

final thoughts...

Much thanks to our local Hardee's!



Office Report

The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be June 15th at 3:15.
The Front Line Safety video will be July 13th at 3:15 p.m. at the PPC.

Visitors at Public Works!!

Visitors in the last two weeks included Bill Yax with Barco, Bill Heath, Troy Manning, Jarrod Record, and Kevin Sellers with Excel, Darryl McRaven with Waterwork Specialties, and Jeff Doss with CMT, Prince Hudson, and Barry Howell with Visu-Sewer.

Happy Birthdays: In June:

Joe Berger 25th

Please note that our offices will be closed Friday, July 3 while we celebrate the founding of our country! Remember to fly your flag!



The gas division has been busy removing the old Odorizers and setting them aside. We are temporarily hooking them back up until the new ones are installed and working. We will be pouring the concrete pads for the new Odorizers to sit on this week. Staff has also started the annual leak survey on mains and services. This needs to be done before we start the meter change out program. At 309 and 303 N Walnut, staff removed two old steel services and replaced with a new plastic service to serve both addresses. At 309, the service was removed due to the residence burning. The owner is tearing down the house so he can replace it with a duplex in the near future. Gas Superintendent (Tim Britt) is working with the contractors on the bids to install the gas main out to Lake View Drive, to Rambling Hills subdivision and Country Lake Estates.



Citizens have been keeping Angie and Brenda busy choosing their carts!



coming soon >>>

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- ISO Report
- Summer is Here
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- Meter Change-out Update
- And even some surprises!

What Does An Odorizer Tank Look Like?

Below are pictures of our old odorizers. We have dug them up and re-piped temporarily until we get our new ones installed.



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- Communication
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- And much more!

A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

June 12, 2015

What's In The Works And More!

Perryville's FINEST!

One of our most critical services that we provide our customers is 24 hour emergency service. But often times, it is forgotten how this service is delivered.

Our emergency number is the same as our regular number, which is thru City Hall. During business hours, Joanne and the City Hall staff answer the phones and direct the calls but after hours, on weekends and holidays, the calls go directly to City of Perryville Police Dispatch. That amazing crew is the key to our emergency response. It is a group of communication professionals who received over 25,000 calls last year! Out of these thousands of calls, 270 were for public works emergencies. This staff makes these decisions, many involving life or death, in a matter of seconds and decides who needs to respond and makes those communications or call-outs.

Imagine having that responsibility on your shoulders? Any call could be for an accident, a dispute of some sort, criminal activity or a gas leak. Or a sewer backup. Or a street sign down. This staff must be ready for anything and everything. They are a part of our team that makes us able to respond to our customers needs and we couldn't function without them.

The current Perryville Police communications team is led by Sgt. Kathy King and includes Cpl. JoAnn Clements, Vickie Thompson, Vickie Hunt, Matt Foster, Kathy Byrd, Theresa Zahner, Misty Medlin and Terri Murray.



Pictured here, at work in the Perryville Police Communications room: Misty Medlin and Vickie Hunt

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From the Director: Respect

"I speak to everyone in the same way, whether he is the garbage man or the president of the university." — Albert Einstein.

The 14th Dalai Lama once said, "Everyone is born into the world as a person, and everyone leaves the world as a person." Yet we have the tendency to forget that fact when interacting with others. Instead, we get caught up in what he calls "secondary differences" among us. Those could be age, race, ethnicity, religion, wealth, rank or status — and any number of things. When we look at people and interact with them, he said we have the tendency to see all these differences rather than the simple fact that we are all just people. This creates barriers between people, making it difficult for us to trust each other and collaborate.

Treat people as people, with respect. Yes, a simple message, but how often is this carried out even in our work organizations? You would think those would be the most civil and professional places where people would behave at their best. After all, it's not a war zone — or is it?

Just think about your day at work. You might hear employees arguing with their boss or grumbling about him with others. You might hear people yelling at each other, or maybe they send nasty e-mails to one another or gossip about others behind their backs. These are very common problems, and sadly, ones I hear about much too frequently.

So what can be done? Perhaps if we all just tried to adopt one simple strategy to treat people with respect, we could make a difference in the quality of the lives of those around us, and our own life as well.

Water and Sewer Update

Daily lift station checks were completed, and water samples were taken to Jackson for routine state sample reporting. Roy Broussard completed his 10 week DSI training in Poplar Bluff and will be taking his exam on June 12th, Good Luck Roy. July 15th is the tentative start date for the meter change out program. In an effort to get ahead of the meter installer, staff has started marking meter settings in book one for replacement. We will be running two crews led by Jeremy Mantz and Kevin Buchheit. They will be using the backhoe and Vac-con. We replaced a meter setting on School Street due to a leak. We called in locates for a service disconnect on Circle Drive and removed a tap for demolition of a house for the hospital. All non emergency work for the summer has been placed on hold until after the change out program has been completed. Staff unplugged a clogged pump at School Street during the heavy rains on the 8th and responded to a power failure at Rock Quarry Lift Station. A 75 HP pump from Quarry and a 2 HP pump from Forest have been sent to the shop for rebuilding. A check valve from Quarry is being rebuilt by staff and should be back in service the week of June 8th. Staff checked 700 Lottes for a leak at the meter setting. Staff checked for a leak at TG coming from their fire line.

Project Directories

Street Dept.

Sinkhole projects – Finishing PDC prop
Conc & Curb Repairs – More and more

Gas Dept.

Rambling Hills extension – Negotiating
WWTP

Flow meter installed

Engineering study – Donohue midway

Water Plant

New UV – ready for const bid after DNR

Water/ Wastewater Dept.

Elevated tank painting – Logo in works

Water System Renovation – Tasks
4-6 coming here

Manhole Lining: Planning stage

Meter Change-out: Project kicks off
July 15



Refuse, Street, Airport & Maintenance

Maintenance Department: We are still working on the police car, taking the old ones down for other departments. We did get the new Park Directors, P & R 6.finished. Everyone might think that all we are doing is working on police cars, but we did get all the cart dumpers installed on the Refuse Trucks. We had to wait on parts for some of the trucks with their AC unit. We did have some other things that needed emergency attention. We are trying to get them first, so just bear with us. From the Shop.

Refuse Department: We are picking up biodegradable bags in all 3 wards and picking up trash in all three wards. We have chipped brush with the help of the street department.

Street Department: We replaced the Stop Sign on Drury Lane and Old St Mary's Road. We spread several loads of gravel in the alleys that run between Pine and Grand. We also hauled several loads of gravel to the park for several projects. We dug out and concreted Harvest Circle water main project. It took 18 ¾ yards, several guys and hours to complete this project. We took tables, barricades and barrels to the Square for the Cruise-in Pin-Up contest and then on Tuesday took them back. We put new banners up for summer months. We graded W & D Knife alley. Repaired the handy-cap sidewalk at Sutterer Place and poured the other pad after the water leak. We repaired a pot hole on Moulton Street. We hauled off 3 loads of asphalt chunks from tank#1. We worked on replacing the old benches with the new ones on the Square. We brush hogged several lots and right-a-way. We did routine mowing and trimming of city lots. We did some emergency asphalt patching on Sycamore Road.

Stormwater: We repaired a catch box on Schindler and Huber. We repaired storm water pipe and hauled 4"x6"rock to channel the water to the branch at the end of Church Street.

Airport: We sprayed weeds around the Tee-Hangers and checked all of the lights. We did routine mowing where water wasn't standing.

Update From the Building Department

By Angie Fields, CBO

The Public Works Department, along with the Building Department hired 2 interns for the summer. Gabby Schemel, who worked for the department last summer and newcomer, Megan Elder. Gabby graduated from St. Vincent High School in May, while Megan will start her junior year at PHS this fall. Both girls have hit the ground running this summer by helping with the meter change out program and the trash cart program. They have taken their computer skills to the test to help log in all of the cart size requests from our residents. They have also begun surveying gas meters so we can let our residents know whether some plantings around the meters will need to be trimmed before we start placing the ERT's on the gas meters. This is very important because I don't think anyone wants the Public Works Department team to trim their plantings. Each resident with an obstruction in front of the meter will receive a letter asking for help in either trimming or removing the plantings. The interns will also be helping deliver some of the trash carts once they are shipped to Public Works. They are scheduled to work through the middle of August.

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Water Plant >>>

Things have been fairly quiet at the water plant. We are waiting on well 5 repairs to be completed, which should be in next day or so. We rebuilt the check valve on high service pump #1. We have been mowing grass and pumping lots of water. The rain has kept us from having to pump an enormous amount, so keep it coming.

**KNOW YOUR
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Waste Water Plant Update

We need to nickname the sewer plant the CICADA Plant! They are everywhere! They seem to be especially fond of Dave Meyr! It must be the eastern end heritage that is attracting them! We have been trying to keep up with the mowing and hauling leach water. We repaired a check valve, cleaned the splitter box, set up machine for an industry, set up a new pallet rack, and took samples to Jackson. We will be here next week if the Cicadas don't pack us off!

