

# final thoughts...

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG! MISSOURI ONE-CALL IS NOT AN OPTION, IT IS THE LAW! AND IT CAN BE COSTLY IF YOU IGNORE IT! IF YOU FEEL YOU NEED ANY HELP IN UNDERSTANDING THE LAW, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE!



What clogs sewer mains? Tree roots!

## Office Report

The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be May 18th at 3:15.

The Front Line Safety video will be June 8th at 3:15 p.m. at the PPC.

## Visitors at Public Works!!

Visitors in the last two weeks included Lincoln Duncan with BHM&G, John Farrow with Midwest Meter, Bill Heath and Troy Manning with Excel, Tom Brickey with Schulte Supply, Larry Knox, with Zep, Mark Bloome of HR Engineers and Pete Maust with LSI Pipeline.

## Happy Birthdays:

### In May:

Tim Britt May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Gary Schneier May 21<sup>st</sup>

## Happy Anniversary:

Anthony Marler 7 years



The gas division has been very busy the past couple weeks. They have been working on weed eating and spraying stations. Toohey Dr and Hwy 51 project is now complete. We inserted the 6" main through the casing and pressure tested. The final hook up and backfilling was completed on 5/7/2015, job well done guys. The Rambling Hill gas extension project is in the bid process. I met Lincoln Duncan from (BHM&G), Bill Heath and Troy Manning from (Excel) and Pete Maust from (LSI) Pipeline. We visited the job site during the pre -bid meeting. Tim Britt, Tim Paulus and Jesse Whistler will be in Owenton Kentucky 5/11/2015 – 5/15/2015 for a training with Itron on meters, regulators and radio read metering systems. The gas division is gearing up for their next big project which is the replacement of the two Odorizers at the Take Point. This job will consist of unhooking the Odorizers and excavating around them. They will then be pulled out of the ground, secured and hooked back up until the rest of the project is completed. We will backfill at this time and pour the concrete pads for the new Odorizers. This week the gas department will be working on mowing all the gas easements, spraying around line markers and answering all emergency gas calls.

## SIGNS

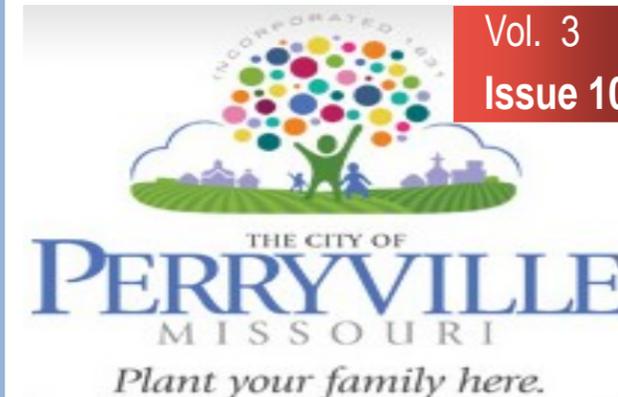
The dates for our first USED street sign sale have been set! May 27-29 from 2:00 to 4:30pm each day, we will have our sales associates ready in the Legends Training room here at Public Works. The signs will be in alphabetical order and will cost \$10. For the first round, we are asking that each customer limit their purchase to either one or two signs, mainly so everyone gets a shot at them. Any questions call Brenda Ochs at Public Works!

Note: These are the NEW signs. The OLD signs look OLD. Much OLDER. And USED!



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- And much more!



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A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

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## coming soon >>>

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- Meter Change-out Update
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- And even some surprises!

# What's In The Works And More!

## Sanitation That is Healthy

This week, we opened bids on roll-out trash carts. After evaluation, we have found the cart that is best for Perryville. These are easier to roll and more resistant to damage. Also, we will save over \$100,000 from what we had budgeted and, if approved by the Mayor and Board, we should have them all distributed before the end of July. Wow!

These carts, free to our customers, give them a safe and sanitary carton to place their waste, make it far easier to take it to the curb and these carts improve the looks of our streets on waste pick up days. On the city side, it will reduce the stress and injuries to our sanitation professionals and over time, we will save time.

It is truly a WIN WIN situation.



## From the Director: City Fathers Who Care

This column is directed specifically at the leaders of our town. Over the last few years, they have faced some very difficult decisions regarding budgets, benefits and massive changes both good and bad. Several years ago, due to our high rate of healthcare needs, our insurance rates were doubled. Many towns would simply force the employees to pay for a part of their health care. Not here. Our city leaders decided that it was too important to drop so they just found the money and paid the entire premium. Dedication and loyalty to the workforce!

We recently started a new pay plan. A VERY new pay plan, one that replaced the plan of 35 years ago! And the improvements, procedures, policies and pay growth charts are indeed amazing. This new plan puts everyone in a fair and balanced plan to grow over their careers. Any time that a political body gets into revising things of this nature, it can be ugly. But not here. Our new pay plan is better, much more progressive and undoubtedly, far more fair than what we had previously. Dedications and loyalty to the workforce!

That loyalty has been earned by the exemplary accomplishments and commitment of our workforce. We will continue to earn it. The work that the city staff (Brent, Tracy, Donna, Gina, Amy, etc) did to get here was monumental and we are so grateful that yall are a big part of our team! But today, we recognize the leaders who had our back (and still do) and we as a collective group say "Thank you!"

## Water and Sewer Update

Daily lift station checks were completed, and water samples taken to Jackson for routine state sample reporting. Mike and Linda finished their 10 day distribution class. Roy has started his 10 day distribution training in Poplar Bluff. Staff repaired a water leak and properly capped an eight inch line at the valve on S Kingshighway at Sutterer Place. We raised a fire hydrant on the square at Mary Jane's. We checked a leak at Perryville Manor Apartments on a private water main. Staff met with the maintenance man and assisted with location of the water main and probable leak site. Material has been ordered for the water service and connections for Mayfest. This material will be used for future water service at events around the square.

Staff replaced the piping on one pump at Moll and Rand lift stations. We replaced three guide rails and checked for a plugged line on pump #2. Locates were called in on Mecker lift station. All the old galvanized piping has to be replaced from the pump past the valve pit. We ran the camera through a sewer main on Parkview and turned the finding over to the City Engineer for review. The blockage was in the customer service line due to a lack of flow from the home. Staff rodded the sewer main on Rand to the lift station and ran the camera through it. Roots were removed and issues on Rand Street were found at customers lateral connections. We checked four flooded basements after the rain on 5-11 all were customer issues. Water was run for Mayfest on the square. We checked a hydrant that was hit and broken off by a truck. The water line replacement on East Harvest Circle is started and should be completed in about a week. Several sewer lines were jetted and cleaned.

### NATURAL GAS: THE BEST CHOICE!

The May 21 edition of the Republic Monitor will feature our first natural gas ad. They will be once a week forever. We will be educating much more than advertising. There are a lot of folks who just don't know how great a product natural gas is...but they are gonna!

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### Water Plant >>>

We are in full bloom at the water plant. The grass is growing and water is flowing. We have had to make a few repairs here and there but we did not despair. In Cape at the MWWC we attended a training and it was entertaining. Well #5 was struck by lightning and the damage was exciting. We are in the process of obtaining pricing for the parts/repair but who will supply them we don't know where. See you next time but for now, I'm out of rhymes.

**KNOW YOUR H<sub>2</sub>O**

## Project Directories

### Street Dept.

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

### Gas Dept.

Rambling Hills extension – Bidding –  
Open bids May 21

### WWTP

Flow meter installed  
Engineering study – Donohue midway

### Water Plant

New UV – ready for const bid

### Water/ Wastewater Dept.

Elevated tank painting – Logo in works

**Water System Renovation** – Tasks  
4-6 coming here

**Manhole Lining:** Planning stage

**Meter Change-out:** Board meeting  
June 2 for recommendation



## Refuse, Street, Airport & Maintenance

**Maintenance Department:** We are working on truck #808 replacing the fuel tank and straps that caused the tank to rust out and leak. We should get the pump back from Power Supply for #613, little vac. The police department got new cars and for the next 2 weeks we will be changing all the lights and other things. After this we will see what vehicles will go to other departments. We have several other things to work on in the shop.

**Refuse Department:** We are very busy picking up biodegradable bags in all 3 wards and picking up trash in all three wards. We also helped the street department.

**Street Department:** We picked up leaves at Jelly Stone Park on the Lake Drive. We cleaned city parking lot below Friendly Furniture Store, repaired the hole in the street by catch box on South Street, repaired a pot hole in the street on N Main, replaced a stop sign on the corner of Hume and Bruce, filled in ruts on shoulder of S French Lane and the alley between Grand and St Francois. We called in several locates and poured sidewalk pad on Ganahl from a water meter replacement. We graded Sandstone, Seminary Road, and Favier's alley. We concrete repaired a gas leak on Pine and a new service line on St Joseph. We placed fines on Moore Drive and Sycamore. We cut up a tree in Dry Run Branch and a large tree blocking a culvert on Allens Landing Road. We took approximately 30 picnic table from the park to the court house lawn, approximately 109 trash barrels with bags in them and over 100 barricades to the square for Mayfest. We also had to clean up the mess and sweep the streets on Sunday morning. We pulled a maintenance post on Green Meadows Lane and installed it at the end of Kiefner Street.

**Stormwater:** We repaired a sinkhole area at 722 Truman with concrete, re-dug Tracey Watkins sinkhole at 515 W St Joseph, filled several sinkholes in the park area, filled a hole by the branch on Drury Lane, filled a sinkhole at 704 N Waters, filled in around storm water pipe with 4 X 6" rock at 920 Tradewinds Drive, filled in around sinkhole at the end of Branch Circle, filled in sinkhole area at 718 Gray Street, placed dirt in front of catch basin on Tucker's property on Huber Road and filled in around sinkhole area on a lot that we mow on S Main.

**Airport:** We cleaned FBO office. We had the runway lights, beacon light, and rail lights repaired.  
Eddie Ponder did the routine mowing.



### Waste Water Plant Update

I'll do my best to inform and entertain this week. Once upon a time there was an aging wastewater plant in the small town of Perryville. At this plant there was a mere staff of five who planted lots of trees, hauled a lot of leach water from a local landfill, set up the new influent pH meter, occasionally pumped out porta potties, had a new VFD installed in the pump house by CSI, did electrical work at the square for the Mayfest, pulled a pump that was leaking, and they ordered a new motor for the secondary clarifier that is bad. And they all lived happily ever after!



## Update From the Building Department

By Angie Fields, CBO

Busy, Busy, Busy....The only way to describe the building department these days. The Emergency Action Plan is complete and ready to be reviewed by Council. I have begun the process of obtaining easements for the natural gas line extension from Perryville Blvd and St. Joseph. I have contacted the Conservation Department and Department of Transportation in order to get the process started, those two easements will likely take the most time. The bids for the roll out cart program are in and we will be recommending the vendor at the June 2 council meeting. The meter change out program is set to begin this summer and will be a huge endeavor for the Public Works Department, but we are up to the challenge. Mark and I met with a few contractors over lunch to discuss MO One Call protocol and gave the contractors the opportunity to voice any concerns or questions about Building Department regulations. We will meet with Robinson Construction to discuss the same issues. I continue to provide inspections and permits to residents and contractors and continue to work with the few remaining commercial kitchens on grease trap inspections.