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Office Report

The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be May 23rd at 3:15.
All Hands Meeting will be June 13th at 3:15 p.m. at the PPC.
Visitors at Public Works!!
Visitors in the last two weeks include Stan Hess with Select Propane and Fuel, Calvin LeBegue, Jr., with Diesel Fuel Injection Service, Inc., Rob with Quality Chemicals, Tim Baer with Baer Engineering, Tom Brickey with Schulte Supply, Mark Beck with CTS and Austin with Computer Connection.

Happy Anniversaries In May:

David Yamnitz 11 years
Anthony Marler 8 years

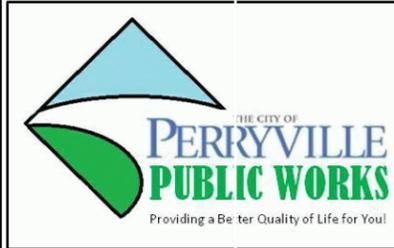
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And even some surprises!

A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

May 13, 2016

What's In The Works And More!



The gas staff has been working on the Moore Drive Project. They have completed the new 3" main from Sycamore Rd to the north end of Moore Drive. Staff will work with eastern Missouri Industries on completing the project as soon as the rest of the easements are final. Staff has also completed the repairs of the deficient anodes found during the annual survey. We have started working with the Water Department on cross training for the Customer Care fill in person, so they can become qualified to check gas leaks and work turn on and turn off's as needed when the Customer Care person is out. We are also training all staff on how to use the utility locator. This is also a spot that we need a fill in personnel to cover from time to time. Overall the training is going well. I feel that we will have extra qualified personnel in these fields in the near future.

Editors Note: If you would like to submit a guest article, please let Mark or Brenda know at 547-2500. Our range is pretty wide but it is best if the article applies to public works, natural gas or Perryville history.

Customer Care Update

Another two weeks have gone by and we are starting to be more comfortable with the new Pub Works System. Brenda and Barb(see pic below at Mayfest sign sale) are doing an excellent job in these early stages. With relatively few glitches, everything in customer service keeps rolling on... A couple of large water meters have given us problems and some residential water meters are doing some unusual things as well. I'll be visiting Midwest Meter soon to gain some insight on these issues. Of course all of the customer turn on, turn offs and complaints keep coming in and we always do our best to keep our Customers Happy. They are, after all the reason we are here!! Until next time, see YA Around Town.



Van Pingel: 40 Years of Service

Van Pingel retired last week after serving the citizens of Perryville for almost 40 years. Van is your typical public works servant, having worked in various departments from the water plant to the refuse department. Brenda Ochs organized a wonderful retirement party at the fire station and Van's family and friends gave thanks for his service. The Mayor awarded Van a certificate and many Chamber bucks for his pleasure.

Something special about Van. His speech wasn't your usual "I'm gonna go fishing" type of speech. Not Van.

And like many before he did get emotional, but unlike most, he was emotional regarding the risks associated with his job and he talked about his concern for the safety of his friends and co-workers at public works. An unusual man, that Van. But wouldn't it be great if we were all as concerned about our friends and co-workers? Way to go, Van!



From the Director: Training and Education Never Ends

Last month, three of our employees, Anthony Marler, Ryan Bergman and Floyd Cox went to Hannibal for the start of a leadership class organized by the Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA). The initial class was two days. The next steps in this class are three webinars and four online E-Learning courses. These three will complete all of these and then attend the final training session in Columbia in July. It is a comprehensive leadership class including classes on Leadership Influence, Time management, Coaching and effective listening skills.

Angie Fields and Mark Brown will be attending the Joplin Disaster Recovery Summit May 19-20. This is disaster recovery education including officials from Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Greensburg, Kansas; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Moore, Oklahoma; Joplin, Missouri; and Minot, North Dakota. This is a great opportunity not only to learn but to meet these folks and learn their lessons before we need them. Planning for chaos is often hard to do but any ideas that those who have been hit hardest can recommend is a start.

Angie Fields will be presenting our Public Works as First Responders at the quarterly EMAC meeting Friday, May 13. Report on that next issue.

Water and Sewer Update

Daily lift station checks were completed, and water samples taken to the Water Plant for routine State sampling and reporting. Lift stations were checked and cleaned. We pumped Parkview Lift Station manually for two days while both pumps were down. One pump is now back in service and pumping. The discharge piping will be rebuilt the week of May 9th and hopefully a new pump put back in to finish the repairs on this lift station. Jason Walter has assumed the locating duties for a while. He will be training other water and sewer staff as well. A pump went down at Hilltop lift station a few weeks ago, the other one went down May 4th. We will be installing the new pump and discharge piping May 8th. The second pump will be pulled and sent to the shop to be evaluated. These pumps are at least fifteen years old and are expensive to repair. The pump at Miles and re-piping that lift station will start the week of May 8th, hopefully. We are planning to start ball field 2&3 water service may 8th and four dig ups to make repairs. We have finished valve maintenance from the WWTP to Smith Street on the eastside of 61. We have started the west side if 61 and should be completed with this section in two to three weeks. The water lines for Mayfest were installed May 4th and removed May 8th. EarthFirst has completed the water line from Dogwood Ct. to Progress Dr. and from Blake to the bypass on Grand. All that is left is a few meter tie ins and a connection to N French Ln. This summer is starting off fast and furious and we haven't even started to work on finishing the meter changeout from last year.



Project Directories

Street Dept.

Sinkhole projects – Planning

Gas Dept.

Moore Dr extension underway

WWTP

Engineering study – complete in Sept

Water Plant

New UV – Should start tomorrow!

Water/ Wastewater Dept.

Valve/hydrant maint begun!

Water System Renovation –

Now designing the new elevated tanks;

Grand Ave water bids are in!

Manhole Lining: Planning stage

Work Order System: Up and running.

Customer Care Center: Now online at 547-2500! 24 hr emerg line!



Maintenance Department: We are working on the water department #607 mower. There are some electrical issues that prevent the mower deck from running. I have been working with Tim Baer on getting quotes for new generator to replace the School Street. We are also having some issues with Sewer Plant generator. It doesn't want to stay running when under a load for a very long. The engine will die and will not start for awhile, so we are trying to get Cummins Mid South to come down and check it out. Gas Department #406 has something broke on the bed slide inside of the unit. We will be checking on this. We are also working on Hyster Fork Lift #615. The emergency brake is not wanting to hold and we had to order parts.

Refuse Department: We picked up trash, recycling and biodegradable bags in all three wards. We also delivered some more carts. We worked on brush in all three wards.

Street Department: We helped with brush again in all three wards. We did concrete work for the Gas Department, took barricades, barrels, and tables to the Square for Mayfest and cleaned up the mess afterwards. We took barricades, barrels and tables back to Public Works. We brush hogged Dry Run Branch and lots at Public Works complex. We mowed city lots and roundabouts, sprayed weeds, cleaned up the glass from street light on Cinque Hommes, picked up straw bales on French Lane and picked up erosion control ropes along St. Joseph. Installed some Cross Traffic Does Not Stop signs, repaired bricks in the street in front of 15 West, took barricades to the Square for the Veggie Vendors by the Newspaper Office, repaired a hole in the asphalt parking lot by old Hoeckele lot, and repaired small pot hole in the 1700 block of Harvest Circle. Joe Geile is removing the cattails and sediment from the sinkhole area behind The Fixx.

Storm Water: We cleaned the catch boxes.

Airport: We cleaned the FBO office, mowed and sprayed the Airport grounds.



Picture Right:
Richard LaRose
Test drives a mower.
Looks like it is doing
OK, right?

Water Plant >>>

It has been pretty hectic here lately! We have been learning how the new UV system works and how our older stuff works with it. I believe we finally have just one or two kinks to work out and should soon be on our way to UV treated water! We have a pump that we discovered is not pumping as much as it should, so we are going to have to remove it and inspect for wear. We recently had a soft starter installed at well #2 so that it no longer hammers like a door slamming and feels like the ground is shaking! We have been doing quite a few Bac-T samples for the water dept. (pic below left) We recently were certified to do our own sampling so we could lift boil water orders sooner so we can get our customers back to drinking their water as quickly as possible. This was the idea of our director Mark Brown. He does have good ideas some time! See you next week.



Waste Water Plant Update

We have been busy like bees down here in the south. We have been doing a lot of tree up keep, Wendell has been doing loads of electrical work, Neil has been doing his annual QC testing to keep our lab certified and we have been doing a lot of leachate/biosolids hauling. We also installed a new level sensor in the pump house, repaired filter exhaust fan, repaired the deck on the tractor and the list goes on..... Our trees are for the most part have been doing okay, at least the ones that have survived the past two floods. Here is a picture (left) of one of our little babies that is doing quite well. And we all pitch in to help clean up Mayfest. Here our Mike Comte helps Brian Bohmert on Sunday morning. (pic right)



Update From the Building Department

By Angie Fields, CBO

Summer is upon us and the construction season is in full swing. The senior apartment complex off of Alma Ave. has broken ground and has installed the footings on the first building. A second senior housing complex should be under construction in late summer. I have also completed the interviews for our new summer interns. We had 18 applicants and 7 were interviewed. Once a final decision has been made, more information on each intern chosen will be available in the next newsletter. I am working on a "welcome" packet for new home construction. Each folder will contain all of the permit applications, driveway entrance detail, mail box location requirements, Missouri One Call packets, information on city provided utilities and a synopsis of required inspections and plan requirements. My goal is for all new homeowners to have answers to basic questions at their fingertips. Of course, I will always be available to answer more complicated questions and provide more information. The new work order system is up and running, each inspection my department performs will be documented so that if there are any questions in the future, the information will be there. Communication is key and by implementing the work order system, each department will be able to provide quick customer service to the residents of Perryville.

NATURAL GAS: THE BEST CHOICE!

Natural gas is everywhere! We are about to advertise for bids on a new Vac-Con truck for the sewer department and guess what? We are including an option for a price to make it a compressed natural gas truck or maybe a dual fuel. Cleaner, cheaper, better.

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