



Public Service Department

MONTHLY REPORT

February 2020

Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

Inside This Issue:

Department Highlights	2
Project Updates	3
Construction Projects	4
Public Service Projects	5
Requests for Service Statistics	6
Seasonal Statistics	7
New Albany Smart Ride	8

Resolution Meeting with Rudzik Excavating

The director and operations manager participated in a resolution committee meeting evaluating a request by Rudzik Excavating for compensation on the repair of two failed pipe joints along the recently installed 36-inch water main on Morse and Beech Roads. In 2019, through competitive bid, Rudzik Excavating was awarded the city project for waterline improvement along Morse and Beech Roads. Rudzik's claim is that the pipe joints failed due to a negative vacuum pressure in the line that was created when the City of Columbus turned on the valve to chlorinate the water lines. They infer that either the pipe system is not designed appropriately or that Columbus did not properly open the main line valve. New Albany is in a dispute resolution process, which requires that a Claims Resolution Committee be formed and considers the contractors claims and renders a decision.

Facebook Data Center Grand Opening

The Facebook Data Center in the New Albany International Business Park is officially open for business. With the opening of the new data center, Facebook announced the addition of two new buildings to their campus. City council members and city staff were invited to tour the new Facebook Data Center at their grand opening celebration.

Heit Center Recycling with Rumpke

The public service director recently met with representatives from the Heit Center to discuss strategies for introducing recycling at the Healthy New Albany Building. Working with Rumpke to review the trash volumes at the Heit Center, it was determined that the trash only service could be converted to trash and recycling service at no additional charge. Rumpke is proposing to replace the current 8 cubic yard trash dumpster with two 4 cubic yard dumpsters, one for trash and one for recycling. Both dumpsters would be serviced twice a week like the current dumpster. The public service director is working with the Healthy New Albany Operations Director on a smooth transition for a new recycling program for the building occupants.

New Albany Employee Lunch & Learn

Employees from the public service department attended a city-wide Lunch & Learn, "The Role of Diet and Exercise in Preventing Cancer." The presentation was given by Mount Carmel Health.

Compliment Given to the Public Service Department Staff

The public service department received a special thank you for overseeing the Village Hall lobby painting and lighting project.

Professional Development

Maintenance Workers Tyler Ashcraft, Joe Stuber, Curtis Reed and Seasonal Justin Higgins attended the Central Ohio APWA Work Zone Training in Upper Arlington. Training included a review of the basic elements and typical applications of roadway work zones for temporary traffic control, the proper use of advance warning signs and traffic control devices.

City Forester Marylou Bohannon and Maintenance Worker Chase Loughman participated in a Flagging Basic Webinar held at the public service department.

Service department office staff and supervisors attended a Public Records Training at City Hall presented by Mark Weaver.

Energy Optimizers, USA

In January, the director and operations manager met with a representative from Energy Optimizers, USA to discuss replacing building thermostats to SMART control technology, in the service garage, seasonal and wash buildings. SMART control systems would allow monitoring thermostats 24/7 from a computer or mobile phone and program night and weekend settings. Also discussed was conducting an audit of the electric energy usage at the public service facility. 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.

Energy Optimizers did perform an energy evaluation and submitted a proposal to provide a Turn-Key Facility Improvement and Energy Savings Project for the three buildings at the service facility. The scope of work provides many different energy conservation measures as well as facility lighting and HVAC system control improvements. The proposal is currently being considered by the director and city manager.

Public Service Garage Expansion

- The R.W. Setterlin Building Company was the low bid contractor with a bid of \$1,564,246.13 for the project. Only two bids were received.
- The project will expand the 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 the staff.
- Construction activity began in November of 2019 with demolition of the parking lot and installation of the building footings.
- Steel erection began in January. The siding, roofing and windows followed the steel frame erection. The expected completion of these items is early March.



Roofing and siding nears completion
and windows going in.



Building cupolas are built and waiting
placement on the roof.

City Forestry Projects

Working with the city forester, maintenance staff removed nearly sixteen tons of invasive plants from city right-of-way this past month. Crews worked together, at the intersection of Dublin-Granville and Kitzmiller Roads, to safely cut down heavy brush and haul it to the street where it was chipped. The plants were mostly Callery Pear and Honey-suckle. By 2023, Callery Pear will be illegal to distribute due to its invasive characteristics.



Crews work on the right-of-way hillside removing invasive plants.

James River Park Play Equipment

Supervisor Dennis Munsey and Maintenance Worker Tyler Ashcraft worked together on a project to replace a play structure roof at the James River Park. The original roof structure was removed and brought back to the service department shop where it was disassembled and rebuilt. The new roof was simply hoisted in place and bolted-in to the original post supports. The need for the roof replacement was determined by service staff while performing routine annual inspections of the park.



New roof was rebuilt and installed at the James River Park play structure.

Pedestrian Bridge Inspections

Maintenance crews got an early start on performing pedestrian bridge inspections this past month, due to light winter weather. Workers look for broken, missing or decayed wood and check handrails to ensure they are structurally sound. Also, crews document whether the bridge is in need of power washing and staining. Similar to play equipment inspections, a comprehensive map and inspection forms are being generated to assist workers with their annual bridge inspections.



Rose Run Pedestrian Bridge gets routine structural inspection.

Veteran's War Memorial Repair

Maintenance worker Andrew Love worked on a project which included concrete and stucco repair and painting of the Veteran's War Memorial located off US 62 between Second Street and Cherry Alley. Utilizing a plastic tarp, to keep the work area dry, Andrew was busy for several days making patch repairs and repainting the entire wall structure.



Veteran's War Memorial gets repairs and painting.

REQUESTS FOR SERVICE STATISTICS Public Service February 2020





