

final thoughts...

Visit our Veteran's Monument and pay homage to our heroes during November and especially on Veteran's Day!



Let us all celebrate this day and honor those who sacrificed so much.

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- Teamwork
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- Thanks for the roll-out carts!
- Honor Veterans
- And much more!

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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 November 9th at 3:15 p.m. at the PPC.

Visitors at Public Works!!

Visitors in the last two weeks includes Prince Hudson, Tim Baer, Chad, Larry Gauer Jr. and Kelly Doble with Excel.

Happy Anniversaries in October :

Michael Chitwood	7 years
Dave Meyr	5 years

coming soon >>>

In The Next Issue

- Gas Marketing
- CPR training update
- Holiday Plans
- Leaf Season
- And even some surprises!

A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

October 16, 2015

What's In The Works And More!

When you watch a football or baseball game, you know that only a team effort will win the game. That's true in life too. At the City of Perryville, we rely on our whole team to help make the City successful. Last week a part of our team went above and beyond to make sure that our utility bills were accurate so that our customers didn't get any unwanted surprises when they opened their bill. Certainly, it's their job to make sure the bills are correct – but the meter change out program put a definite kink in the system this month. Colleen and Brenda spent days, and even some nights, going through all of the bills with a fine-tooth comb. Not an easy job. You can see in the picture that there were hundreds of accounts marked for review and changes! Thank you, Colleen and Brenda for your commitment to excellence. And thank you to all of the other members of our team that work to make sure we all get it right!



Many Thanks From the Director The weekly leadership class is continuing and is continuing to amaze us all. Last week, Lauren Gibbs spoke to us about her brand of leadership. She was pretty awesome and left us with these tips: 1. Be a good servant. 2. Use the Golden Rule. 3. Have a good team. 4. Believe in what you do. 5. Establish policy and 6. Know your limits. These were great tips and she shared how her faith kept her on the right path of leadership. With our guest speakers and our own discussion, we are learning about ourselves as well as leadership. Just a few more sessions left before graduation!



Projects

There are always many projects on-going and here are two that are working on this week.

The gas division has completed the Rambling Hills gas main extension project. There are still a few new service applications to run and dirt work along where the 3" main was installed. We hooked our first new gas customer up in Rambling Hills at 208 Meadowbrook Drive. The new Odorizers are installed and running. We are in the process of locating a company to properly dispose of the two old ones according to EPA standards. The gas personnel are working in three groups with Excel to complete the meter change out program. They have also cut off services to 330 S Main Street and 326 Jackson for the Edgemont Street extension and ran a new service on South Shelby Street.



Above are two pics from the sinkhole/storm sewer/sanitary sewer project on Robb St. (also behind Bredall and Edwards streets).



Right: Gary Schneier puts the finishing touches on the storm water plume on Reddick St.

Pictured: Brenda (left) and Colleen with a stack of WORK!



The 2015 Perryville Public Works Leadership class with Oct 7 guest speaker Lauren Gibbs (standing left)

Water and Sewer Update

Daily lift station checks were completed, and water samples taken to Jackson for special and routine State sample reporting. We are currently working with Jeremy Meyer to be able to do our testing in house, therefore saving time and money and being much more convenient for our customers.

Staff is still busy replacing old meter settings. Staff has responded to several sewer calls and water service calls. We installed three sampling stations for Jeremy Meyer to take state samples. CE Contracting is keeping us busy with the system upgrades. Oak Street lift station had a pump go down October 11th; we will be sending it off for repairs. Gaskets were ordered for the commercial meters, as soon as they arrive we will start replacing the old meters with the new Badger meters.



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Water Plant >>>

It has been a steady stream of air compressor replacement around here! They just don't make em like they used to! We have replaced three so far and "frankensteined" two together to make one. We had a backflow preventer repaired, repaired the chlorine probe, rebuilt a booster, installed a new fluoride pump at well 2, and began daily testing for fluoride and chlorine at all of our wells per DNR requirement. This will add about a half an hour of work daily and some additional money for testing as well. Until next time!



Project Directories

Street Dept.

Sinkhole projects – Robb/Edwards Ongoing

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

Refuse, Street, Airport & Maintenance

Maintenance Department: Hello from Maintenance Department. We did receive the new 2015 GMC 1-Ton for the Refuse Department. It will replace #704. We will be mounting the antenna and radio in this truck. We have to make sides for the bed and put the city log on it. We did get truck #708 back from Armor Equipment. They replaced the valve on the back of truck. They installed it to work off the valve like the packer does. This works better then before. We have a few police cars to service. We will be working on truck #505 vac-con truck. We will be putting the leaf box on truck #701 sometime this week. We found a couple of trucks that maybe one might work for the water and sewer department.

Refuse Department: I received a call from Mrs. Grah on Crestview Lane. She told me her son really appreciated the new Totor Cart and the ease of how it rolls to the curb. She said that new Totor Carts were the best thing that the city has done for it's citizens in years. Her son was diagnosed with cancer and he has approximately 5 years to live. This is his fourth year and the medical bills are exceeding \$200,000 and his monthly medicine bills are approximately \$6,000 per month. Mrs. Grah said that she was very sick herself. She also said the city workers were the best people in the world to her, because every time she has a problem she calls Public Works and they take care of the problem promptly and efficiency. Mrs. Grah said if she had the money that she would take each and every one of the Public Work's workers out to dinner and pay for it, but unfortunately she cannot do that but she will keep us in her prayers every day.



Street Department: We helped chip brush and watered Star Street ditch for grass seeding. We painted parking blocks around the city, graded alley off Alma Ave and put rock in the ditches to help with erosion control. We mowed Sycamore Road right-a-ways, painted yellow along driveway on Star and Drury Lane. We swept several streets, installed the Hazardous Waste banner for the upcoming Hazardous Waste Drop Off on the corner of T and Progress Drive. We took picnic tables, trash barrels and barricades to the square for the Cruise-In and Rocktober Fest. We removed the rough concrete spots on the sidewalk at 1311 Edgemont. We graded Disposal Plant Road and Rambling Hills at the end. We reseeded some spots a City Hall, brush hogged the hillside by W & D Knife Grinding. We swept the gravel up at the end of Hume Street Trailer Court. We trimmed the tree at City Hall and picked up the old pallets from the lot. We raked up the grass that was cut in the generator area at the Police Department.

Storm Water:

We placed 4" by 6" rock in the sinkhole area behind Estates.

Airport: We checked the lights at the Airport and did routine mowing.

Waste Water Plant Update

Hello from the WWTP. We sent off a 40 HP pump to be repaired, hauled biosolids, installed an outlet for the generator, pulled a lagoon pump and removed the obstruction. We replaced a ballast at city hall, and have taken various samples throughout the past two weeks.



Update From the Building Department

By Angie Fields, CBO

The trend of issued building permits continues. I have had 2 new businesses apply for building permits for existing buildings and another inquiry for another new business. The permits issued for accessory buildings have also increased. I will be taking some revisions for zoning ordinances to the Planning and Zoning Commission in the next few weeks, which will hopefully, clean up some language of the existing ordinances. All easements for the water main project have been secured and the contractor will be able to continue as planned. They are currently working on French Lane near the water tower. They will begin seeding and installing straw on the disturbed soil along St. Joseph in the coming weeks. Replacing the concrete driveways and sidewalk sections will begin toward the end of the project. The Public Works Department will also begin development of budgetary items for the next fiscal year. All in all, it remains a busy time for the building department.