

final thoughts...

All of us here at PPW want to wish you and yours a wonderful Christmas season! From our family to yours, Merry Christmas Perryville!



Christmas memories can and should last a lifetime. Brenda's grandmother Mabel Welland gave this to her on Christmas Eve 1960. (It still works!)



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Office Report

The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be December 28th at 3:15. The Front Line Safety video will be December 14th at 3:15 p.m. at the PPC. We will be reviewing our emergency plan.

Visitors at Public Works!!

Visitors in the last two weeks includes Kelon with Viking Cives, Ken Baer, and Tim Baer with Baer Engineering.

Happy Anniversaries in December :

Brenda Ochs	37 years
Neil Bert	20 years
Josh Welker	1 year

coming soon >>>

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A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works December 11, 2015

What's In The Works And More!



This year is drawing to a close and the holidays are well underway. Most years you would say, "where has the year gone," but as for 2015 that is not the case. As most of you know this year was full of projects ranging from the expansion of Rambling Hills, new odorizers, and meter change out and that is still under way. As 2015 comes to an end, the gas department would like to share a little bit of what the holidays mean to us. One said he loves to watch his children in their school Christmas program and another said he loves cooking the Christmas dinner with his family. So what we all took from our stories is that family and friends is what makes our holidays brighter. The holidays are what brings us together and makes memories that last forever. So from all of us in the Gas Department, we would like to wish you all a **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

The Banquet

Mel Weber's daughter Linda touched us all With her talk about her Dad. Here she is with Her Mom Rose and Mayor Baer.



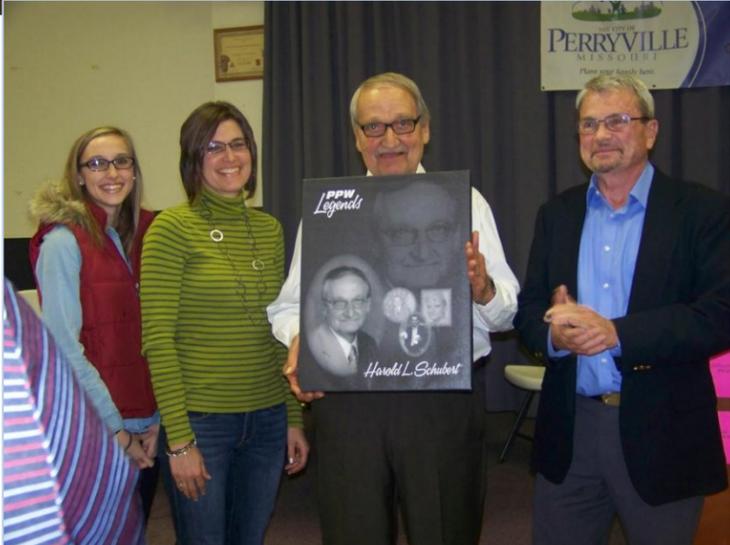
Below is Jeremy Meyer, who normally I do not encourage, But after his speech at the Banquet, many think he might



Have missed His calling. It has been Suggested that Next year's Banquet simply be called the Jeremy Meyer Show!

Harold Schubert & Mel Weber

The LEGENDS! Thanks to all our sponsors who made it possible for us to honor our new inductees into the Perryville Public Works Legends Hall of Fame! Harold Schubert (pictured below) and Mel Weber are now recognized for all they did for our city! Harold, better known as Yip Yip heard just a few stories about his career and will have to hear some more at the official unveiling of his spot in our Hall Dec 18 at 3pm. All are invited as we put these two great men on the wall! Refreshments and MANY stories will be told! Mel Weber was unable to attend but his daughter Linda took the stage and have a heartwarming speech about how much the city has meant to Mel and her family. There were a few tears about as she talked about his dedication and love for the city.



From the Director

Holidays come and go but Christmas is and should be different. I know that as it has been over commercialized while at the same time, it has also become politically incorrect to even talk about. What a crazy world, right? So it is OK to overspend and buy like crazy but not OK to discuss the holiday that they use as the reason? It makes me a little sad. A few years ago, I took a picture of a church sign in Tennessee that said "Happy Holidays". I guess they did not want to talk about it in fear of also being politically incorrect. That's not who I am nor how I was raised. In Maryland, our Christmas was very much focused on family (and food at times). I remember tables full of aunts and uncles and cousins, and always at my grandparents house. I thought they were perhaps the center of the Christmas world! Now, as I have my own family, I am glad that we stress those same values. It has never been about what you get or who can outspend but today and always in my family, it is about love and caring and family. We still look for places to give, to help those who need help and to be thankful every day. Merry Christmas!

Mark, Christmas In Maryland 1966



Water and Sewer Update

Christmas memories.

My favorite memory from Christmas is from my childhood. We went to bed with no presents under the tree at all. Around 4:30 am one of us kids would wake up, get the others up and start guessing what we had gotten. Mom would have to yell at us to go back to sleep. Around 5 am one of us would start peeking from the bed room trying to see the gifts. By 6 am one of us would sneak down the hall for a look. Shortly thereafter, Mom and Dad would get up and all heck would break loose.

The water and sewer staff wants to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Project Directories

Street Dept.

Sinkhole projects – In between
Leaf Pickup ongoing – ends Dec 18

Gas Dept.

Trying to get back to normal!

WWTP

Engineering study – Nearing end

Water Plant

New UV – UV Equip delivered

Water/ Wastewater Dept.

1” meter installs begin!

Water System Renovation –

Choosing new tank locations

Manhole Lining:

Planning stage

Work Order System:

New work orders being used!

Customer Care Center:

Planning stage



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Water Plant >>>

My favorite thing about Christmas is getting together with family and friends and enjoying the day.

My favorite thing about Christmas is getting extra days off!

My favorite thing about Christmas is decorating the house.

Christmas is a special time of year to give thanks and be grateful for what you have. I feel an overwhelming sense of giving this time of year, maybe it's because we were given the greatest gift of all, Jesus.

Maintenance: My childhood memories. I came from a family of 8 kids. We didn't have the I pods and the games they have now days to play with. We got clothes and maybe a toy to play with. The best part was when we got to go to St. Louis for Christmas to visit with my grandparents, aunts and uncles. I would like to wish all City of Perryville employees a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Refuse, Street and Airport: I like to see the Christmas Season come because my birthday is this month. It is hard not to like the season for that reason. I used to enjoy the season more before I had the responsibly to have all of the streets clean from the snow and ice. I am looking forward to retirement and sitting at my patio door looking out into the back yard and waiting for the new snowfall to come. I enjoy the view and listen to Christmas songs and not have to worry about someone chewing me out because they piled snow up in their driveway, why did they put all of the snow on this street on my side, why they blocked my mailbox in again, or they forgot my alley. I will again really enjoy the season. The season is not all about me, but it is also about the grandkids. I like to see the look in the grandchildren's eyes as they unwrap their presents. I also like to make a contribution to someone who just might need it to make their Christmas special or their family.

Waste Water Plant Update

My favorite thing about Christmas is remembering the birth of Jesus.

My favorite memories are still being made by my grandkids telling Christmas stories and singing Christmas songs and listening to the children's church services.

My favorite thing about Christmas is having all my kids and grandkids at church all together as a family to hear the story about the birth of Jesus.

Merry Christmas to all of you and your families.

Update From the Building Department

By Angie Fields, CBO

If you have been in my office lately or driven by my house, you know that I love Christmas. I put on Christmas music and start decorating the day after Halloween. It's not the shopping or receiving gifts that I love, but the feeling of Christmas. Seeing the joy on the faces of my three children when they get that special gift Christmas morning, or spending the day with my 94 year old Grandpa. Those are the memories I cherish most. Although my family didn't have much money when I was growing up, my mom always made Christmas exciting. When I was 8 and Cabbage Patch Kids were popular, she brought out her sewing machine and made me one. And although my older brother named her, Ugly Alice, she was still one of the best Christmas gifts I received. She is packed away in my basement along with a real Cabbage Patch doll I received a few years later.

It has truly been an exciting year for the City of Perryville. We have had so many new projects in the Public Works Department, it is hard to list them all. Luckily we have had a great team that was able to work together to get all of these jobs completed. We are still working through some of the kinks in the meter change out project, but we are making progress. The building department has issued 166 permits, slightly down from last year. And due to the rain earlier this year, we are still building in December. I hope everyone in the City of Perryville has a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year.