

# final thoughts...

Once again, the weather is changing. We all feel a chill in the air. So how does this affect our safety? Are slick streets far away? Do heavier clothes and hats affect our reactions, hearing, even sight? We need to focus on maintaining our safe habits, as seasons change.



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### Office Report

The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be October 26th 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 Jason Henshaw with Xylem, Josh Hoffmeister with Hoffcomp, Dave Wood with USDI, Larry Marr, Chad Martin with Excel, Larry Knox with Zep, Mike DeRossett with DeRossett Co., Joe with Joe's Service, Dan Wiesemann with Spectron Tech and Ken Baer.

## Happy Birthdays in October :

- Richard LaRose 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Joshua Welker 25th

## coming soon >>>

- In The Next Issue*
- Review of trash cart policy*
- CPR training update*
- Meter change-out nearing end*
- CERT training on the horizon*
- And even some surprises!*

A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

October 2, 2015

# What's In The Works And More!

## Leadership

Our Public Works leadership class has started and completed the first two sessions. Our first session was held in the City Council chambers and this week's session was held in the County Commission chambers. Jared Kutz was our special guest speaker this week and many thanks to Jared for sharing some of his experiences and leadership traits. We are fortunate to have someone so dedicated in his position!

And even more thanks to the 7 folks who are in the class. They are doing this on their OWN time. The desire for personal growth and knowledge is a testament to not only them but also to our organization. Only 6 weeks to go!

## The Banquet From the Director

It is not far away but we are already planning this year's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Perryville Public Works banquet. This year's event will be Dec 4 at the Perryville Elks. We are well on our way to exceeding last year's sponsorships (though we still have a few available...hint, hint) and are thinking that this year's banquet will be a little bigger and a little better! Official invitations will be going out soon but please reserve this date on your calendar!



The gas division has been installing their odorizers and we are currently monitoring the odorant levels. The 3" main is finished and has gas. We are finishing up the pressure test on the main and services in Rambling Hills. We are working on the dirt work from the main installation. We are in the process of removing services for the Edgemont expansion. We are in the process of installing 4 new services which includes finishing the 3" service at TG Missouri. We are waiting on utility wavers to be signed to finish installing the 9 services at Maple Grove Trailer Park. We rebuilt the regulator at the Seminary. We are continuing to change damaged meters for the meter change out program.

## A Great Team Member

Often times, when a team member regularly contributes at an excellent level, we just assume it and don't recognize the greatness. As Angie Fields approaches her 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary with the City of Perryville, we need to stop taking her contributions for granted. She is one of our best! She regularly goes way beyond her job description and not reluctantly. She takes on every challenge that we can think up and regularly succeeds with awesome results. She has been our project manager this summer on the meter change out program AND the roll-out cart program. Meanwhile, she has been doing her regular duties and also working with the public to obtain over 30 easements. These have not been easy. Meeting with customers after hours, before hours and even in between hours. She has attended Board meetings representing Public Works and coordinated Planning and Zoning meetings. I even hear that she makes the Director look good! Often overlooked but NEVER unappreciated!

One of our summer MVP's, thanks Angie Fields!



Last year's banquet presenting sponsors: Tom Gobin (l) of Gas Products Sales and Mayor Ken Baer (r). That is me in the middle with my eyes closed.

This is a time to celebrate our achievements, celebrate our teammates, thank those who helped make our success happen and also a time to honor those who have paved the way for us.

## 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. We are down to the last 200 settings to change out! Staff has responded to several sewer calls and water service calls. After the meter settings are completed, staff can expect a busy Winter and Spring. We are planning on restarting the valve and hydrant program maintenance program. We will also initiate hydrant flushing program. That one will be a challenge but we it is necessary. The second round of grease trap inspections will also take place late Fall early Winter.

We are also assisting CE with the water main overbuild project on St. Joseph and French Lane. We have been notifying residents of disruptions in streets and service. You can check for updates on our twitter account or the City of Perryville facebook page.

We had several staff take part in the first round of CPR classes and more scheduled next week.

## Project Directories

### Street Dept.

Sinkhole projects – Robb/Edwards Starting

Conc & Curb Repairs – Ongoing

### Gas Dept.

Rambling Hills extension – Hooking up services

### WWTP

Engineering study – Nearing end

### Water Plant

New UV – Artisan Contractors low bid

### Water/ Wastewater Dept.

Water meter change out near finish

### Water System Renovation –

Choosing new tank locations

### Manhole Lining:

Planning stage

### Work Order System:

Planning stage

### Customer Care Center:

Planning



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## Water Plant >>>

Good day all! Here at the water plant things have been busy. We finished configuring our new chlorinator, sent off a turbidimeter for repair, changed the packing in the raw pumps, and repaired three bleach leaks at our wells. Dave Meyr and Kim Messmer began their 10 day water class in Fredericktown this week. Good Luck Guy/Gal!



## Refuse, Street, Airport & Maintenance

**Maintenance Department:** Hello from Maintenance Department. We took the courtesy car to the Airport. We are getting the leaf vacs in to service and check them out. We are going to take the salt spreaders off the trucks and install the leaf box on truck #701. We are still trying to replace truck #702. The Park and Water Plant received their new mowers and we still need to issue numbers. The Sewer Plant still has issues with one of their mowers. We need to check this mower out. Truck #709 has some problems with the cart dumper valve blowing out the seal, so we took it to Armor Equipment to have them take care of it. We have Cummins Mid South coming this week, so they can start servicing all the generators. Sometime in the next two weeks, we should have a new truck for the Refuse Department.

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

**Street Department:** We helped chip brush and we put up a temporary stop sign at Old St Mary Road and N Kingshighway and installed temporary No Parking signs on St Joe for the water line project. We poured concrete on South Walnut and Hart Street. We completed the concrete project at Public Works. Many thanks to the Street Dept for an excellent job (see pic). We concrete patched South Street and sidewalk due to a gas leak. We spread asphalt on Hidden Valley Lane. We moved and set up doghouse for Police Department on Rambling Hills. We delivered trash carts and trimmed several trees that were low hanging in the streets. We removed graffiti from stop signs on Holly and North Streets. We patched potholes and cut the rest of shrub across from Plaza Tire Center. We placed caution tape around the trees that need to be cut down on St Joseph. We installed the Fall banners on the square. We placed gravel on Deerfield Lane. We patched holes in the alley between Church and Shelby. We installed signs for the Soccer Complex and Immanuel Lutheran School. We painted driveway entrances on Star Street.

**Storm Water:** We filled hole with 4" by 6" rock in the ditch behind the church on Grand. We cut weeds and brush out of the Star Street ditch. We watered Star Street ditch new grass and installed 4" by 6" rock behind pipe on Richardet Street. We opened the Streiler cave for folks to check out the underwater cave system and then closed it.

**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

It is afternoon at the wastewater plant and the smells of fall are blocked out by the smells of wastewater! Actually it's not that bad, it all depends on your tolerance. Our Public Works Director does not have a high tolerance! We have had some minor repair done, hauled some biosolids, we collected our annual WET test and passed!, and like always kept busy with lots of routine maintenance. Be safe and thankful for what you have or don't have!

*Pictured at right: Mayor Ken Baer, Dave Meyr and Jeremy Meyer. Recently, the Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference Awarded Jeremy the W. Victor Weir Award for outstanding service, kind of their Man of the Year award and Dave Meyr received the Operator of the Year Award. Both of these honor not only these men but their entire team. Congrats and thanks to all!*



## Update From the Building Department

By Angie Fields, CBO

The building department has seen an increase in building permits issued in the past month. That is a good thing considering that until the weather improved very few permits for new construction were being issued. Plans for more housing, both single family and multi-family are in the works, as well as, the possibility of some commercial business upgrades will make the winter busier than usual. The trash cart program is in its final stages with most of the carts delivered and most of the customer requests for new or different size carts completed. The water meter change out program has hit a few snags but mostly in the programming of the ERT's and our technical guru has been working through those issues. The water main project is in full swing and the contractor is moving through the residential section of the project and will be headed into the commercial end of the project in the coming weeks. The project is moving along and we have acquired all but one easement and hopefully that is forthcoming in the next few days.