



Public Service Department

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Professionalism

Integrity

Reliability

Quality

Pride

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Security cameras for Township Pool

Plain Township reached out to the city for assistance with the design and installation of security cameras along Swickard Woods Boulevard along side the Township Pool. There has been recent vandal activity to vehicles parked along the frontage at the pool. The director and department supervisor met with a Plain Township representative to determine locations and utility service hookup for camera installation. The city currently utilizes the center island streetlights on Swickard Woods Blvd. for security camera mounting to monitor the New Albany Safety Town grounds and buildings. The intention is to model the same camera system used at Safety Town. A cost estimate is being figured and will be presented to the township.

New Fleet Mechanic Hired

Steve Saunders served as the city fleet mechanic for more than fourteen years, therefore upon his retirement the department advertised his vacant position. After receiving multiple applications, candidates were evaluated and interviews were performed. Two finalists were chosen for final interviews with the city manager and subsequently one was offered the open position. The city is pleased to welcome John Scott Meadows to the staff of the public service department serving as our new fleet mechanic. John resides in Marengo, Ohio with his wife and children. John attended the Nashville Automotive and Diesel College earning a Technology degree with honors. John holds five different ASE Certifications in specialty training in automotive and truck repair. We believe John will make a great team member in our fleet division and provide outstanding skilled service to the city's fleet of vehicles and trucks.

Public Service Department receives compliment

A resident recently sent a message to the department that read: "Every year I intend to send a note of appreciation, but this is the year I finally do! Thank you for every year providing such beautiful hanging flower baskets along the street posts. They always look lovely and well cared for. I wanted you to know as a resident for about 20 years, I appreciate your efforts in making our community beautiful."

Professional Development

All employees in the public service department completed an online training series on implicit bias developed by OSU's Kirwan Institute. The terms diversity, equity and inclusion can evoke a variety of thoughts and feelings depending upon our backgrounds and experiences. As a city wide initiative, the training is designed to build a common awareness and understanding of these concepts.

Public Service Office Renovation

The public service department office renovations are now fully complete. The project included relocating the office conference room to the departments old breakroom. Removing the double doors in the old conference room to make way for new space for the service clerk. A modular wall system was installed in the front office area to house the engineering technician's new work area. A new kitchen/breakroom was installed in the garage area where tools and supplies were kept. The office renovations included new flooring and paint to replace worn out carpet and dinged up walls. With the creation of a new breakroom for the department staff, the training room can now be fully utilized for meetings, training and other city related events.



2020 City 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 \$134,886.96.
- The Hampsted Village neighborhood is the area planned for improvement work.
- Sidewalk improvements began in July and neared full completion.



Sidewalk form boards have been removed and topsoil is to be placed.

2020 City Street Improvement Project

- The low bidder for the construction contract is Decker Construction at a base bid price of \$856,221.97.
- Work includes ADA curb ramp improvements, pavement overlay, curb repair and crack sealing.
- July work included curb replacement and ADA ramp improvements



New ADA ramp at Village Hall Rd. and Johnston Rd.

Service Facility Garage Expansion Project

- The R.W. Setterlin Building Company was the low bid contractor with a bid of \$1,564,246.13.
- The project expands the garage space for trucks and equipment by 10,000 square feet.
- Final work included building cupola and lot pavement around the addition.



Lot paving was completed to the Service Garage Addition.

Street Maintenance Curb Repair

As part of the departments street maintenance duties during summer months, crews assess damaged curbs throughout the city. Some curbs are repaired by maintenance staff and others are placed in the city's Street Improvement Program for replacement. Maintenance Workers Andrew Love and Ian Hurst work to repair a broken curb in Straights Farm. After installing a new drain pipe at the curb, they applied a concrete patch mix.



Curb repaired at Straights Farm.

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance

The public service department manages an extensive sanitary sewer collection system. New Albany ensures reliable sewer service by providing a well-maintained system through routine cleaning and video inspection of all public lines. Maintenance staff Carl McNeal, Jerry Smith, and Curtis Reed clean sanitary lines located in the New Albany Farms by using high pressure hoses from the Jet/Vac truck. Cleaning ensures lines are free from obstructions and are flowing properly.



Sanitary Sewer cleaning in the New Albany Farms

Urban Forestry Project

Forestry specialists Nick McPherson and Chase Loughman pruned large trees with heavy amounts of deadwood using a high boom lift. The pruning was requested by residents who also called back to say thank you. Much of the pruning was on large ash trees with closed canopies on Beecher Ct., Cavendish Ct. and Riverway Ct.. Shade from a dense canopy causes interior branches to die naturally, which means these trees may need to be pruned more frequently than others.



Selective pruning took place to remove dead limbs and open pockets of light.

Public Service Building Landscape Bed

To complete the outside improvements at the end of the Service Garage Expansion, crew members Andrew Love and Tyler Ashcraft began a project to install a small brick retaining wall to border the edge of the parking lot service drive. To set the blocks workers removed excess soil, placed a compacted base of stone and laid the landscaping bricks two courses high maintaining a level grade. The retaining wall and added topsoil will help establish separation between the building and pavement to capture water runoff from the service yard and asphalt drive.



Crews work to install a landscape retaining wall outside the addition.

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