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**Office Report**  
The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be September 28th at 3:15.

The Front Line Safety video will be October 12th at 3:15 p.m. at the PPC.

**Visitors at Public Works!!**  
Visitors in the last two weeks includes Alan Little with Perryville Mobile Home Park, Jeff Maevers with Miracle Supply of Missouri, Tom Gobin of Gas Products Sales, Tim Noltkamper of Vermeer, Tom Guth with Earth First and Chad with Excel.

### Happy Anniversaries in September :

Van Pingel	39 years
Darrell Arnold	29 years

coming soon >>>

- In The Next Issue*
- Review of trash cart policy
  - Banquet Update
  - Leadership Class to begin
  - CERT training on the horizon
  - And even some surprises!

A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

September 11, 2015

# What's In The Works And More!

## Marketing Our City Image

There has been much discussion about the artwork to add on our Edgemont water storage tank. Right now, it is just plain bright white. But last week, Frank Robinson sent us a postcard from Rochester, Minn that had a picture of their famous "corn" water tower. It really is pretty cool but it got me to thinking about all of the possibilities.



My favorite thought is that we could create an image to celebrate our awesomeness. Yep, "Perryville!" ought to let folks know who we are for sure. But then we could also celebrate our military heritage and turn our tank into a soldier.

The tank is in a location that basically serves as a "Welcome to Perryville" sign. When we erect the other new tanks, the time would be perfect to add this artwork to the contract so we have a minute to come up with the perfect plan. Now, I love the exclamation point but I guess it is possible that someone else could come up with a better idea.

So the gauntlet has been thrown! Let all the great minds start to work and let me know when you have that perfect idea!

## Salute to Refuse!

**From the Director**  
*No one works harder than the sanitation crews and there is no crew who works with more expensive equipment. These guys are amazing!*

Remember what our city used to look like on trash day? And did you even notice the difference? It is an incredible improvement but it did not come without hard work and some sacrifice. These crews worked long hours, did some deep paper work, kept accurate records and tasted success! From David Clements to Angie Fields to Mark Weibrecht to Brian Bohnert, this team performed the best in the toughest circumstance.

Still some cleaning up to do, due to some mix-ups but we are well on our way! Thanks to all!



## New New New

We are so fortunate to have such a great relationship with our city leadership. This year's annual plan called for us to replace our existing skid steer with a new one. During budget discussions, someone asked if a mini-ex might not be a better solution for Public Works. We decided to demo a few and test that theory. Well, it turns out that we found much more efficiency and were able to use the mini-ex more often, as it is more versatile.

We checked prices and found that we could buy one for almost \$20,000 less than a skid steer! Talk about having your cake and eating it too! So, thanks to the Mayor and Board, we had our new Yanmar Mini-excavator delivered last week by Vermeer. We are so proud and excited to have this great new piece of equipment. Thanks!



The gas division has been working with Eastern Missouri Industries. We are tying the 3" main together at each bore site. EMI has one more short bore to make and then we will be ready to supply Rambling Hills with gas. As soon as we get everything tied together it will be put under pressure test and then tapped for the subdivision. Then they will finish the last bore towards Hwy T where the main will end. The gas crew has also been working with Excel changing out the meters that have broken screws while they tried to install the new ERT on the meters. We have started on TG-MO service line to their new warehouse facility. We have received shipment of their new Yanmar Mini Excavator. This machine will be a huge asset to all departments. USDI will be back on Tuesday, September 15th to start changing the two odorizers at the Take Point out. DeRossett Company will also be here too install the new ones.

## Water and Sewer Update

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

Staff is still busy replacing old meter settings. They have installed about 1,000 meters so far, averaging around 100 per day. City crews are averaging 4 meter setting replacements per day. We cleaned several sewer mains with the Vac-con. CE Contractors moved in 9-4 and will start digging the week of 9-7, this is part of the water system improvement project.

## Project Directories

### Street Dept.

Sinkhole projects – Robb/Edwards Starting

Conc & Curb Repairs – Walnut/Hart

### Gas Dept.

Rambling Hills extension – Underway

### WWTP

Engineering study – Donohue midway

### Water Plant

New UV – bidding Sept 29th

### Water/ Wastewater Dept.

Water meter change out on-going

### Water System Renovation –

Choosing new tank locations

### Manhole Lining:

Planning stage

### Work Order System:

Planning stage

### Customer Care Center:

Planning stage



## Refuse, Street, Airport & Maintenance

**Maintenance Department:** We are working on getting another car for the Airport to use and that number will be #315. We are going to get the leaf vacs in and get them ready for leaf season. We are still working on getting a truck to replace #702. This will be used for leaf season and for salting streets. We are working on some park mowers that need to be serviced. We have the sewer plant mower and checking because it is not running correctly. We will be taking truck #708 to Wiethop in Cape Girardeau for some A/C work. We are working on car #602 because the battery keeps going dead.

**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 also chipped brush in the park.

**Street Department:** We helped chip brush again. We took picnic tables, barricades, and trash barrels up to the Square for the Cruise In event. We took down the school speed limit signs down around the school areas that were not the right time and that needed to be changed. We hauled dirt from Viola Blechle Park project. We took water meters to Sides Recycling and replaced Stop Sign by TG Missouri. We sawed Walnut Street for concrete repair. We removed the weeds growing up on the Speed Limit sign on Moore Drive.

**Storm Water:** We cleaned storm water grate at N French Lane Park. We placed 2" rock in the hole by city's gas intake station in the Park. We put 4"by 6" rock in sinkhole behind the First Baptist Church on N Main Street.

**Airport:** We checked the lights at the Airport and did routine mowing. We are waiting on parts for the papi lights.



### Waste Water Plant Update

Good Day everyone! Every day above ground is a good day! Here at the wastewater plant we have been busy hauling biosolids, cleaning UV modules, trying to control algae in the plant, mow some grass, try to keep grass down around the trees and gather routine samples. Adios.

Be the kind of leader that you would follow.



### NATURAL GAS: THE BEST CHOICE!

We have been processing almost 30 new requests for natural gas, including Rambling Hills. We have also had several requests for the rebate program. People are starting to realize that natural gas is the best choice. When will you?

Perryville  
natural  
gas

### Water Plant >>>

We finally got our filter valve actuator back and put the crescent wrench (used for handle) back in the tool box! CSI came and did the install and installed the new touch screen at well 5. We changed out a booster at well 5, changed oil in all compressors, and have been mowing a bit. It appears we are back to normal as far as operations go. Have a good week.

