

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

## **Public Service Department**

MONTHLY REPORT

August 2025

# Professionalism Integrity

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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES August 2025

## Highlights

- **Pelotonia:** The service department helped set up for Pelotonia on August 2nd and 3rd. The department helped with road closures through out the weekend around the city.
- **Touch-A-Truck:** The public service department held its annual Touch-A-Truck event on August 23rd. The service department saw nearly 1,900 people attend and collected 708lbs of food for the Healthy New Albany Food Pantry.
- **Team Cookout:** Director of public service Ryan Ohly held a team cookout on Friday, August 8th. It was great getting the team together for lunch. Thank you!
- New Employee: Taylor Carnahan, Engineer II (Public Service), joins us from E.P. Ferris, where she has been working as a contractor for New Albany. She holds a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering from The Ohio State University and a master's degree in civil engineering from Ohio University.



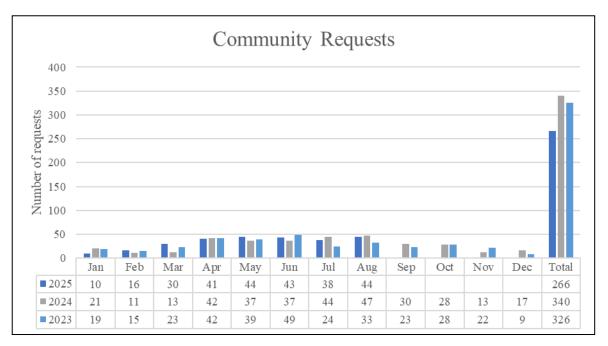


Touch-A-Truck 2025

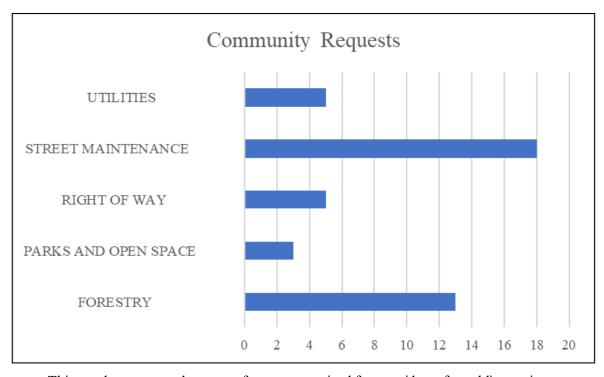
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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES August 2025

## **Community Requests**



In August 2025, the department received a total of 44 community requests.

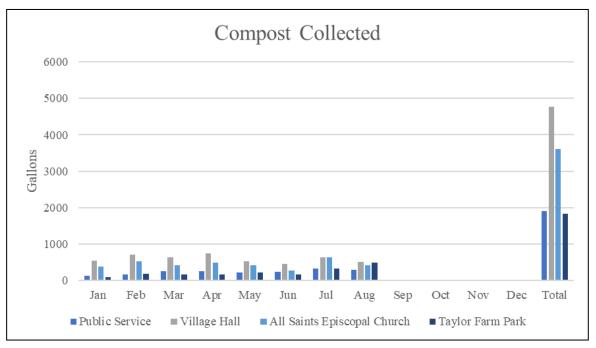


This graph represents the types of requests received from residents for public services.

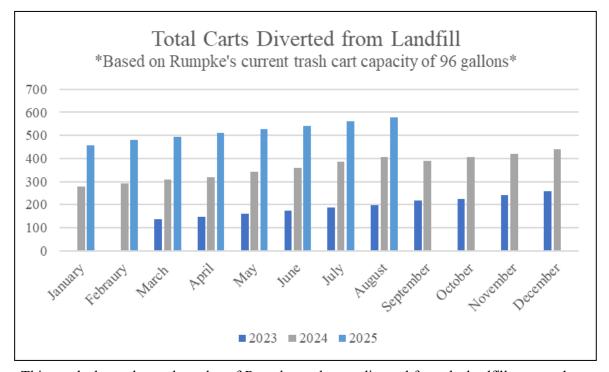
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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES August 2025

## Composting



This graph illustrates the volume of compostable waste collected from four key locations across the city, supporting the city's ongoing sustainability efforts. These initiatives help reduce landfill waste and promote environmentally responsible practices.



This graph shows the total number of Rumpke trash carts diverted from the landfill year-to-date, reflecting the city's commitment to reducing waste and enhancing recycling efforts.

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## CAPITAL PROJECTS August 2025

#### Overview:

The department actively maintains and improves city owned infrastructure. Capital projects are large scale projects that maintain or improve public assets. All capital projects are presented to city council before starting a public bidding process and project construction.

## **Market Street Extension**

#### **General Contractor:**

• Complete General Construction

Contract Amount: \$11.6M

• 2024 Capital Improvement Fund

#### Construction Schedule:

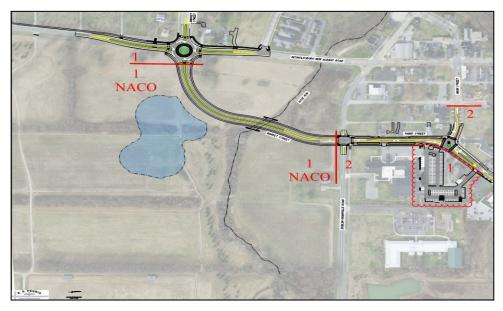
Construction start date: March 2025
Construction duration: 25 months

## **Project Description:**

The 2020 strategic plan update identified the Market Street extension project as a priority roadway improvement project. The improvement will reduce traffic congestion in the village center and provide a direct route to and from the SR-161/US-62 interchange.

## **Project Status:**

The new Market Street and SR-605 roundabout opened August 17th as scheduled. The intersection at 3rd Street and Market Street was closed for 10 days for improvements and re-opened on September 6th. Crews are working to finalize landscaping, connect utilities and put the finishing touches on the new extension.



Market Street drawing

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## CAPITAL PROJECTS August 2025

## **Village Center Streets Phase 1:**

## **General Contractor:**

• Trucco Construction Company, Inc.

**Contract Amount: \$3.2M** 

• 2025 Capital Improvement Fund

### **Construction Schedule:**

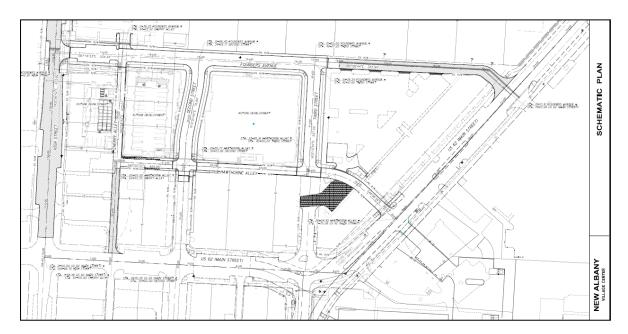
Construction start date: July 1, 2025Construction duration: 5 months

## **Project Description:**

The city is extending the downtown roadway grid network and installing public utilities, then will hand over the site to a private developer to construct three buildings containing a mixture of retail and residential units above. After the developer is finished, the city will return to the site for phase 2 work which includes installing brick streets, sidewalks and landscaping. Phase 2 is expected to begin work in Spring 2027.

### **Project Status:**

Work to install underground utilities continues into August. An underground stormwater storage basin will be installed to manage future site drainage. The project remains on time and is expected to be substantially complete in November 2025.



Village Center drawing

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## CAPITAL PROJECTS August 2025

## Bevelhymer/Walnut Waterline:

#### **General Contractor:**

• Elite Excavating Company of Ohio, Inc.

**Contract Amount: \$1.5M** 

• 2025 Capital Improvement Fund

### **Construction Schedule:**

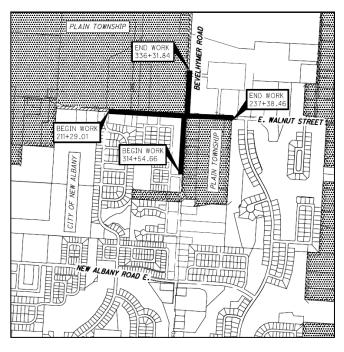
Construction start date: June 26, 2025
Construction duration: 4 months

## **Project Description:**

Installation of over 6,700 linear feet of water main at the intersection of Walnut Street and Bevelhymer Road. This connection improves the water distribution network by connecting multiple dead ends/stubs to improve circulation and resiliency and extends water service to the future Joint Parks District fieldhouse.

### **Project Status:**

Much of the waterline has been installed and crews are working to finish the portion north of Walnut Street. Staff has been coordinating with the Joint Parks District's fieldhouse, the Bevelhymer-Walnut roundabout and the Bevelhymer-Walnut watermain projects to ensure these projects aren't delayed.



Bevelhymer Road/Walnut Street waterline location shown in bold

## CAPITAL PROJECTS August 2025

## Bevelhymer/Walnut Roundabout:

### **General Contractor:**

Trucco Construction Company, Inc.

Contract Amount: \$5.0M

• 2025 Capital Improvement Fund

### **Construction Schedule:**

• Construction start date: September 2, 2025

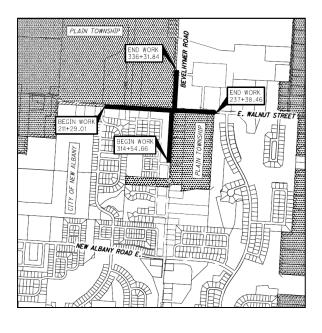
• Construction duration: 4 months

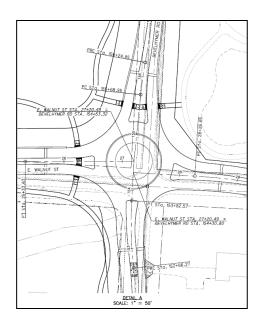
## **Project Description:**

Construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Bevelhymer Road and Walnut Street. The project also widens Bevelhymer Road to the south of the intersection resurfaces the roadway on the eastern, western and northern legs. Leisure trail will be extended south on the western side of Bevelhymer Road to New Albany Road East and west on the northern side of Walnut Street to the Rocky Fork Park entrance.

## **Project Status:**

Construction is underway at the intersection. A temporary road was constructed to maintain traffic moving eastbound on Walnut Street to northbound Bevelhymer Road, and vice versa. The intersection was closed on September 2nd and will open again late this year.





Left: Location of street improvements
Right: Bevelhymer Road/Walnut Street roundabout drawing

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## CAPITAL PROJECTS August 2025

## **South Harlem:**

### **General Contractor:**

• Complete General Construction

**Contract Amount: \$2.8M** 

• 2024 Capital Improvement Fund

### **Construction Schedule:**

Construction start date: July 2024Construction duration: 18 months

## **Project Description:**

The project includes a minor widening of the roadway, the installation of a leisure trail along the east side of the road and substantial ditch and stormwater drainage improvements.

## **Project Status:**

The project is substantially complete and the contractor is wrapping up final clean up items including working with residents to adjust mailbox locations, plant trees and re-seed areas with poor grass growth.



South Harlem Road

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## STREETS DIVISION August 2025

#### Overview

The city street division actively maintains all city-owned infrastructure, roadside mowing, street sweeping and leaf collection in a manner consistent with the demonstrated quality and aesthetic of New Albany.

## **Safety Mowing Demo Day**

Safety is a priority in roadside mowing. Changes along the freeway, such as new speed limits, guardrails and steep hills add to the risk of making mowing more dangerous. To improve safety, the division demoed a remote-controlled mower. Maintenance workers can operate the mower onsite next to the machine or offsite in a vehicle. This mower allows the operator to be in a different location than the equipment, creating a safer environment for everyone.





Left and right: Remote-controlled mower

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## TRAFFIC DIVISION August 2025

#### Overview

The city traffic division actively maintains all city-owned street lights and signals in a manner consistent with the demonstrated quality and aesthetic of New Albany.

## **Streetlight Repairs**

The division installed three new light poles in the Wiveliscombe area. Some of the lights were deteriorating around the base due to age and corrosion.





Left: Streetlight before restoration Right: new streetlight during installation

## **Damaged Traffic Signal Poles**

U.S. Utility was contracted to replace a damaged traffic signal pole at the southeast corner of Main Street & High Street. They completed this work during the week of August the 4th.



Traffic signal pole replaced on Main Street & High Street

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## TRAFFIC DIVISION August 2025

## Pedestrian Pole Replaced

The division replaced a pedestrian pole at the northeast corner of SR-605 & Central College Road that was damaged due to an accident.



Ian Hurst working on pedestrian pole on Central College Road & SR-605

## **Monthly Checklist**

The monthly street light check showed that there were many lights that needed repaired or fixed. The main issues that were addressed were burnt out lightbulbs and fixing the sensor so the lights don't stay on continuously.





Left and right: Traffic division replacing burnt out streetlights

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## SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION August 2025

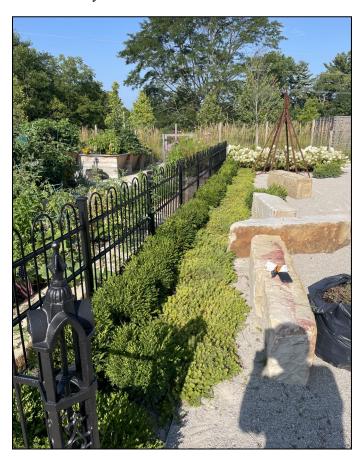
#### Overview

The city special projects division actively maintains the annual stormwater inspection program as required by Ohio EPA and providing direct support to all special events city wide.

## **Taylor Farm Community Gardens**

Special projects supervisor Steve Kidwell worked alongside maintenance worker Rick Goldhardt trimming bushes, removing weeds and dead plant material and cleaning up the garden area at Taylor Farm Park.





Left: Before garden cleanup Right: After garden cleanup

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## SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION August 2025

## **Bike Share Program Installation**

Special projects supervisor Steve Kidwell installed new concrete pads and new bike racks for the bike share program at Rose Run Park, Taylor Farm Park and Forrest Drive Park and Ride. The city plans to expand the bike share program to these locations soon.





Left: Forest Drive Park and Ride bike share Right: Taylor Farm Park bike share



Right: Rose Run Park bike share

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## SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION August 2025

## **Special Events Labor**



This graph depicts the number of hours the public service department participates and assists with special events and projects throughout the year. In August, crew members helped with Pelotonia.



2025 Pelotonia

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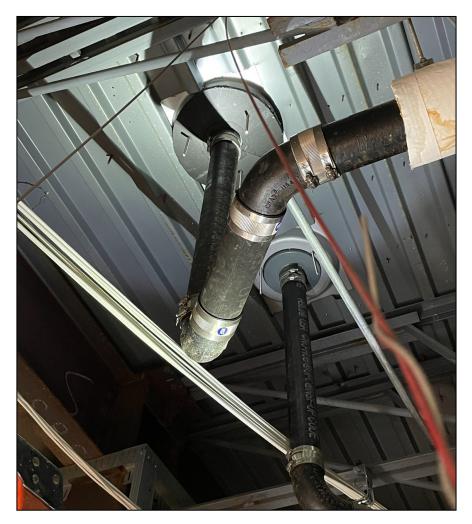
## FACILITIES DIVISION August 2025

## Overview

The city facilities division actively maintains all city-owned buildings and utility structures in a manner consistent with the demonstrated quality and aesthetic of New Albany.

## Phil Heit Center Leak Repaired

The Phil Heit Center roof was leaking. The roof drains have clamps (bands) at the connections. The division discovered when they removed the ceiling tiles, that the leak was coming from the drain pipe. City staff replaced the rubber seals that were dry rotted and cracked and multiple bands on the drain pipe. Since the repair, there have been no leaks.



Drain pipe after restoration

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## UTILITIES DIVISION August 2025

#### Overview

The city utilities division actively maintains all city-owned utilities in a manner that demonstrates the quality and aesthetic of New Albany.

#### **Curb Inlet Basin Reconstruction**

Curb inlet basin reconstruction was successfully completed at Camden Drive, Forest Drive, Walton Parkway, Yantis Area, Greensward Road, Baughman Grant and Brandon Road. A total of 47 curb inlet structures were reconstructed to address aging and deteriorating infrastructure. These improvements enhance stormwater management capabilities and support the long-term integrity of roadway drainage systems.

The project also utilized the vac truck to service critical water infrastructure. The vac truck was deployed to empty the US-62 water tower holding tank and empty the sanitary sewer tanks at the Morse Road booster station, requiring three disposal trips to the city of Columbus facility.



Division utilizing the vac truck to service water infrastructure

## Fire Hydrant and Sanitary Manhole Repairs

The division completed the repair of two fire hydrants and performed a sanitary manhole repair, which involved the replacement of a 10-inch frame and manhole lid.

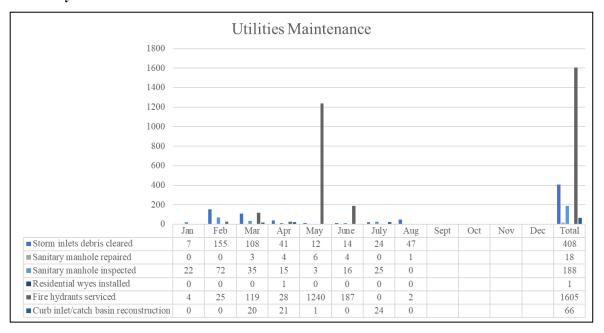


Tommy Diamond, Blake Crow and Daitan Rood repairing 10" manhole frame and lid

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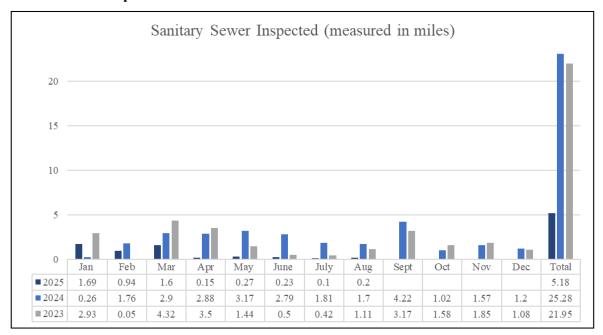
## UTILITIES DIVISION August 2025

## Year-to-Date Utility Maintenance



This graph shows the year-to-date utility maintenance for sanitary sewers, storm sewers, wye installations and fire hydrants. These essential maintenance activities help ensure the city infrastructure operates smoothly, preventing potential disruptions and ensuring the safety and functionality of the water and sewage systems.

## Sanitary Sewer Distance Inspected



This graph shows the distance of sanitary sewers the division has inspected year-to-date. Regular inspections are critical to identifying potential issues early, ensuring the proper function of the city sewer system and preventing costly repairs and disruptions.

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## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DIVISION August 2025

#### Overview

The city parks and open space division actively maintains all city-owned parks, playgrounds and common areas in a manner consistent with the demonstrated quality and aesthetic of New Albany.

## **Taylor Farm Park Mowing**

The division mowed at Taylor Farm Park. Maintenance workers performed annual mowing of the six zones to remove invasive thistle.





Left and right: Nate Fravel mowing at Taylor Farm Park

### Pickleball Courts

The Strawser Company began the second half of work on the pickleball courts. Strawser will complete releveling of the playing surface, followed by fresh painting and striping of the pickleball courts. Repairs will be made to the surrounding fence in the last stage of work.





Left and right: Eastern eight courts being repaired

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## RIGHT OF WAY DIVISION August 2025

#### Overview

Right of way refers to a portion of city-owned land, varying from a roadway, tree lawns, sidewalks, bike lanes, street trees and street lights. Right of way also functions as a public and private utility corridor. Public storm sewers, sanitary sewers, waterlines and fiber optic lines are located within the right of way. Private utility providers are also permitted to locate within the right of way. The most common private utilities in the right of way are electric, natural gas, telephone, cable and fiber optic.

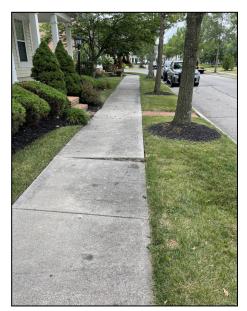
## 2025 Sidewalk Improvement Program

B&C Blacktop officially started the 2025 sidewalk improvement program. Due to the amount of repairs needed, this year's efforts will be strictly in the Windsor neighborhood. The work has been broken up into three phases:

Phase 1: Removal and replacement of large sections of damaged sidewalk. (Complete)

Phase 2: Concrete leveling to address uneven areas for a less invasive approach. (Tentatively starting mid September)

**Phase 3:** Targeted removal and replacement of individual concrete panels, particularly in front of residents' private brick walkways. (Tentatively starting mid October)







Left: Uneven sidewalk before being addressed Middle: Large concrete sidewalk slab removed Right: After individual sidewalk pieces have been removed

## RIGHT OF WAY DIVISION August 2025

The division actively coordinates with contractors working in the city public infrastructure, to ensure that they stay within the permitted areas, safely pothole crucial city utilities and restore any areas disturbed during construction. With an increasing number of right of way permits, these efforts are vital to maintain the integrity of the city infrastructure and minimize disruptions to residents and businesses. The division ensures compliance with regulations and the successful execution of 22 active permits.

#### **Active Permits**

•	AT&T 9.0-25	(Central College E of 62) •	Columbia Gas 137.0-25	(Thiesen Road)
•	AT&T 134.1-24	(605 and Central College) •	Fishel 107.0-25	(7895 Walton Parkway)
•	AT&T 100.0-25	(7915 Smith's Mill Road) •	Spectrum	(Innovation Campus Way W)
•	AEP 171.0-24	(New Albany Road E) •	Spectrum 158.0-24	(DG/Market Street)
•	Baseline permits	(All over the city) •	Spectrum 191.0-24	(Smith's Mill Road)
•	Breezeline 10.0-25	(7915 Smith's Mill Road) •	Verizon 194.0-24 (	NA Road E & West Campus)
•	Columbia Gas 96.0-23	3 (Upper Clarenton) •	Verizon 04.0-25	(Walton Pkwy)

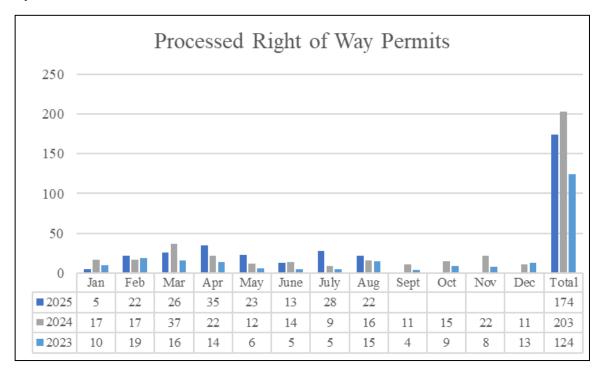
Gas Tap Permits

(All over the city)

## **Right of Way Permits**

Columbia Gas 120.0-25

(Babbitt Road)

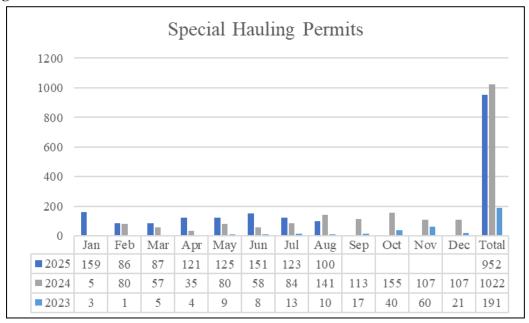


This graph shows the number of permits issued each month by the city for utilities planned to be installed within the public right of way.

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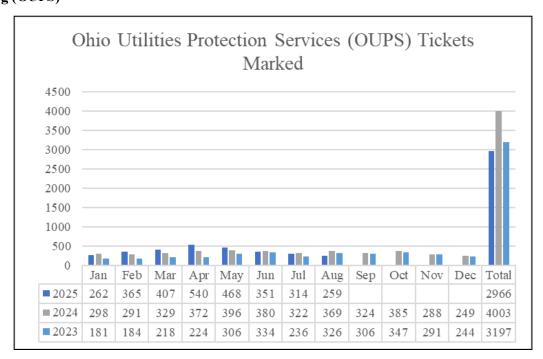
## RIGHT OF WAY DIVISION August 2025

## **Special Hauling Permits**



This graph shows the special hauling permits that are facilitated and issued for the operation of vehicles exceeding the maximum roadway weight, width, height and/or length that are considered 'oversized'.

## **Utility Locating (OUPS)**



This graph shows the number of Ohio Utility Protection Service (OUPS) markings are ticketed each month. Marking these tickets is a critical public safety measure before excavation work begins to ensure utility lines are properly identified to prevent accidental damage and avoid service disruptions.

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## FORESTRY DIVISION August 2025

#### Overview

The forestry division manages the health and safety of New Albany trees through tasks such as pruning and removal. Work is planned seasonally according to the biological needs of different tree species. The division is also responsible for the safe operation of chainsaws, commercial wood chippers, the city bucket truck and establishing and maintaining traffic control as needed.

### **Clearance Pruning**

Forestry started two large projects this month. The first is phase one of Smith's Mill Road. The 187 honeylocust between US-62 and Kitzmiller Road were pruned to provide clearance over the roadway and leisure trail, open sightlines and to improve the visibility of signage and traffic signals. Trees between Kitzmiller Road and Beech Road were pruned to improve visibility of signage.

Phase two of the project will be performed later this fall when the division expands pruning efforts to the 465 oak and maple trees between Kitzmiller Road and Beech Road to include clearance over the roadway and leisure trails.





Left: Forestry pruning honeylocust trees along Smith's Mill Road (before) Right: Honeylocust trees along Smith's Mill Road (after)

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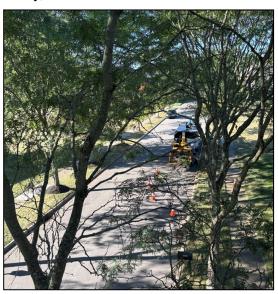
## FORESTRY DIVISION August 2025

## Tree Climbing

The division's second project was pruning the 77 honeylocust along Eyre Hall Pass to provide clearance over the roadway, sidewalks, driveways and residential lawns. Additionally, the trees were pruned to remove dead branches and branches that were crossing, rubbing or interfering with other branches (corrective pruned). The average tree height along the road is around 40 feet, so each tree had to be manually climbed.

All climbing is performed using ropes and harnesses to avoid unnecessarily damaging the trees. Climbing spikes (gaffs) should only be used when performing removals as each step taken when wearing them results in wounding of the tree. These wounds may result in numerous long-term issues such as decay, insect infestations and disease transmission.





Left: Honeylocust interior of the canopy is almost entirely comprised of dead branches, which is fairly typical for the species at this age (before)

Right: Eyre Hall Pass honeylocust pruning (during)



Eyre Hall Pass honeylocust pruning (after)

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## FORESTRY DIVISION August 2025

### Removals

In addition to the division's two large pruning projects (and service requests), forestry performed several large tree removals. Although the primary goal is tree preservation, the city occasionally needs to remove trees that are dead or severely declining, or trees that have significant structural defects and pose an increased risk to people or property.



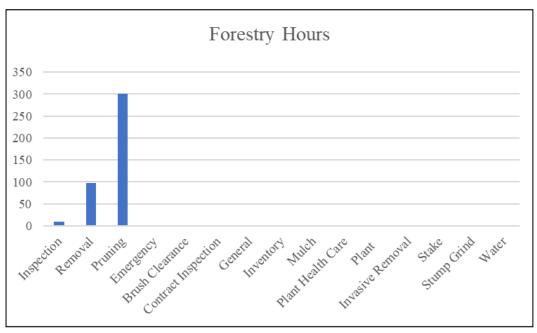


Left: Two trees along Berkeley Square were removed due to large cracks in the main trunks Right: Gabe Hilts using the grapple trailer to load logs from the ash removal on Berkeley Square

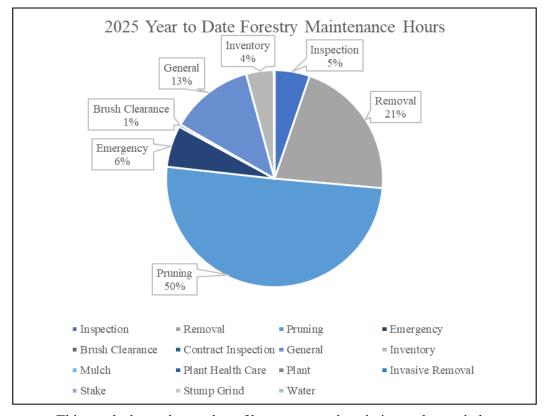
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## FORESTRY DIVISION August 2025

## **Forestry Hours**



This graph shows the number of hours the division spent on each respective category. Tracking these hours helps ensure that resources are effectively allocated to key tasks, enabling the division to prioritize essential tree care, removal and maintenance throughout the city.



This graph shows the number of hours year-to-date during each month the division spent on each respective category.

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## FLEET DIVISION August 2025

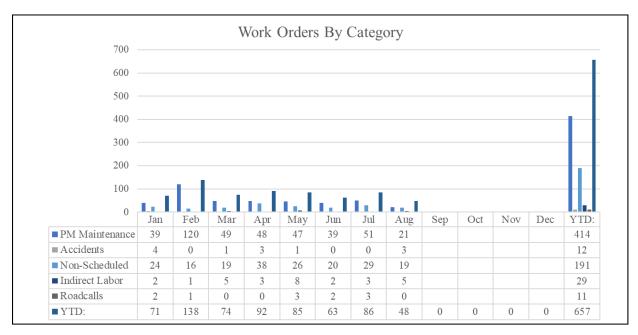
#### Overview

The city fleet division actively maintains all city-owned vehicles and equipment in a manner consistent with the demonstrated quality and aesthetic of New Albany.

#### Fleet Maintenance

The division worked diligently to continue snow and truck maintenance. As fall approaches, the division focused on leaf machine maintenance, preparing trucks for leaf boxes and gearing up for what looks to be an early season. At the same time, the division supported summer operations, assisted with preparations for the annual Touch-A-Truck event and contributed to its successful execution.

#### Fleet Work Orders

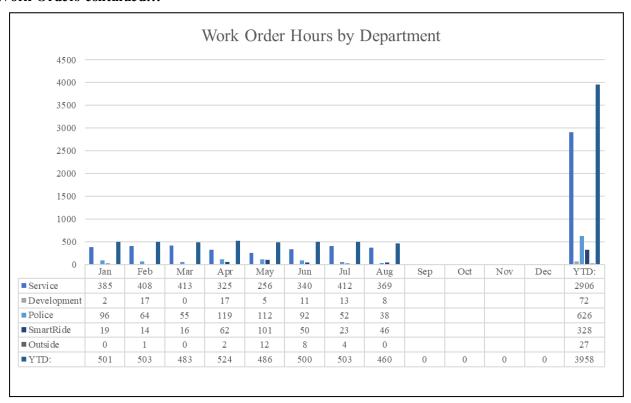


This graph shows the work orders year-to-date broken down by each category.

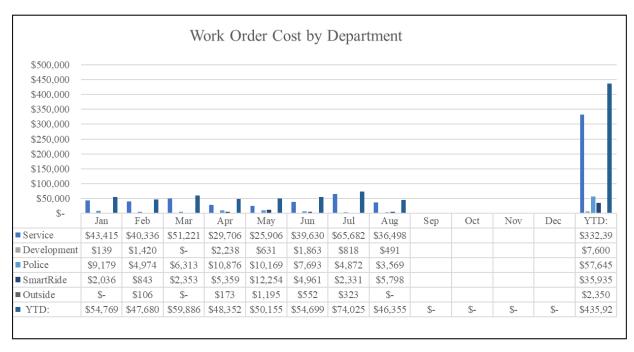
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## FLEET DIVISION August 2025

### Fleet Work Orders continued...



This graph shows year-to-date breakdown of work order hours by department.



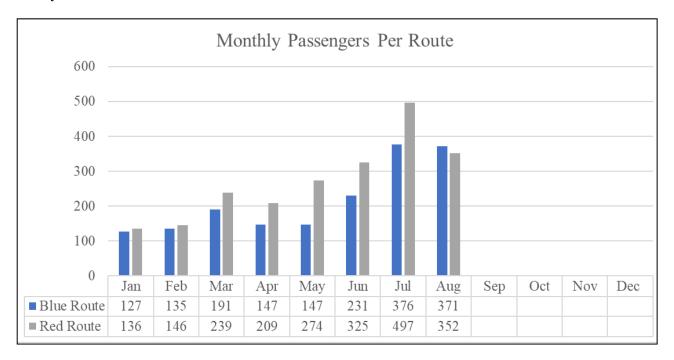
This graph shows the year-to-date breakdown of work order costs by department.

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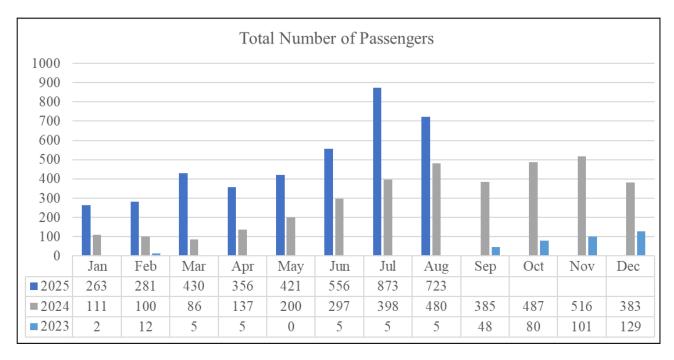
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## FLEET DIVISION August 2025

## New Albany SmartRide



This graph shows the number of monthly passengers on the blue and red SmartRide routes.



This graph shows the total number of monthly SmartRide passengers.