

final thoughts...

Chase Hoskins thinks that our Awards Banquet is pretty important. Here he is offering to help sponsor it! Maybe YOU should too! (His mom is a consulting engineer helping us to get better! Thanks Kim!)



Jeremy Meyer won these tickets in a Perryville Public Works random drawing. Thanks to CMT for the tickets and to Mrs. Meyer for rubbing it in that they were there and we were not!



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Office Report

The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be May 23rd at 3:15.
The Front Line Safety video will be May 9th at 3:15 p.m. at the PPC.

Visitors at Public Works!!

Visitors in the last two weeks include Tom Guth with Earth First, Mike Schneider with Utility Sales Inc., Prince Hudson, Aaron Roy with Rob Roy Nursery, Tom Brickley with Schulte Supplies, Tom Gobin with Gas Products Sales Inc. and Tina Clark with PubWorks.

Happy Birthday's In May:

Tim Britt 9th

Gary Schneier 21st

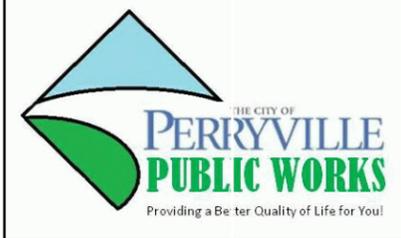
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A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

April 29, 2016

What's In The Works And More!



The gas department has been working on the final cathodic repairs found during the survey. Staff has also worked on problem reports from the last read cycle. We ran two new gas services one at 2 Blackberry Circle in Harvest Acres and the other one was at 802 Jenkins St. EMI has completed the boring from Sycamore Lane to the end of Moore Dr. Staff has worked with EMI and have completed the three tie ins in the back yard's of the residents on Moore Dr. We are now working on the main tie ins in the fields between Sycamore Dr and Moore Dr. There are a couple easements to acquire from Sycamore Dr. to the valve in front of Public Water Dist #1's office, so EMI can continue boring the remainder of the main in. Staff has also been working on yard repairs where gas lines and services have been installed. On April 11-15 2016 Tim Paulus, Tim Britt, Jesse Whistler and Ryan Bergman (see pic right) attended training on Gas Measurement and Regulation. The training was held at the ITRON Plant in Owenton Kentucky. Items addressed in the training: Conversions, Correction Formulas, Gas Laws (Boyle's Law, Charles Law and Ideal Gas Law). The training also included Principles of Diaphragm Metering Technology, Diaphragm meter proving, Meter Sizing and the importance of TC Meters. This was covered the first day, the next two days training was on ERT101, operations and sizing of all the different styles of regulators. This training went over Regulator Functions, how to size a regulator for residential, commercial, industrial and remote loads. It covered different types and styles such as spring loaded, pilot operated and operator/monitor and twin parallel runs. The training taught us about regulator performance, capacity ratings and how to size according to flow and demand. The hands on portion was very informational. They had a regulator at each station that we took apart troubleshooting and identifying different failures that could occur. They also had a couple different runs set up with air so they could show how to set different regulators pressure, perform lock up test and several different failures allowing the internal reliefs to work. There were several other things that were covered during this training that is very educational to us. I have talked with the gas staff that attended to see what their overall evaluation of the training was and they all mentioned different things that they learnt and several things they had no idea was involved in calculating the correct meter and regulator for a customer. I recommend we alternate staff and continue to attend this training to allowing us to stay up with the changing technology. The training will also help keep staff educated on different types of failures and how to address them.

Customer Care Update

Has it been two weeks already? The gas training that was attended in Owenton, Kentucky was very educational as well as informative, always good to see and hear about improvements in products as well as manufacturing processes and new products that are coming soon. You can read much more on this in the gas division article. Once back in town it was back to the routine, lots or work orders, problem reports to check up on, cut off day was interesting, as always. But of course we survived. We spent the morning training on the new service order software "PubWorks", quite a bit of information to absorb but eventually it should make our customer service even better. Time to get back to work now.. until next time... See ya around town



Happy at Work? You Oughtta Be!

Yesterday, I sat in on a presentation for professional services. This team brought in all kinds of props including sketches, renderings, drawings and plenty of ideas. They had more experience than they could ever talk about in this one hour that they were given. I heard so many professional credentials that my head started to spin. They had done similar projects seemingly all over the universe but none of that impressed me. Everyone has pretty much the same marketing schtick! But then they hit that sweet spot and started telling us how much FUN this process would be. Now, I don't know if anyone has ever described any process as fun but this team not only did but then they emphasized it again and again. Brilliant and wonderful if it turns out to be true.

But that started me wondering. Would any of our folks describe their job as fun? I have always said that if you aren't happy with your job then you should find another. Life is too short to be miserable with over half of your waking hours! We have all been at a fast food establishment and had some mad person shove our tray at us and say "Yours!" with a nasty snarl. That guy needs to do something else...soon!

This week Jason Walters and Richard O'Leary transferred from Refuse to the Water/Sewer crew where I hope they have fun! And also, long time friend Gerry McCloud returned from hiatus to join that same water and sewer crew. I hope when you see these guys out working that they can say that they are having fun!



From the Director: Ain't No Doubt About It, We Are Doubly Blessed!

Not long ago, I was talking to a friend of mine who lives in an urban metropolis. We were talking about life in general when he started discussing crime, safety and his general feeling of fear in his everyday life. I remembered all of those feelings.

I asked him how he would feel if he lived in a place where there were no drive-by shootings, in fact, a place where murders happened every decade or so. What about a place where many people still left their doors unlocked and not many people felt the need for security systems. How about a place where speeding and drinking were the primary traffic problems. He just sighed a wishful breath.

Then I said "I live in a place just like that called Perryville." He shot me a look of surprise and said, "That place ain't Perryville, it is Perry-Dise!"

Sometimes, we forget about how good we have it and how great a place we live. This is something that we should never forget and always be thankful for! Now I can't get this stupid song lyric outta my head.

"Perry-dise by the dashboard light."

-Jim Steinman 1976

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. I & I is being reduced slowly as we find more broken service lines and lamp holes. Five have been found in April, one lamp hole has been repaired and one will be repaired by the time the news letter comes out. Three service lines with a continuous flow of water have been turned over to the property owners for repair. Staff is continuously looking for sources if I&I and will continue until we get them all located and found. Earth First started on Grand Street Wednesday the 20th of April. The hydrant and end cap were in place by 3 pm on the 26th and the main filled. Depending on the weather the testing should be completed by Friday and the main placed in service on Monday May 1st. Jason Walter and Richard O'Leary have transferred from refuse to water and sewer and Gerry McCloud has been hired to fill the open spot on the team. Please welcome them aboard as their training will be thorough but short before they assume their on call duties.



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 have the gas department's truck #403 at Clarke Power Service getting the transmission looked at. We are going to be working on some generators within the next two weeks for the sewer department. We need to replace some hoses and belts. The School St. generator is down at Cummins Mid South. They were here during the 6 month inspection and while the generator was running it shut down. They found that the fuel pump shaft broke inside the pump. We are working On Police Dept. #122 replacing the power steering pump, camera and radio in #117 and doing service on other ones. We have the park mowers in for service. We are also installing the newer mosquito machine in truck #900. This unit is a lot different than the other unit.

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 filled potholes throughout the city and along the shoulders of North Main Street. We removed the T-post at the roundabout, mowed city lots and brush hogged lots. We got the street signs ready to sell at Mayfest. We poured concrete on Park Ave and Bruce Street. We painted some yellow curbs.

Storm Water: We cleaned the catch boxes.

Airport: We sprayed weeds, install stickers for the Highway Patrol Satellite Office at the FBO building.

Pic(R)-Randy Finger keeps our police cars running right!

Pic(below)-Mark uses the new system.



Update From the Building Department

By Angie Fields, CBO

Last week I was given the opportunity to attend the Emergency Management Conference in Branson. The Public Works Department is continually learning and preparing for a potential emergency situation. Not only do our Gas and Water Crews attend training and certification courses, I am continuing my education as well. During the conference, I was able to attend a speech by Governor Jay Nixon. Other topics included in the conference were related to building resilient communities and cyber security. There were also several breakout sessions. I attended sessions pertaining to Disaster Logistics Preparedness, Best Practices in Emergency Management and Floodplain Administration. The conference also included several vendors. I spent some time with one vendor specializing in debris management. Now that we have begun updating the Emergency Operations Plan, any information I can take away from the conference will be able to be incorporated into our updated plan.

NGV forum at Ponderosa April 27; For professional haulers/delivery firms; Co-sponsored by City of Perryville Natural Gas and Gilster/Mary Lee. Call for details at 547-2500.



Pic right: Baby geese at the water plant!

NATURAL GAS: THE BEST CHOICE!

Our new 24 hour emergency number is 547-2500 and soon you will see our new billboard as you go South on Highway 61, just past our office!

For Everyday Calls and Emergencies!
24 HOURS
547-2500



Water Plant >>>

We recently attended the SE section conference of the MWWC. It was some good training and catching up with some old friends. We have repaired a couple small leaks, did some water sample testing training, and various other maintenance. I did attend a Cardinal ballgame courtesy of CMT and Mark Brown for not being able to attend! Thanks Mark! Even though the Cards lost we still had a good time. I hope Mark can't go again soon and I get lucky enough to win the drawing!

NGV Meeting Update

PPW hosted a Natural Gas Vehicle round Table at Ponderosa on April 27. Over 50 commercial truck and hauling operators attended as well as NGV experts from St. Louis to Nashville. Peterbilt brought a natural gas powered truck to show off. Much was learned and the talk about a fueling station in Perryville continues. While current CNG price per gallon is about the same as diesel, it won't be like that for long and the price stability and cleanness of natural gas was lauded.



Waste Water Plant Update

We have hauled biosolids, leachate from the landfill and have been taking care of the second year trees. We have also been working with the Sabreliner Aviation Crew on operating the package treatment plant at the Airport. I am glad the weather is warming as it helps our bugs tremendously. May will be here soon is it April flowers bring May showers or the other way around?

Leadership: A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but become one by the quality of his actions and the integrity of his intent. In the end, leaders are much like eagles...they don't flock, you find them one at a time. (thanks to Ed Ponder for this!)