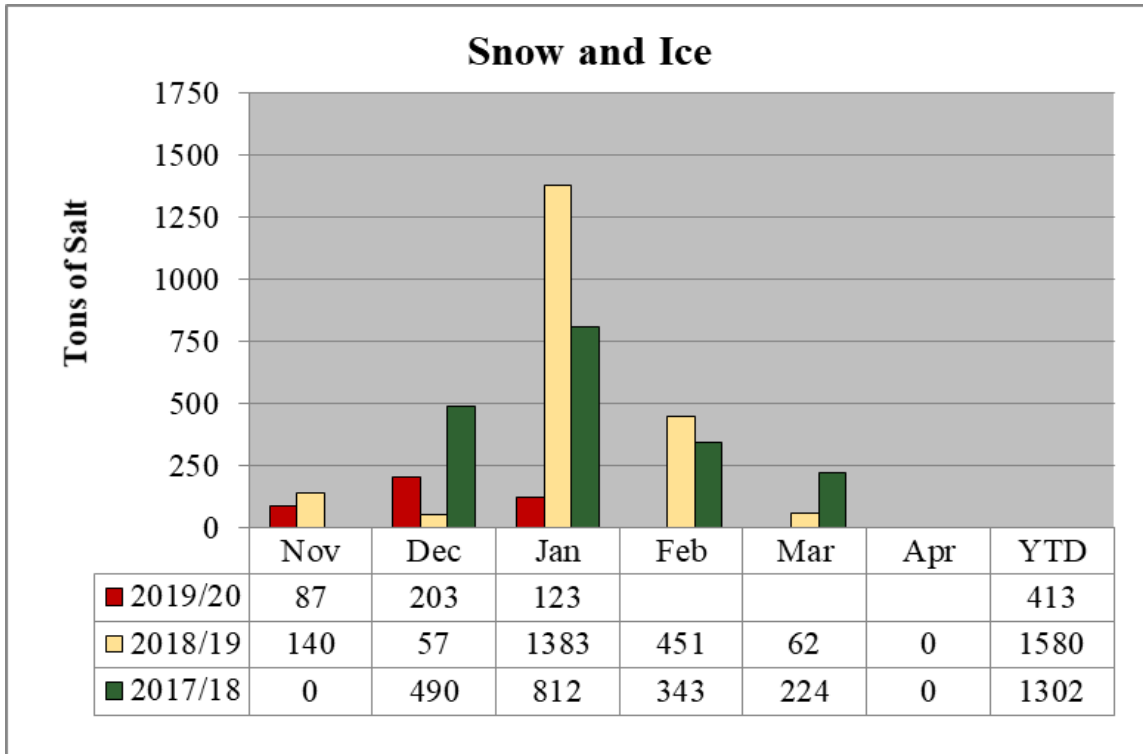


Stop signs are placed for the RNA Leisure Trail at Straits Farm Rd.

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