

# final thoughts...

Our culture has been around for quite a while. Technology continues to expand, grow and get more and more intrusive. Through all of that, listening remains one of the best skills and attributes that anyone can have!

**A GOOD LEADER IS A GOOD LISTENER**

*Congratulations are in order for our own Neil Bert! Neil received his Bachelor's degree in Theology from Andersonville Theological Society, Baptist Seminary, graduating Summa Cum Laude! (I think that means he did really well!)*

*Way to go Neil!*



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### Office Report

The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be February 29th at 3:15. The Front Line Safety video will be March 14th at 3:15 p.m. at the PPC.

#### Visitors at Public Works!!

Visitors in the last two weeks includes John Farrow, Steve Pautz and Matt Carles with Midwest Meter Inc., Tom Gobin with Gas Products Sales, Inc., Lincoln Duncan with BHMG, John Krejci with Armor Equipment, Joe Thomas with Aramark and Tim Baer with Baer Engineering.

## Happy Anniversaries In February:

Linda Chappius 8 years

Michael Wengert 1 year

### coming soon >>>

- In The Next Issue
- Moore Drive on the horizon
- Spring is Coming
- Customer Care Center
- And even some surprises!

A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

February 12, 2016

# What's In The Works And More!



The gas staff has ran three new services in the past couple weeks. Gas was cut off at 17 S Main St. due to the house being demolished. During the bad weather they cleaned and serviced their trucks and equipment. On February 8th, 2016 we held a meeting with everyone involved in the meter change out program. Those present at the meeting were Thomas Gobin (Gas Products Sales), John Farrow (Midwest Meter), Matt Carles (Midwest Meter), Steve Pautz (Software programmer for Midwest Meter) Angela Fields (Project Manager) Tim Paulus (Customer Service Tech), Charlie McLeod (Water/ Waste Water Superintendent) Mark Brown (Public Works Director) and Tim Britt (Natural Gas Superintendent). We discussed and solved several issues that we were still having with the new reading system. After the meeting I feel that we have found the fix to several of the issues. The picture below shows three of the oldest industrial meters that were changed out during the meter change out program. The manufacture dates on these meters range from 1962-1966. Our gas system went on line on Thursday July 28, 1960 so that shows how old some of the meters in our system were.

*Pic Left: Josh Welker and Jesse Whistler show off some of our antiques.*



## Hello from Customer Service

*AND THE BEAT GOES ON....*

*Customers continue to move in and out, questions keep coming from landlords and tenants alike. We met with representatives from Midwest Meter ad Gas Products Sales to answer some remaining questions regarding the meter change out project this week. I learned a few more processes to make working on the FC 300 handheld computer faster when running work orders. We also met with the Heath Consultants representative to refresh on the gas detector functions. It's been a busy couple of weeks and with Spring just around the corner. I'm sure we'll be getting even busier... until next time.. See Ya' around town.*

*The meter change-out allowed us to find & replace the oldest meters in our system. Here, Roy Broussard displays a large meter from 1930 and two smaller residential meters from the 40's and 60's. He has prettied them up and we are going to display them!*



## Signs. Signs. Everywhere.

Five Man Electrical Band had a big hit with this song in 1970. Tesla re-recorded it in 1990. The City of Perryville Public Works street department exceeded them both! We just completed a projected 5 year project to replace over 1200 street signs in the City in less than 2 years! Now, every sign and every intersection has a new, highly visible, easy to read street sign, with the block number. Much hard work! And now, look for our final street sign sale sometime in early Spring!

Pictured below is Mayor Ken Baer celebrating the installation of the last sign, at the corner of Hart and Edwards. Dustin Donze installs the sign while the rest of the street department crew gives themselves a much deserved round of applause!



## From the Director: Character Counts

Many admirers considered Washington's self-control the key facet of his character. He could master events because he had mastered himself. Despite being surrounded by fear, despair, indecisiveness, treason, and the threat of mutiny, he remained confident and steadfast. Eulogists also heralded his self-sacrifice, devotion to the common good, compassion, generosity, and benevolence.

As president, Washington strove to establish public confidence in the new government and to demonstrate that political leaders could act virtuously. He believed his character was much more important to the success of the republic than his policies, and he spent much of his adult life creating and preserving a reputation for integrity and uprightness. In 1788, the planter wrote to his trusted confidant Alexander Hamilton, "I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain (what I consider the most enviable of all titles) the character of an honest man." His character helped hold the other founders together in the midst of tremendous trials and reassured them that they could construct a workable republic. His example of self-sacrifice, discipline, and moral goodness helped elevate the status of the presidency.

Both as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army and president, Washington worked to form an American character. Throughout the War for Independence, he expected both his officers and soldiers to act morally and "display the character of republicans" appropriate to "Christian Soldier[s]" who were defending their country's "dearest Rights and Liberties." Speaking to the nation's governors in 1783, Washington argued that Americans could "establish or ruin their national Character forever."

As we commemorate Washington's birthday this year, we should celebrate his exemplary character and emulate his commitment to public service and the common good. His life in public service should be a goal we should all aspire to!

## Water and Sewer Update

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

Crews cleaned several of our sheds and equipment. Water leak on N. Smith Street was located on a service line and fixed. Hydrant riser installed on hydrant on N. Main St. and dirt work done around excavation area. Miles Lift station pump was installed and staff is now working on the piping. Staff worked with Buddy Hellman on the main extension on Trishia and inspected the new construction. Charlie and Jeremy met C.E and the inspector on the two final tie ins at St. Joseph and at the tower on French Lane. Staff responded to a sewer overflow at the air release valve behind the Perryville Stave Plant. City Staff will be meeting for a conference call on Feb 16th to discuss the Show Me Shell lift station overflow that occurred last June. A meeting is being scheduled with Charlie Triller to review the I&I study that had been done several years ago. The CMOM for 2015 was completed and sent to MODNR as required by the new operating permit. C.E has made the tie in at French Lane and St. Joseph and the last tie in at the Edgemont tower will be completed 2-10-16. Marzuco will be installing the transfer switches over the next week or so.

## Project Directories

### Street Dept.

Sinkhole projects – Planning and purchasing manholes

### Gas Dept.

Finishing meter change outs

### WWTP

Engineering study – Nearing end

### Water Plant

New UV – work to begin this month

### Water/ Wastewater Dept.

1” meter installs begin!

### Water System Renovation –

Choosing new tank locations

### Manhole Lining:

Planning stage

### Work Order System:

New comp system being evaluated

### Customer Care Center:

Planning stage



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### Water Plant >>>

Happy winter/spring/fall, who knows what the weather will bring! It has been busy at the water plant with all kinds of equipment coming in. The UV project is fixin to start, VFD's ready to install, and let's not forget the water system improvements. Wendell is nearly finished with his Jedi/Water plant training. We rebuilt a booster, 4 chlorine regulators, replaced a PLC, and calibrate our turbidimeters. Cady also came and finished the repairs to our ground storage tank. Thanks for tuning in.

*A big part of what we do involves training. Recently, we have been allowing our WWTP personnel to train at the water plant. Here, Wendell Valleroy works hard to learn!*



**Maintenance Department:** We have finished installing the plow, salt spreader and safety lights on truck #702. We are still waiting on Wiethop to finish the repairs on truck #709. It should be back this week. We are having trouble with truck #700. The control valve is leaking fluid on the rear for the cart dumper. It looks like it will have to go back to Armor Equipment, so they can replace the valve section. We are also waiting for Clarke Power Service to work on the transmission on truck #505. We are working on truck #500 because it is missing out and needs spark plugs and 2 coil packs. The plugs in an 5.4L engine is not the easiest thing to do. We also have the ever day service and daily maintenance.

**Refuse Department:** We picked up trash, brush and biodegradable bags in all three wards.

**Street Department:** We helped with brush and cleaned catch boxes throughout the city. We installed the last of the street signs, worked on concrete patching streets, and broken curbs. We worked on the Square lights. We spread salt and cinders on the city streets.

**Storm Water:** We worked on cleaning several sinkhole grates and catch boxes throughout the city.

**Airport:** We cleaned the FBO office. We checked on the Runway lights.

*We recently had one of the fancy street lights on the Square to suddenly fall down. We immediately knew that we had to check the others. The lights have a heavy skirt that surrounds the bottom part, right where we needed to check. Dustin Donze and Gary Schneier designed and fabricated this mechanism to allow us to safely raise and hold the skirt while we check and maintain the existing light poles. Pretty smart, Right? Innovation. It happens here!*



## Waste Water Plant Update

Well at least I still have the same phone number at the WWTP! I'm glad I didn't have a catchy number down here for my boss to commandeer! (Our old number of 547-2500 will be the new PW public hotline soon) It has been cold here in the deep south. We have been making biosolids, hauled leachate, did preventative maintenance and other routine duties. We also have been taking care of the airport plant the last couple weeks. Dave Meyr passed his B wastewater test! Way to go Dave! That license requires 3.5 years of experience and LOTS of studying to pass the 100 question test!

Feel free to call me at the same number I have always had!

*Update From the  
Building  
Department*

**By Angie Fields, CBO**

Even though the weather has been up and down in recent weeks, inspections have been steady. I have also received a few new projects in my office for new duplexes and improvements to TG and some other local businesses. The training in Cape last week provided some insight to upcoming code changes when the 2015 I codes are adopted. Some chapters in the IBC have been eliminated in their entirety and we will need to find a different way to enforce much needed codes. Some major changes are in the code but all in all this was a fairly easy code cycle update. I will continue to study changes made to the commercial plumbing and mechanical codes as well as to the 2014 NEC electrical code. A lot of planning goes into each adoption of an updated code cycle. Looks like it will be a busy spring and summer for the Building Department.