

final thoughts...

Winter is coming! Remember to focus on safety!



Be Aware of Winter Slip Hazards



Harold Schubert's official induction!

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Office Report

The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be January 25th at 3:15. The Front Line Safety video will be January 11th at 3:15 p.m. at the PPC.

Visitors at Public Works!!

Visitors in the last two weeks includes Tim Baer with Baer Engineering, Derrick Brandt with Municipal Equipment, Danny Flynn with Flynn Drilling, Joe Scaturo with IMCO, Mike Walker with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc., Prince Hudson and Ken Baer.

Happy Birthdays In January:

Mike Chitwood	4 th
Van Pingel	16 th
Linda Chappius	19 th
Jason Walter	20 th

coming soon >>>

In The Next Issue

- A new year
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A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

January 4, 2016

What's In The Works And More!

Letters to the Editor

From time to time, we get letters. Good Morning!

After a couple of months using the new trash receptacles, I am very pleased. I appreciate the opportunity that the City of Perryville has provided for the residents. I am happy that I know longer have to go out and pick up trash in my yard from animals strewing trash every where. I also like the ease of taking my trash receptacle to and from the curb.

Thank you for implementing this system!

Valerie Klein
Resident of Perryville, MO

Thanks Valerie!

Dear Gas Company,

My new wife will not let me turn the heat up in our house. She grew up in an all electric home and is afraid of the \$600 heating bill. I tried to explain that we heat with gas so we can afford to be warm but she will not budge. Can you help me?

I really prefer to be warm!

Dave in Perryville, MO

Dave, I used to work for an electric utility and the line superintendent Kenny (who had gas heat) once told me:

“Mark, electric is great but gas is cheaper!”

So, just turn up the thermostat and rest easy!

From the Director

The great flood of the new year never came. We were certainly blessed! Many thanks to our utility crews who signed up to work thru the holiday without hesitation. These are certainly dedicated individuals who put the city first consistently. Also thanks to Hoeckele's and Stonie's, who donated meat and bread for our efforts. These folks truly care about the community!

And I am most grateful for our emergency management team! Wow, didn't they do a great job? Led by Hank Voelker, this group coordinated an unreal amount of personnel, equipment and logistical operations. The Highway Patrol, Missouri National Guard, Perry County Sherriff and our city officials (led by Brent Buerck and Bill Jones) worked together seamlessly. Mark Gremaud was fantastic as the expert of the levee district. Every time he spoke, the entire trailer got very quiet. We are very fortunate to have someone as dedicated as Mark on our team. I was very proud to be a small part of this group but I am now confident that we are in great shape when the next big emergency occurs!

Hank leading his team in the Emergency Management Trailer.



New Truck

Many thanks to Richard LaRose for his determination to find a truck that fit our needs and our budget. Poor Richard has been to Iowa twice, almost Ohio and last week, he found the right truck in southern Mississippi! This beauty was originally owned by Palm Beach County in south Florida and now it looks very much at home in Perryville. Bet this truck never thought it would be fitted for a snow plow!



The gas division has been very busy the past couple weeks working on the meter change out program. They have converted over most of the industrial meters but still have a few bugs to work out. We have helped on several surveys to help clean up some problems found during the reading cycles. The guys have completed the 500' main extension in Polo Run Subdivision. They have also been helping out with the service turn on and turn offs at City Hall. The on call personnel have completed their monthly gas training.

Linda Chappius, Roy Broussard, Brian Bohnert, Floyd Cox, Josh Welker and Tim Britt attended the 2015 Damage Prevention & Excavation Safety Summit in Springfield Mo on December 8-10th. Linda, Roy and Josh took their OSHA 10 certification at the summit; this is a full 10 hour course. Tim, Brian and Floyd attended the following classes: Creating a Safety Culture in Your Business, 1000 Ways to Die in Trenches, Drug & Alcohol Awareness, Pipeline Safety/Natural Gas Emergencies and continuance Of Pipeline Safety/Natural Gas Emergencies.

I would like to take the time to thank all of the companies, meter/parts venders and the personnel that sponsored and worked hard to make the Awards Banquet a huge success.

Water and Sewer Update

Daily lift station checks were completed, and water samples taken to Jackson for special and routine State sample reporting. The wet weather continues to slow the meter setting change out. Dogwood Court easements are signed. The city staff will start that main extension sometime in January. This loop in the system will greatly benefit the residents on Dog Wood Court, by eliminating the dead end issues. Staff used the Vac-con to locate the two 10 inch mains on Saint Joseph and French Lane for C.E Contracting. C.E Contracting crossed St Joseph the week of December 14th. They are planning on pouring concrete this week. This will mean that there will be some detours around the work area at St Joseph, French Lane and Perryville Blvd. Water and sewer crews have started handling the majority of the work orders from City Hall until Tim Paulus is freed up from the meter change out issues. The transfer switches for the generators are being built, tested and delivery should be by the end of December.

Project Directories

Street Dept.

Sinkhole projects – In between

Gas Dept.

Finishing meter change outs

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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The program has been a success so if you switch to natural gas for heat or hot water, you can get paid!

Also incentives for new construction! If you install natural gas, you can save even more with our rebate program. Details at City Hall!



Water Plant >>>

Happy holidays! We changed a booster at well 1, closed our attic vents and winterized the exhaust fan louvers, we rebuilt boosters at well 2, and replaced the wire in a conduit that went to mixer number 2. Enjoy the rest of the year! See you next year!

Maintenance Department: First off I would like everyone to please pray for all the farmers, businesses, families, and people that make their living or live in the areas that are protected by levees in our region that they hold back the Mississippi and its floodwaters. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyable holiday season. We have been very busy in the maintenance shop. We have most of the winter weather fighting equipment ready to go to work, just a couple of things to do yet. There has been a few routine services and repair orders that were completed these past couple of weeks, but the list never seems to get shorter. Richard found a used dump truck for the street and refuse department that was located in Mississippi. He and Tim Britt went down there the week of Christmas to pick it up.

Refuse Department: We picked up biodegradable bags in all three wards and picked up trash in all three wards with extra help, due to the holidays. We are now in the process of calling those customers that have to much trash for the 1-96 gallon Toter Cart and asking them if they possibly need a second cart.

Street Department: We worked on grading several of the gravel roads and alleys. We removed graffiti from several Stop Signs and Speed Limit signs. We filled potholes on Parkview, Edwards and Moore Drive. We also helped the Refuse Department with the holiday trash pickup. We installed several School Zone Signs and post. We did sidewalk work on Magnolia Street.

Storm Water: We checked on several sinkhole grates and storm water pipes for flooding.

Airport: We went to the airport and brought most of our equipment back to Public Works to get it out of the flood plain area.

Waste Water Plant Update

I believe it's going to get colder! I hope everyone had a great Christmas. It was a little harder getting into the spirit this year. Maybe it was the tropical weather! We have been cleaning around the trees, hauled some biosolids, fixed lights on square, hauled leachate, and we installed a new valve on the sludge truck.

Update From the
Building
Department

By Angie Fields, CBO

Now that the holiday season is behind us it is time to start thinking about 2016. Although 2015 was a busy year for the Public Works Department, the Building Department encountered a small decrease in the issuance of permits. I issued 173 permits this year thanks in part to the addition of gas service to the Rambling Hills Subdivision. As a whole, building permits were down during the first half of the year and rebounded slightly this fall. I am hoping the trend continues with the building of some new senior apartments and duplexes. Now that the housing study is complete, we should be able to put our heads together to figure out the most economical way for the city and developers to open up new housing developments in 2016. I will continue my quest to obtain another ICC certification and continue my involvement in the development of an Emergency Operations Plan for the Public Works Department. I hope everyone has a happy and healthy 2016. Happy New Year!