

# final thoughts...

Heat safety is the key, for a safe summer for you and me.



## Office Report

The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be August 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:15.

The Front Line Safety video will be August 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 p.m. at the PPC.

## Visitors at Public Works!!

Visitors in the last two weeks included Joshua Hoffmeister with Hoffcomp, Stan Balsman and Jeremy Tanz with Semo Regional Planning, John Farrow and Steve Pautz with Midwest Meter and Mike Schneider with Utility Sales Associates, Inc..

## Happy Birthdays :

**Ed Ponder** 4<sup>th</sup>

**Ryan Bergman** 11<sup>th</sup>

**Gary Foglietta** 27<sup>th</sup>

**Happy Anniversary:**

**Jeremy Meyer 22 years**



Big day on July 23 as Ryan Bergman installs the city's first natural gas ERT! This is the comm system for the new meter reading system!



coming soon >>>

## In The Next Issue

Check out the new trash carts!

Accomplishments!

Gas Odorization Update

New LEGENDS Inductees!

And even some surprises!

## Hydration Because It is Important

We've all experienced it at some point when working or playing hard – fatigue sets in, your mouth feels dry and your legs are heavy and maybe you even get a headache. These are all common signs of dehydration.

When you are working hard, body fluid is lost through sweat. If the fluid lost through sweat is not replaced, dehydration and early fatigue are unavoidable. Losing even 2% of body fluids (less than 3.5 pounds in a 180-pound person) can impair performance by increasing fatigue and affecting cognitive skills. During the summer heat it's easy for to become dehydrated if you don't drink enough fluids to replace what is lost in sweat. However, dehydration can easily be prevented

**When to drink:** Ensure you drink before you start working, trying to catch-up for lost fluids after a period of time is very difficult. Also, drink before you get thirsty. By the time you're thirsty you are already dehydrated, so it's important to drink at regular intervals – especially when it is hot outside.

**What to drink:** Water is truly one of the best things to drink. Research also shows that a lightly flavored beverage with a small amount of sodium encourages people to drink enough to stay hydrated. The combination of flavor and electrolytes in a sports drink like Gatorade provides one of the best choices to help you stay properly hydrated.



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Summer Hydration

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And much more!

A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

July 31, 2015

# What's In The Works And More!

## Meter Change Out. What?

So we are changing out EVERY water meter in Perryville. What does that entail? Will you notice? The answer is: It depends. Many meters in fact or most meters are in your yard with a cover. Most of these will be replaced and you will not even notice. However, we do have some meters in very interesting locations. Sidewalks, landscaping, etc.



These answers are not nearly as sure. We would prefer that they NOT be in concrete and you will see some moved out of the sidewalk, along with that bright new sidewalk concrete to follow! Some of the super old meters will require that we dig up part of your yard or drive. That might get messy but it HAS to be done. The alternative is that it might have to be dug during an emergency, and that will be a lot worse!



But never fear, we are working with local landscapers to repair the damage to your yard and we will make every effort to make the customer happy. There may be a few days (or weeks) that aren't so pretty but we are committed to customer satisfaction. If you or your neighbors have questions, do not hesitate to call!

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## Change Your Attitude, Change Your Life

**"Our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world as being able to remake ourselves." ~Gandhi**

I read a book by Victor Frankl and he suggested that attitude was the one thing that no outside force could change, only you can change it. And thru this idea, happiness is not far away!

So ponder these ideas of personal development:

1. Be loving toward everyone you meet.
2. Forgive all who attempt to harm you.
3. You become what you think.
4. Look for ways to strengthen those who have less than you have.
5. Always seek knowledge and truth.
6. Always be honest.
7. Never waste what you are given.
8. Be grateful for all that you have.
9. Develop a spirit of optimism.
10. Have faith in something greater than yourself.

There are challenges in everyone's life. Learn to tackle them with a positive attitude and it will make your road easier as well as people around you. You will start to be an example for those who look to you for guidance. As your attitude improves, you will begin to enjoy life more and more. This might not immediately change your circumstances, but you will likely find that changing your attitude slowly but surely changes your life.

The gas division started the main connections and installing services in Rambling Hills. Eastern Missouri Industries has bored 3500' of the 2" main in the subdivision. EMI will start boring the 3" main on July 30, 2015. Staff has been working on mowing easements when it is too wet to get in the yards at Rambling Hills. The gas department installed the first two gas meter ERT'S at 713 N Kings highway. The new Odorizers are due to be installed starting around 17th of August. We have also installed a new gas service to 713 N. Kingshighway and 209 Huber Rd. The gas and water departments have been demoing different brands of mini excavators. These have been very helpful in the yards where the water meter change out project and the natural gas main project in Rambling Hills are happening. The water department can do one meter set every hour and a half with the Mini Excavator v/s one every two and a half hours with the trencher. The gas department used it on the gas main project in Rambling Hills and was very useful and easy to operate around within the tight easements. Even after these projects are done a machine like this would be very beneficial to all departments. I am also working with Citizens on the trenching and instillation of the conduit for the two electric pedestals at the Court House Square.

## Water and Sewer Update

Daily lift station checks were completed, and water samples taken to Jackson for routine state sample reporting.

Staff is still busy replacing old meter settings. The high heat and humidity along with the recent rains have slowed us down a bit. We are looking at renting a mini excavator until we can get one purchased. Staff answered numerous customer service calls in conjunction with replacing the meter settings. We repaired a sewer line stubbed out of a manhole at St. Joseph and Shelby and located a major source of I&I at 214 St. Joseph. We capped an air release in the sewer main from Rock Quarry until a new one can be ordered. We checked out the new road that MoDOT is working on at Main and Hwy 51. This has been given to the City Engineer to look at and design re location of the 10 inch check valve and water line.

## Project Directories

### Street Dept.

Sinkhole projects – Ongoing  
Conc & Curb Repairs – More and more

### Gas Dept.

Rambling Hills extension – Underway

### WWTP

Flow meter installed  
Engineering study – Donohue midway

### Water Plant

New UV – ready for const bid after DNR

### Water/ Wastewater Dept.

Preparing for meter change-out

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

**Manhole Lining:** Planning stage

**Meter Change-out:** Project kicks off  
July 27



## Refuse, Street, Airport & Maintenance

**Maintenance Department:** We replaced the hitch on the Ditch Witch trailer and installed a new jack. We will be working with Cummins Mid South and Fabick Cat to see which one can get the best generator maintenance proposal. We had quite a episode with picking up our trash truck from Wiethop Truck Sales on Tuesday afternoon. On the way back the drive shaft fell out of the trash truck on the Interstate while Mike Chitwood was driving and two vehicles hit the driveshaft. Randy Finger was following him in car #602 and almost hit the drive shaft. While the wrecker was hooking up the trash truck another vehicle skidded out of control and hit car # 602. It is probably totaled. Thank GOD no body got hurt. We will be working on some preventive maintenance service on the trash truck and other vehicles. We will have to take all the radios and center console out of the new Dodge Police car for warranty work, because they have to take the dash apart. We are going to be servicing truck #403. We are working with Dave on the specs with new mosquito machine.

**Refuse Department:** We are picking up biodegradable bags and trash in all three wards. We have chipped brush with the help of the street department. We put extra help on the refuse trucks due to the extreme heat and humidity.

**Street Department:** We removed graffiti from several signs, poured concrete and installed 9 solar powered school zone signs, replaced stop sign on the corner of Oak and E St Joseph, and filled pot holes on Moore Drive and Sycamore Road. We graded Hidden Valley Lane, Sandstone Road and Prost Lane. We swept several streets, mowed several lots and right of ways, mowed part of Dry Run Branch, mowed the back lot and sprayed for weeds at City Hall and mowed the new grass for the first time. We prepared Mecker for concrete patch, pulled concrete sidewalk area on Robb Street and poured new concrete pad. We took picnic tables, barrels, and barricades to the Square for the Cruise-In event.

**Storm Water:** We cleaned catch boxes through out the city after the recent rains and cleaned several sinkhole grates. We repaired sinkhole/cave hole on North Parkview and also repaired the street. We gave Joe Geile two more sinkholes to fix and called in locates for them.

**Airport:** We checked the lights at the Airport and did routine mowing where water was not standing. We worked on the problem with the lights. We think the lightening caused the issue. We also worked on the papi lights and we are waiting on Wendell to return from vacation to finish the electrical work.

### Waste Water Plant Update

Hi! We made a major repair to the airline in the grit chamber twenty years ago and it was the last time it had any work done to it. We finally managed to pump our lagoon down to normal level. It took only three weeks to pump about 20 million gallons! We have been collecting samples, grounds keeping, and lots of in plant housekeeping to keep the algae at bay. We have managed to haul a little biosolids but not much this year. I have never seen a wetter summer. We have more in storage than we ever have had. If we do not get most of it hauled out before the fall, we will have to buy a mixer to put in the tank to keep it mixed up or the odor will be so bad the neighbors may form a lynch mob and come after my head! Here is a picture of our fearless trucker!



## Update From the Building Department

By Angie Fields, CBO

Believe it or not, summer is winding down and school will be beginning in a few short weeks. We have had a productive summer keeping our interns hopping. They have helped the gas department with painting regulator stations, the refuse department with the new trash cart program and the street department doing street inventory. They will be wrapping up their internship on August 7th. We wish them luck in their endeavors this upcoming school year.

The meter change out program will keep the Public Works Department busy through the fall. The water meters are scheduled to be delivered any day and the tech team is finalizing the computer updates and software additions. I am working with the meter readers to determine which inactive meters will be changed out and which ones will be removed entirely. I am awaiting the delivery date of the trash carts. Armor Equipment will be delivering the carts in the middle of August. Homeowners are encouraged to try the new carts and let us know if they would like to change to the alternative size cart within 30 days of delivery.

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## Water Plant >>>

Hello from the water people. The mixing system at tank three has been installed and the tank is back in service. It was a race to the finish line but we made it with one day to spare. We had a deadline to get it done, so we could supply good pressure to one of our customers. "The customer always comes first". We repaired the pump control valve at tank 5, repaired the chlorinator, had a DNR inspection, and installed a compressor at well 5. Adios!

