

# final thoughts...

Summer is here! 100 degrees and more.

So the time for  
**HYDRATION**  
Has arrived!

Hydration begins 24 hours before the heat, so prepare!

Meghan and Jacob continue to turn old and worn into pretty and proud!



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CNG and garbage  
Bids!  
Projects  
And much more!



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Plant your family here.

## Office Report

The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be June 20th at 3:15.

All Hands Meeting will be July 18th at 2:45 p.m. at the PPC.

## Visitors at Public Works!!

Visitors in the last two weeks include Ed Stallons with Key Equipment, Billy Everett with MRWA, Jeff Doss with CMT, Joe Thomas with Aramark, Taimen Taylor with Optica 360, LLC, Brent Buerck, and Lincoln Duncan with BHMG.

## Happy Anniversaries in June:

David Clements	24 years
Randy Finger	16 years
Richard LaRose	16 years
Charlie McLeod	2 years
Richard O'Leary	1 year

coming soon >>>

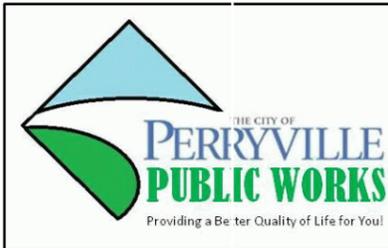
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A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

June 17, 2016

# What's In The Works And More!



Hot weather is upon us, so as a reminder take frequent breaks and drink plenty of fluids. The Gas Division has been trimming trees, mowing and spraying easements. Staff is wrapping up the leak repairs on the leaks found during leak survey. The most common leak they found was on meter stops that needed greased. We installed an access gate by the MODOT shed on the easement of the Rambling Hills gas line. This gate gives us easier access to the easement. Staff has also installed and raised a couple of residential meters in the past two weeks. We have filled in for the customer care personnel in his absence.

Pic: This is a picture of the two gas stations that are scheduled to be refurbished in August.



## Customer Care Update

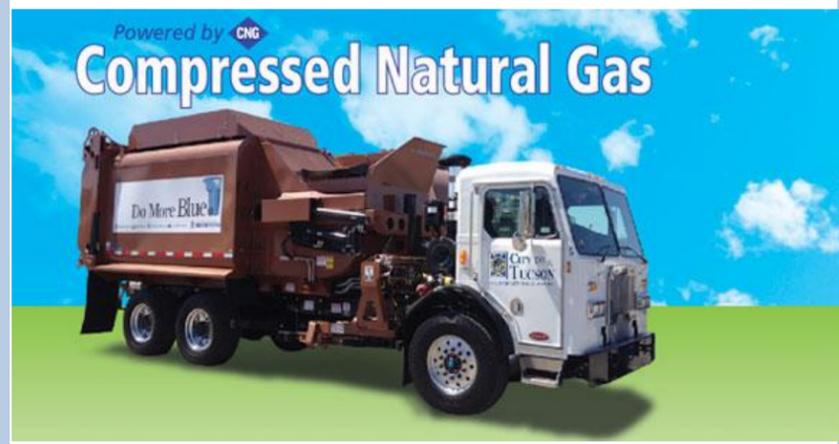
From Tim Paulus

Hello again from Customer Service. Mid June already and the temperatures and humidity feel more like mid July. **HOT-HOT-HOT!** Once again, busy and business as usual. Many work orders with our customers continuing to move in and out all over town. The high water consumption calls are on the rise and lots of meetings with customers to figure out "where all that water went". The yearly cycle keeps turning.... Fathers' Day is this Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers out there! Gotta get going now so, until next time, See Ya Around Town!!!

## Garbage and Natural Gas

Last week, I attended the Waste 360 Expo. It was the largest exhibit hall of waste equipment and services ever! I thought that I was attending a sanitation show but quickly found out that the main theme was natural gas. That's right, EVERY vendor had natural gas trucks on display! I learned that about 90% of all trash trucks sold these days are CNG. Amazing. And the reasons are multiple: The cleaner fuel means less maintenance and longer life; The CNG fuel savings over the life of the vehicle will more than pay the difference in cost; and the positive effect on our environment with 95% less emissions than diesel.

I also met with fuel station owners, builders and developers and hopefully started that ball rolling for Perryville. It is easy to see that if we combine our municipal fleet, school bus fleet and commercial and industrial vehicles, we could be a major CNG center very quickly. Of course, there is much work to do and a lot of education but natural gas is here to stay!



## From the Director: Big Bids!

On June 14, we opened bids at City Hall on two major projects: A new sewer jetter/hydro excavator truck and the two new elevated water towers. The sewer truck is our most important piece of emergency equipment. It can clear those clogged sewers quickly but maybe more importantly, it can use the water to dig holes quickly and safely around all of those utilities. The 6 bids averaged around \$350,000.

The two new water towers came in on budget around \$2.4 million. They are critical to continuing our progress towards keeping our water system the most efficient, safe and effective as possible. One tower will replace the current Wal-Mart tank and be placed between Wal-Mart and the interstate. The other tank will be a new tank and will be near PHS. This tank will greatly increase the flow in the southern and central part of our town.

It will take us some time to qualify the bids on the truck as each has different features. We have demoed 3 of them and all are serious upgrades to our current truck.



## Water and Sewer Update

Welcome to Summer ! Seems like we went from the 70's to the 100's over night. I would like to remind everyone to stay hydrated, if needed find somewhere with AC to take a break!

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. Jason Walter has been temporarily assigned new duties in the Utility Information Tech department (locating water, gas and sewer). Since the first of May he has completed 247 locate tickets for the City. Water and sewer crews are starting to jump back into the meter change out program. Interns have started on the hydrant maintenance program painting hydrants in Ward II. Hopefully the every other day or so rains are over. The valve maintenance program is well under way and several lift stations are being rebuilt, and its only June. The new Route AC water line project has started (*see pic below*) and Jokerst is moving the check valve out of the new road towards TG. They are about 12 feet deep and breaking almost 4 feet of rock. The Alma Street Senior housing has started. Earth First has the water lines installed and they are working on storm water and sanitary sewer. The Sycamore Road Senior housing should be starting in the next few weeks as well.



## Project Directories

### Street Dept.

Sinkhole projects – Planning

### Gas Dept.

Moore Dr: easements complete

### WWTP

Engineering study – complete in Sept

### Water Plant

New UV – Ribbon cutting soon!

### Water/ Wastewater Dept.

Evaluating bids on new sewer truck

### Water System Renovation –

New water tank bids ready for Board

### Manhole Lining: Planning stage

### Work Order System: Up and

running; looking into fleet maint progr

### Customer Care Center: Now

online at 547-2500! 24 hr emerg line!



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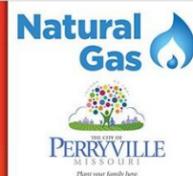
**Natural gas is everywhere!**

**4 of our 6 bids on the new sewer truck included a CNG option!**

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The Natural Choice.**

**For Everyday Calls  
and Emergencies!  
24 HOURS  
547-2500**



## Water Plant >>>

It got hot all of a sudden! We are trying to stay cool here at the water plant. We always have plenty to drink! We have been having some air compressor problems at the wells and may have to upgrade to a bigger compressor. We have been getting some samples, rebuilt the chlorine pump at well 4, and have been doing some painting. We are patiently waiting on pricing for our low lift pump rebuild. Until next time!

Pic(right): *Our water plant is one of our most important resources. Can you believe that it is operated full time by just two dedicated employees? Yep, here Kim is busy taking samples in our lab.*



**Maintenance Department:** With the hot weather things are breaking more, it seems. We went to pick up gas department truck #403 from Clarke Power. They were having trouble with the transmission sticking in gear. We worked on gas department Cub Cadet #418 for not wanting to start. We got the parts for #513 3600 Ford tractor. The arm on the right side broke. We are working on water department truck #601. The A/C compressor locked up, so we are replacing the compressor, dryer and cleaning the system. We are working on truck #803 International hook truck. They are having issues with the hydraulic. It seems the lines are getting hot and causing the seal to leak at the control block. We are going to install the ABS module on C-20 this week. We had to order the module. We are working on the police department new truck #114. We think we have all the things to install on the truck, so we can get it on the road. We also have a long list of service work to do.

**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 swept some streets and fixed a pothole on Bredall Street. We took barricades to the Square for Veggie Vendors 2 different times. We took barricades, barrels and picnic tables to the Square for Bikers Fest. We painted yellow curbs and some white around town. We reinstalled 8 signs along the Soccer Park with breakaway hardware so that they will not be leaning again. We mowed Dry Run Branch. We poured concrete on Charles Drive. We installed Cross Traffic signs on E North Street and Walnut. We placed 4" X6" rock in the ditch area at 17 Richardet. We cleaned up Funks sinkhole area of over grown brush.

**Storm Water:** We cleaned catch boxes in all three wards.

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

Picture Right:  
*It is mowing season!  
Brian takes his grass seriously!*



## Waste Water Plant Update

We have been busy here at the WWTP. We have been hauling biosolids, mowing grass, trying to keep the weeds down, trying to pump down the lagoon from all the rain and various other stuff. Neil Bert recently attended the graduation ceremony in Georgia where he got to walk down with his class. Way to go Neil! Wendell also built a concrete diversion wall for if/when we have to overflow our influent structure due to heavy rain. (pic right) Wendell did all of this on his own. He was the architect/laborer/mason/etc. He did a fine job! (see my shadow in the pic)



*Update From the  
Building  
Department*

**By Angie Fields, CBO**

Temperatures are on the rise and summer is officially here. Our Public Works interns are making great progress on the fire hydrant project. They have completed the hydrants on St. Joseph and Grand, as well as N. Main St. and around the square. They are also helping spruce up around City Hall and painting safety bollards around town. The senior housing development on Alma Ave. has completed the foundation and slab work on the first of 4 buildings. They continue to add the infrastructure along the new portion of Montenet Blvd. and are currently installing retaining walls along the Alma Ave. portion. The city will see the start of a few new projects that will continue into the fall and hopefully wrap up sometime next year. The hospital medical building remodel is well underway with the expansion part of the project under roof and drywall installed. The new hotel should be breaking ground in the next few weeks, as well as, another senior housing development and additional commercial retail space this fall. Perryville is on the move and what a wonderful "site" to see.

