

final thoughts...

Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die. ~Dwight D. Eisenhower



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Office Report

The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be July 27th at 3:15.
The Front Line Safety video will be July 13th at 3:15 p.m. at the PPC.

Happy Birthdays: In July:

Visitors at Public Works!!

Visitors in the last three weeks included Kellan True with Viking-Cives Midwest, Inc., Joshua Scaturro with IMCO, Tom Brickey and Travis Norris with Schulte Supply, Joshua Hoffmeister with Hoffcomp Quality Counts, and Jeff Doss with CMT.

- Jeremy Meyer 7th
- Mark Weibrecht 20th
- Dustin Donze 22nd
- Roy Broussard 26th
- Anthony Marler 30th

coming soon >>>

- In The Next Issue
- Meter Change Out is here!
- New Trash carts for everyone!
- Gas Odorization Update
- Meet the Interns!
- And even some surprises!

A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

July 2, 2015

What's In The Works And More!

Guest Article: Joe Martin "The 7 Percent"

As a veteran, America isn't just the place I call home. It's an idea, a hope, a goal. It's the feeling I get in my gut when I see our flag or hear our National Anthem. It's the pride I feel on Veteran's Day and Independence Day.

When I say, "I am an American," I am saying that I believe that all people are equal, that laws must be applied fairly and without prejudice. I am saying that I made, and would make again, the commitment to defend this nation against her enemies. I am saying that I volunteered to give my life for your right to say something I disagree with, to worship a God that is not mine, and to make choices I would not make.

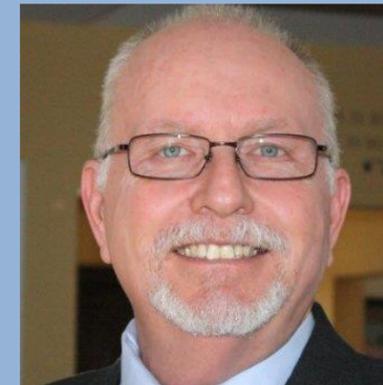
America means freedom and liberty, but it's also my duty. Being an American means doing my part every day, in big ways and in small ways. It means working hard. It means standing up for those without a voice, and standing up to those who try to quiet the voices of others. It means having compassion, and reaching a helping hand to my neighbors and those less fortunate. It means respecting and caring for my elders, voting in every election and paying my taxes. It means being informed and being involved.

Being an American gives us inalienable rights ... but it also brings us a great responsibility.

Today, there are about 22 million American veterans living in the US.

That's roughly 7 percent of our population, who have taken the responsibility of being an American to the highest level. These are the men and women who said "I so believe in America, and all she stands for, that I will lay my life down for her and her people."

I'm proud to be part of that 7 percent, and I am proud to say "Thank You" to all veterans for their service to our nation, to me, and to my family.



From the Director: America



State Attorney General's Office Continues Enforcement! Civil Penalties Issued!

Enforcement of the Underground Damage Prevention Law continues to result in penalties and warning letters issued by the AG's office.

Last year, the AG's office took action on 141 member utilities and excavators who failed to comply with the Missouri Damage Prevention Law.

So far in 2015, 47 excavators and utilities have received penalties for failing to comply with the law.

The typical first offense penalty is \$1000. If those issued a penalty take and pass an on-line test and attend a MOCS safety meeting, the penalty is usually reduced to \$500.

A continued effort in enforcement of the law is anticipated.



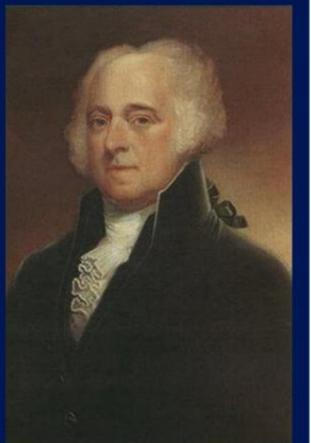
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The gas division has been pouring concrete at the Take Point for the new odorizers. We removed the meter at 304 Edgemont. Tim Britt, Jesse Whistler, Ryan Bergman and Josh Welker attended the Mango Conference June 24, 25, and 26th. We hung a new gas meter at School Dist #32 bus garage. We worked on getting a count on the different types of meters in our system, so we can come closer to the correct number of ERTS needed in the meter change out. Thanks to the interns for helping us paint regulator stations. We are working with Eastern Missouri Industries on starting the gas bore in Rambling Hills between the 7th to 10th of July.



"Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom"

~
John Adams
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Nuff said. Happy a safe and happy 4th!

Water and Sewer Update

Daily lift station checks were completed, and water samples taken to Jackson for routine state sample reporting. Staff rebuilt the fire hydrant on Smith Street and found another one at the intersection of Smith and Saint Augustine. Staff will rebuild this hydrant when parts arrive from Mueller. We have been borrowing a hydrant repair tool from IMCO and have decided to purchase our own. It should be here by the fourth of July. We are averaging three settings a day due to weather and hope to increase that number to at least four a day. Fridays we are hauling dirt to fill in around the meter settings in preparation for final clean up and seeding by Rob Roy. We were kept busy with the rain from Tropical Storm Bill. The sewer mains were full as well as the lift stations. We were informed of seven backups in basements, although there were probably more that did not call Public Works or dispatch. Linda and Anthony were busy repairing check valves at lift stations. One is completed and parts are being made for the other. Mike Chitwood has been hauling rock for our stock pile to use in the meter change out and leak repairs. A new Badger three inch meter has been ordered for Ready Mix to replace the non functioning Neptune meter. The meter change out is well under way.

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: Well to start off, we know there is still a lot of talk about the mechanics only work on police cars. We fixed a fuel tank leak on School Street Generator. We called Cummins for the timer that went out that makes it do its test runs. We took refuse department truck to Clarke Power Service for a/c work, that should be under warranty. We worked on a/c on Fire Truck #5115, worked on backhoe and a/c work on refuse and street department trucks. We had to order parts and set up appointment for #300 recalls. We worked on #505 Vac-Con truck. We checked out the airport tractor and ordered parts. We worked on 3600 Ford Tractor. We replaced blades and power steering lines. We also did some service work on other vehicles that came into the shop. It is just not the police department vehicles that we are working on.

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 called in several locates, patched potholes with cold mix on Sycamore Lane, Miles Road, Moore Drive and patched potholes in Ward III. We planted plants for City Hall's new flower beds, jack hammered St Joseph and Jackson intersection and repaired hole with cold mix, patched hole in front Day Care at Holly and West North, and placed gravel in alley between Holly and Pine. We concrete pads on Edgemont and Kelly, French Lane and LaPetite and 1128 W North Street. We painted safety zone and no parking zones at Public Works Complex and installed Legends Hall sign. We took bucket truck to park and removed limb hanging over dugout, filled in hole on South Main and Hart, took several tables, trash barrels, and barricades to the Square for Biker Fest. We also dumped trash on Saturday three times and then cleaned up on Sunday morning. We took all barricades, tables and trash barrels back on Monday. We rented a 6" pump, 700 ft of 6" discharge hose and several feet of hard suction hose from Robinson Construction Company, so we could pump water for 2 days across Old St Mary Road to keep the water from getting into the lift station and possibly destroying the 2 pumps. We monitored the pumps for two days. Then on Monday we took all of the pumps and hoses back to Robinson.

Stormwater: We cleaned catch boxes through out the city after the recent rains and placed barricades in several spots where water was over the roads.

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

Waste Water Plant Update

Hot sewage anyone? Our lagoon overflowed for a few days but we have been able to pump out of it slowly the last several days. We have been busy mowing, spraying weeds, hauling leachate, and cleaning porta potties for the park. We having doing various sampling to check local industries. We had a soft start installed on pump 3, installed a new float at the lagoon pump station and leveled the arms of tower 3. I bet in a few weeks we will be praying for some of the rain we just wished away.



Update From the Building Department

By Angie Fields, CBO

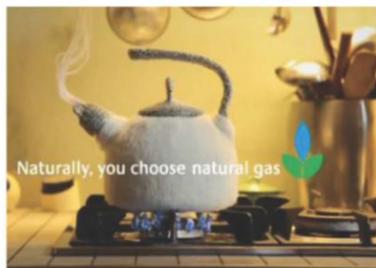
The Building Department staff, as well as, our interns are hard at work. The trash cart program is in full swing. Now that the deadline has passed to choose a cart size, the carts have been ordered and are a 4-6 week delivery item. So currently, the schedule for delivery would be the first few weeks of August. As the delivery date is firmed up, we will let the citizens of Perryville know when they can expect delivery of their new trash carts. Our interns did a great job helping me keep track of all of the cart requests and I have been working with the Refuse department to ensure all business have been contacted on whether we will be able to continue city trash service or if they will need to contract with a dumpster company. I have obtained about half of the gas line easements along Lake Drive and have talked with all property owners involved. The gas department has plans to begin to lay pipe within the Rambling Hills Subdivision in order to have gas available by the winter heating season. Our largest project of the year, at least for me, is the meter change out program slated to start in Mid-July. The water department has already begun identifying and fixing water piping that may hinder installation of some of the new meters. This is going to be one interesting fall and the Public Works Department is up to the task!

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Water Plant >>>

If you are reading this, you have found the most interesting section of the entire newsletter, MINE! Just kidding. We do have some news however, Well #5 is back up and running at full strength, we had to fix the air compressor at well #5, replaced the air compressor at well #3, we replaced both expansion joints on the high service pumps(thanks WWTP guys), and have had lots of muddy water for a while. Have a great day.

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