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## **Public Service Department**

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**Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio - Recycle Right Campaign**

In the August episode of New Albany Connects the service director shared tips on how residents can properly select and prepare recyclable materials for curbside collection. The New Albany Connects video will be shared on social media and in partnership with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) Recycle Right campaign. Franklin County residents and businesses send more than a million tons of material to the landfill. What is surprising is that 76% of that material could have been recycled or composted. County residents regularly recycle, but it's often difficult to understand how to do it correctly. The Recycle Right campaign is designed to: 1) Generate enthusiasm and increase participation in curbside recycling programs, 2) Educate residents about the correct items to put into the recycling bins and 3) Create consistent messaging throughout Franklin County on how to recycle right.

**Solid Waste Consortium Meeting**

The City of New Albany is a member of the Central Ohio Solid Waste Consortium which represents ten local communities within Franklin County. The consortium's existing three year contract with Rumpke for trash, recycling and yard waste service expires at the end of 2021. The consortium communities have been conducting remote meetings to discuss options for extending the current contract through 2022 or rebidding for collection services. New Albany residents are currently paying \$17.50 a month for collections services. These rates will go to \$18.70 a month in 2021, which is the final year of the three year contract. Consortium meetings will continue monthly through the end of this year.

**New Albany 2020 Fireworks**

Due to restrictions placed to control the coronavirus pandemic, New Albany's Fourth of July Fireworks Event has been canceled for 2020. There were initial hopes that the fireworks display could take place later in the year, however it has become evident that it would not be possible. Therefore, the service director has worked with the city fireworks vendor to postpone the event until July of 2021. Financial arrangements have been made with the vendor such that the city will not lose its 2020 deposit, but rather utilize that funding for the 2021 event.

**Healthy Initiative Lunch & Learn**

Employees for the public service department attended a city-wide Lunch & Learn on Healthy Goal Setting, given by representatives from Mount Carmel. The informational session discussed: 1) Identifying your goal, 2) Making sure your goal has each of the 5 SMART attributes (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-Based), 3) Highlighting obstacles & setbacks, and 4) Generating action items & tasks.

**New Albany Leisure Trail Assessment**

The director held a remote meeting with representatives from Transmap Corporation to review a draft leisure trail assessment report. In 2019, the city hired Transmap to perform an evaluation of the pavement condition for the city's leisure trail system and provide a report of their findings. This information will be used in developing an annual maintenance program for the New Albany leisure trail system. The Transmap Corporation is based out of Westerville, Ohio and is a national provider of professional, technical, and management support services to the transportation industry. Their services are directed towards city-owned and county-owned transportation systems in order to provide the highest quality infrastructure management solutions. Transmap specializes in mobile data collection, processing, analysis and inventory of roadway assets.

Transmap provided a draft report in February of 2020, but delays occurred in completing the final report because of business shut-downs directed by the Governor in order to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. Transmap offices reopened in June and the director began working with the consultant on finalizing the report. Nearly 36 miles of leisure trail was inspected and given a condition rating for each individual length in multiple segments. With a perfect rating being 100, the average condition of the city trail system is 84. The director and city manager will work with city council on a 5 year capital improvement program to upgrade the condition of the city's trail system.

### 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 wrapped up in August.



New sidewalk and ADA ramp at  
Fernridge Dr. & Tumbleboork Dr.

### 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.
- August work included repaving and striping improvements



Main Street repaving looking south  
towards Stefanov Circle.

### 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 wrapped up in August.



Full north facing view of the  
Service Garage Addition.

**Johnstown Water Tower Drainage Improvements**

Using the service backhoe, crews improved the drainage behind the city water tower on Johnstown Road. In an area where ground water naturally surfaced, workers formed a ditch to allow the water to flow properly away. Stone was added to the ditch bed for better maintenance and appearance. The project was finished by placing topsoil, seed and straw. These improvements will make mowing and trimming easier at the water tower property.



Johnstown Rd. Water Tower drainage improvements.

**Streetlight LED Conversation Project**

Service Worker Tyler Myers loads outdated streetlight fixtures in the city dump truck to take to a metal recycling facility. As part of a service department project initiative, crews are replacing city streetlight fixtures with new LED style lights throughout both residential and business areas of the community. By the end of this year service staff will have converted 1273 city streetlights to LED. This work began in 2018 starting in the New Albany residential developments.



Replaced streetlight fixtures were taken to a metal recycling facility.

**Storm Damage Cleanup**

August storms caused some tree damage in the city. A weakened ash tree harmed by the emerald ash borer was blown over and blocked a leisure trail near Lambton Park Road. Forestry Specialist Nick McPherson and Maintenance Worker Shaun Bush worked together to clean up the fallen tree so that residents could resume use of the trail. The job was made easier and safer by the use of the new larger capacity wood chipper.



A fallen ash tree was removed from a leisure trail near Lambton Park Road.

**Pedestrian Bridge Maintenance**

Seasonal crew member Catherine Ryan was tasked with restaining the wooden guardrail at the SR605 Pedestrian Bridge just off New Albany Condit Road. The service department maintains many wooden pedestrian bridges throughout New Albany. These structures provide important connections for the vast network of leisure trails that the city has developed.



Seasonal Worker Catherine Ryan helped stain pedestrian bridges .

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