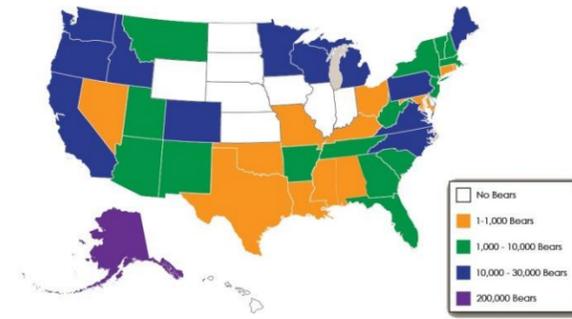


final thoughts...

“Valor finds or makes a way”

From the Congressional Medal of Honor presented to Captain Oliver Hazard Perry, Jan 6, 1814



Fun Facts: Bear Demographics

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Office Report

The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be November 21st at 3:15.

All Hands Meeting: November 7th at 3:15 pm

Visitors at Public Works!!

Natalie Leonard with KGM, Jim Hays with Industrial Sales, Gary Paur with Cintas, Chris Sheets with Knapheide, John Marley with Woody's Municipal Supply Co., Brian Buchanan with Public Service Commission, Alan J Callier, PE with Donohue, John Farrow with Midwest Meter, and Prince Hudson.

Happy Birthdays in November :

- Brian Bohnert 1st
- Dakota Wright 1st
- Richard O'Leary 27th

coming soon >>>

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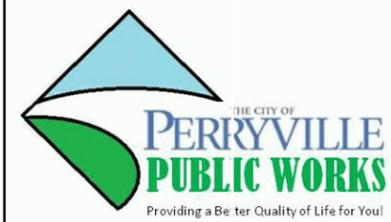
- Banquet Update
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And even some surprises

A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

October 28, 2016

What's In The Works And More!



Just a reminder to everyone there will be a lot of little ghost and goblins out in town on the evening of Halloween which is Monday October 31, 2016. So keep your eyes open watching for them to dart across the road as they run from house to house collecting their treats. Have a **SAFE** and Happy Halloween.

The gas staff has been working on Alma Dr extending the gas main down to Montenet Street for future use. They also ran the problem reports that were generated from the last read cycle. Staff has worked with Utility Billing working the gas turn on that were generated while Tim Paulus completed the read cycle for October. We have several gas services to run when the property owners are ready. Staff also repaired the yards in Lake Pointe Acres that were disturbed during the gas main extension.

Customer Care Update

From Tim Paulus

Hello again from Customer Service. It's been a little crazy lately, in fact I almost didn't get this article written and turned in... That being said, I will focus on the most significant thing that has happened recently. John Farrow from Midwest Meter came in to do a ride along while the cycle 1 meters were being read. It was a good experience for both of us. The weather was perfect and with only a few exceptions (4) we were able to read all the meters in town. The national average for non-reads is .5% which in our case would be 35. Four is almost unheard of! Pretty impressive... Otherwise, business as usual until next time,

See Ya Around Town



Election Day

Political power is inherent in the people. But as a practical matter though, it is technically only in the hands of the people who choose to vote.

Yeah, you might have to stand in line, get up early and even vote after dark. Why you ask? As recently as 2000, the Presidential election outcome was determined by a few hundred voters in Florida. A few hundred. Currently, over 50 million eligible Americans are not registered to vote. 50 million.

Men and women have fought valiantly over the country's history to give us this chance to live in a democratic society. Many have given their lives in this pursuit, including the efforts to include minorities and, yes, women in the voter rolls.

Everyone seems to want to complain about this or that or some or all candidates but the only way to achieve change and progress is to participate. And the first step of participation is voting. So, on November 8, be an American. Go to the polls. Cast your ballot and be proud to be an American.

I will.

From the Director: Annual Plan Time

One of the most exciting times of the year for our staff. It is the opportunity for each superintendent to give their overview on what we have accomplished, where we are and what we hope to accomplish in the future. Combining this with our on-going Capital Improvement Plan allows all to see the entire picture of our progress, our challenges and our solutions.

This year's annual plan will have a special accent on safety, showcasing our leaps of improvement and our continued commitment to even a higher level in the future. We continue to incorporate the very best standards of training, teaching and practices available. Please take time to read the input and hard work that our staff puts into the Annual Plan and ask questions. Much of this info is there for discussion and as always, we are open to new ideas!



Last years Annual Plan motto was "Half Way there!"

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. October is full of surprises, from sewer manholes buried 2 ft deep to water mains exploding while being tapped. Staff is still working on repairing the sewer main behind Ganahl and will be uncovering another manhole that we found further down the line towards N Main St. We will be uncovering a manhole that was found while locating for the new sidewalk going down Huber Rd. Parkview lift station and Hilltop lift station had some issues and piping was attended to on each. Water meters continue to be replaced and ERT wires repaired. Meters were read, problem reports completed along with shutoffs. A 10 inch main exploded while tapping for the new AT&T store, a new 10 inch valve was installed and 4 ft of pipe replaced. Staff completed a couple of water taps and water lines.

Pic right: An old lift station behind Ganahl Street that we found, now used as a manhole but not on our maps. An entire street was draining into our sewer! Not anymore!



Project Directories

Street Dept.

Sidewalks starting on Huber next wk

Gas Dept.

Service now in Lake Pointe Acres

WWTP

Engineering study – complete soon

Water Plant

New UV online and operating

Water/ Wastewater Dept.

Sewer truck delivery Feb 15

Water System Renovation –

WalMart tank erection start Nov 15

CNG Station: Proposals In!

New Trash Trucks: Studying

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

Maintenance: We will be replacing the hour meter on backhoe 419 and some other things that need to be done. We are working on Police #117, low tire monitor light stays on and it needs tires, and service. We also have Police #120 to work on the radar unit and external radio mic not working and other things. We will service truck #901, 205, 507, and truck 503 needs exhaust pipe replaced and wiper blades. Tractor #817 needs the main lift arm looked at. It is acting up. Richard also held a class for all on-call team members on the operation of our emergency generator that is equipped with 4000 watts of lighting.

Street, Refuse and Maintenance Department Update

The Street Department continued the busy fall. We swept some streets, sawed Edwards for the new catch box, installed signs on the end of Grand Ave and the bypass, cleaned catch boxes in all three wards, hauled spoils off, and used Sidewinder/brush hog the Right-a-way on T Road. We picked up trash all week for the Fall cleanup. We concreted 702 Grand sidewalk, repaired the water break hole at the hospital driveway, spread gravel on Seminary Road, cut curb on Thomas St., and poured concrete on Edwards. We picked up leaves, took barricades to St Vincent, cleaned equip, cleaned the Legends Hall, mowed lots, and both roundabouts.

Pic right: Richard gave all a class on operation of our emergency generator/lights.



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Water Plant >>>

We got our last Low lift pump installed and it is running good. Pretty soon we will have most of our pumps rebuilt. Let's hope that the plant will be taken care of for years to come. We had the gravel from the creek spread out by Schuessler Excavating. We have been busy doing routine maintenance and cleaning. See you next week.



Waste Water Plant Update

I hope fall is finally here to stay. We have been hauling biosolids, closing towers for cold weather, repairing equipment, doing some much needed cleaning, getting our e-dmr set up, and the list goes on and on... See you next week. Sometimes I have writers block when trying to write an article. This is what I look like. (see pic right)



Building Department Update

By Angie Fields, CBO

Last week I was lucky enough to complete my first ISO interview. Most of you know that the ISO is an independent insurance rating company that publishes how a city performs in certain aspects. Every 6 years the ISO will re-evaluate the building department of a municipality. 2016 was our year. I was notified a few weeks ago that a representative would be interviewing me to discuss the evaluation form I was given. The evaluation form was a 22 page form with questions ranging from number of permits given, number of inspections performed, current adopted code cycle, and qualifications of the Building Official. I spent the next week gathering all of the information included in the form. The interview itself took about an hour and a half and the representative was extremely pleased with the effort put into the collection of data included on the form. We are currently ranked at a 5 out of 10. However, since we are currently 2 code cycles behind the current code, we will most likely lose a few positions. I am currently combing through the 2015 code books to determine the significant changes that would occur under the new code. There seem to be several clarifications made since 2009 and some large changes. Both the IRC and IBC have deleted very important chapters and new separate codes have been created in their absence. It will be very important that we consider these changes as we continue through this process. We should hear back about our rating in the next month or so. If our ranking falls, we will have several months to make necessary ordinance changes and have the ISO consider those changes. The adoption of the new code is a vital part of keeping our 5 rating, but other items weigh on the ranking as well. Certifications and training are key factors that must be included in the department. Continuing education for myself and the education of our residents in the current building code will be reflected in our quest to improve our score.