

## **Public Service Department**

### **MONTHLY REPORT April 2016**

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## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS April 2016

#### **Energy Conservation Initiative- LED lights**

The director met with representatives from UIC Energy LLC, a company dedicated to innovative solutions for green energy, to discuss the benefits of utilizing LED bulbs in the city's existing street light fixtures. LED style bulbs consume less electricity than the metal halide type which are currently being used in the street lights at Market and Main Streets. The service department operations manager is working with UIC on a cost benefit analysis to upgrade the street light bulbs in the Village Center to LED.

#### **New Albany Stormwater Committee**

The city's recently formed New Albany Stormwater Committee held it's first quarterly meeting in April. In addition to city staff, the meeting was attended by representatives from Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, Follow the River Environmental and E.P. Ferris. Committee members received a copy of the city's new stormwater management plan and discussed the purpose of participation while also touching on annual reporting requirements, the team's organizational chart and planned future activities. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2 and is open to the public.

#### **CMAQ Grant**

The director attended a meeting in April with ODOT to discuss the city's traffic signal coordination project which is funded through federal transportation dollars. New Albany is responsible to cover expenses related to engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction inspections. ODOT funding will pay for interconnecting the city's twenty two (22) signalized intersections using fiber-optic cable. These meetings are held quarterly to ensure the project schedule maintained.

#### **Professional Development**

Service department staff members attended a refresher CPR course held in the department training room. New Albany Police Officer Terry Nemeth was the instructor offering training in morning and afternoon sessions.

Several ODOT LTAP classes were taken by staff members this month; Road Drainage which was attended by Justin Anderson, Kenny Geiger, Chad Bauman and Ken Gray along with Asphalt Pavement Preservation, attended by Justin Anderson, Ken Gray and Brian Walkenspaw.

The 2016 Tree City USA event was hosted by the City of Westerville and attended by service employees Justin Anderson, Shaun Bush, Brian Strayer and Doug Wittman.

# PROJECT PLANNING UPDATES April 2016

#### **Rytec Doors**

The director, operations manager and fleet supervisor met with a representative from the Rytec Corporation at the SWACO solid waste transfer station on Morse Road to evaluate the durability of Rytec's high performance roll-up doors. Currently, a large canvas door is utilized at the service department salt storage barn, however it is not effective during strong wind events. The city is researching different style door systems to determine what the best long term solution will be for the salt building.

#### **Safety Town Improvements**

Working with the city engineer, the New Albany Police Department had plans designed to expand the safety town roadway system. Currently, construction is underway to incorporate a roadway roundabout and cul-de-sac to safety town streets. The service department has hired local contractor Architectural Gardens to perform the work while staff oversees the installation. Improvements will be completed by the end of May, right before the first session of classes begin in June of 2016.

#### **Dublin-Granville at Harlem Traffic Signal is Warranted**

The director met with the city traffic engineer from EP Ferris to review the traffic study conducted for the intersection of Dublin-Granville Road at Harlem Road. The study revealed that due to increased vehicular traffic at the intersection, warrants for signalization were met based on State of Ohio rules. As a result, preliminary traffic signal layouts are being designed. It is expected that construction plans will be completed by the end of this year with the project budgeted for construction in 2017.

## CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS April 2016

#### **Beech Road 2 Million Gallon Water Tank**

- The interior walls of the tank have been framed, insulated and are being drywalled.
- Final site work has started with grading, driveway installation and temporary fence removal.
- The water tank is scheduled for June 2016 operation.



Final site work is underway and asphalt driveway installed.

#### Johnstown Road Water Tank Repainting

- The construction contract was awarded to Central Painting & Sandblasting at a base bid price of \$396,200.
- Work includes painting both the interior tank bowl and exterior building surfaces.
- Construction schedule is June 2016 to August 2016.



Current photo of Johnstown Road Water Tank before painting.

#### Forest Drive to Zarley Street Connector Road

- Construction contractor is Nickolas Savko & Sons.
- Project began in November with earth moving work, storm water controls and cutting in the roadway.
- Installation of storm sewers and water line is completed. Curbs and roadway based was placed in April.

New Via Tessora Road looking west with curb and road based completed.

#### **Beech Road Tank Sanitary Lift Station**

- The construction contract was awarded to BK Layer, LLC at a bid price of \$79,775
- Work includes the installation of a sanitary lift station and force main for the Beech Rd. Tank building.
- Construction schedule is April 2016 to June 2016



The Beech Rd. Tank sewer service will connect into the new Lift Station.

## PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS April 2016

In preparation for the activation of a new traffic signal on US 62 (Johnstown Road) in front of Turkey Hill Gas Station, service crews ground off existing pavement stripping to make way for new turn lanes. Stop bars were added for both north and south bound lanes at the new signalized intersection. The Paul Peterson Company was hired to paint the additional stripping and turn arrows needed to complete the project.

Despite the threat of rain, the service department's annual Spring Roadside Cleanup Project was successfully completed. The entire staff was actively involved in picking up trash along the State Route 161 roadsides within New Albany to prepare for the mowing season. A total of 167 bags of trash equaling 5845 pounds of waste was collected during the day long event.

The Willis house located in New Albany's Village Center at 8 S. High Street was recently razed. The city purchased this property in December of 2015 with intentions to promote Village Center development. The demolition project included one two-story structure including the basement. The existing two car garage accessed by the alley was left intact for temporary storage use. The home which was removed dated back to 1910 and did not represent any historic value.

The public service department manages the city's Adopt a Roadway program which includes various volunteer groups participating in both roadside clean up projects and parkland preservation imitatives. The New Albany Cycling Club members recently collected 16 bags of trash along Dublin-Granville Road between Reynoldsburg New Albany Road and Beech Road.



Crews grind off existing striping to make way for a new turn lane.



Full trash bags are placed along the shoulder for collection at the end of the day.

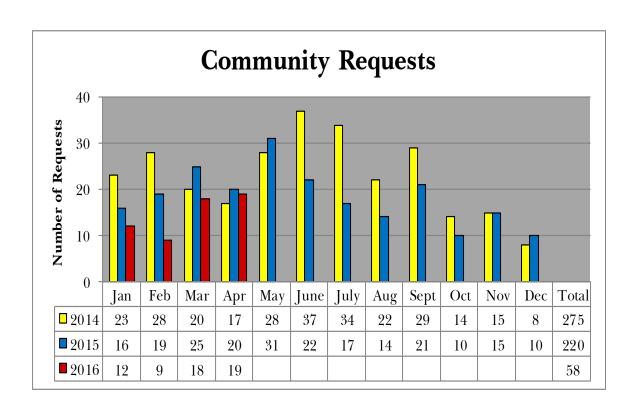


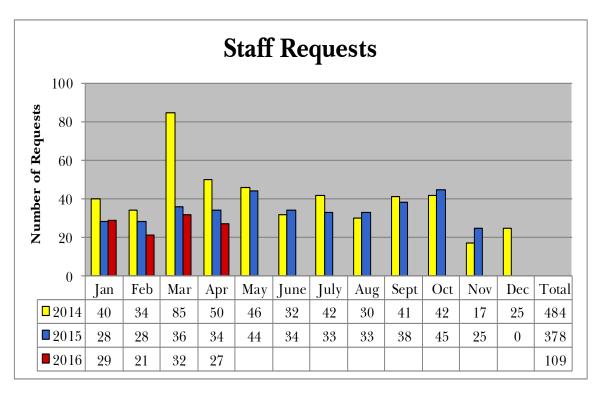
The city purchased building at 8 S. High St. was demolished for future land use.



The New Albany Cycling Club adopted Dublin–Granville Road for Litter pickup.

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## SEASONAL STATISTICS April 2016

