

final thoughts...

Stephen Hawking died this week. Was he the smartest person ever? Who knows but what always impressed me about him was his desire to live and to not allow his disability to stop him. He was smart, sure, but he was a fighter. He lusted for life, fought adversity and made us all smarter along the way. RIP.



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Office Report

The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be April 30th at 3:15. All Hands Meeting: April 9th at 3:15 pm at Legends Hall.

Visitors at Public Works!!

Tom Gobin with Gas Products Sales, Prince Hudson, Andrew Horrell with Aramark, Tim Baer with Baer Engineering, Sonny Gebhardt, Danny Gebhardt, Jeff Gabel and John Jaskot with R V Wagner, Daren Brown with Brown Construction, Al Donze of Donze Construction, Curt Buerck, and Gary Paur with Cintas.

Happy Anniversaries in March:

Mark Weibrecht	31 years
Kim Messmer	9 years
Dustin Donze	6 years
Barbara Maxwell	2 years
Scott Barber	1 year

coming soon >>>

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New Trash Policies
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And more.....



Richard LaRose and Tim Britt attended the 54th NETA Work Truck show in Indianapolis March 6-9 2018. Talked with several CNG truck conversion manufactures. There was also several truck bed manufactures that we spoke with. It was a very interesting show with lots of new products.

The gas staff has been working on finding and repairing a cathodic short on the 8" main by MFA. A cathodic short consist of a broken anode wire or bare pipe coming in contact with the soil. The anode is a device that pulls the electrolyses off of the steel pipe and the magnesium block deteriorates instead of the main rusting.

Staff also trenched in conduit from the CNG power pole to the pole barn. This conduit will be used for running electric to the electrical outlets so the new trash trucks can plug their block heaters in at night.

Staff is also working with USDI on updating the Distribution Integrity Management Plan. This is required annually by State and Federal Regulations.

The gas staff also worked with Tom Gobin with Gas Products Sales on 3/12/2018 on some meter issues.

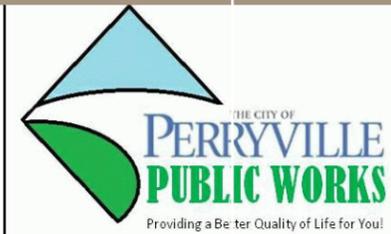
Pictured right: One of the many CNG powered trucks from the Work Truck show last week in Indianapolis



A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

March 16, 2018

What's In The Works And More!



Tornado Season

The media would have you to believe that global warming is increasing the number and fierceness of tornados. Not true. The worst tornados of all time happened in the early 1900's and even in the 1800's. The worst one ever recorded came right thru Perry County March 18, 1925. On that day, at least 695 people were killed and thousands were injured. This tornado, an F-5, started near Annapolis Missouri and traveled a total of 219 miles across Illinois and into Southern Indiana.

It came thru Biehle where 4 people died including a 35 year old farmer named Joe Blechle, who was laid to rest even as his wife lay injured at a neighbor's house. The tornado then crossed the river and obliterated the town of Gorham, killing 34 people. Soon after, it hit Murphysboro, killing 234, with most of the town wiped out. 69 were then killed in DeSoto, including 33 at the school when it collapsed, still the largest death toll at a school in our history.

Tornados continue to be dangerous. Our warning systems save tons of lives but it still requires both vigilance and preparation on all of our parts. Do not take TV warnings lightly. Sometimes the tornado will strike BEFORE the warning siren goes off. Understand the conditions Have a plan.

Know that it can happen here. Remember history because it already has. The biggest ever.

FIRST PICTURES OF STORM DISASTER

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Water & Sewer

First round of routine samples have been pulled and lift stations checked. Staff is looking for a possible leak around the new school site off Schindler Rd. Richard LaRose picked up a camper style tool box for the department. We will be moving some of the service trucks around this spring to better utilize our vehicles. Jordan and Gary will be attending the 10 day DS training and taking the test for certification at the end of the training classes in April. We have a lot of clean up and dig up work to get done when it dries up enough to get in front yards. Staff has been cleaning and videoing sewer mains for Baer Engineering for the Grand Street road improvements this spring and for the sewer main lining. Sewer lining will be starting this month. Staff has been dying service lines in preparation for the lining.



Pic(R): Cleaning and videoing Sewer mains using our Vactor and Camera equipment.

What's Happening

Street Dept.

Drainage work

Gas Dept.

Maintenance

WWTP

Starting Water Affect Ratio Study

Refuse Dept

New trucks delayed; due May 1.

Water/ Wastewater Dept.

Hydrant repairs; flushing; etc

Leaf Season: March 19-23

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

Don't Forget that we still have the **Natural Gas Appliance Rebates!**



We have been busy moving items out of the street bldg and putting them in other places in preparation for the street dept bldg replacement. Cleaned catch boxes and sinkhole grates after the recent rains. We also swept several streets and installed Stop Signs on Walters Lane and Industrial Drive intersection, installed stop blocks and will install rumble strips as soon as they arrive. We also put up barricades and tape on Schindler Road, put dirt, rock and several yards of concrete along Dry Run Branch next to the Allen's Landing Road. We also did dirt work and grass seed etc. and hauled rock in area to get to creek work, changed out the banners on the square, did dirt work around sinkhole behind Perry Co Hospital and grave yard area, filled in hole on 1102 Lucy Street, and repaired School Crossing sign at Saint Vincent on Rosati Court. We graveled Deerfield Lane ditch and put gravel in the alley off of School St, and filled potholes on Grand Ave again. Installed No Parking Signs along the Hospital on West Street, hauled gravel and graded roads, put dirt back, grass seed, fertilizer and straw matting in front of TGUSA where it washed out and installed a silt fence to keep from washing out again. Filled in ditch along B Road and the City Limits due to recent rains, installed new sign on Rolla Street by crosswalk, repaired street patches from water breaks on Feltz, Richardet Street, and did dirt work on Bredall, State, Smith and Saint Augustine intersection.



Pic(r): Mayor Baer was present while we were patching the street.

Building Department Update

By Angie Fields, CBO

What is one of the signs that summer is just around the corner? The issuance of a pool permit. Yes, it is official, the seesaw weather of this past winter has us longing for the longer days and warmer weather of summer. Swimming pools can be wonderful items that we enjoy during those warmer months, however, they also pose a safety hazard to those around us. With the adoption of the 2015 I-code last fall, the City of Perryville will enforce the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code. According to the ICC, "ISPSC approved pools and spas are designed to reduce child drowning or near drowning incidents by introducing or enhancing existing barrier requirements, compliant designs of exit and entry....". Some of the fundamental "layers" to accident prevention are:

1. Barrier Requirements (fencing): To isolate the swimming pool by way of a minimum four foot high enclosure.
2. Automatic Power Safety Cover: A pool cover that is placed over the water area, and is opened and closed with a motorized mechanism activated by a control switch.
3. Manual Safety Covers: An impenetrable covering that completely covers the pool, spa, or hot tub, blocking access to water.
4. Door Exit Alarms: An alarm that produces an audible warning when a child opens a door, screen or window.
5. Self-Closing/Self Latching Devices for Doors and Latching Devices for windows: An approved means of protection, such as, self-closing doors with self-latching devices.
6. Fence Gate Closer & Latch: To close and latch fence gates securely, making a pool, spa, or hot tub inaccessible to a child.

NATURAL GAS: THE BEST CHOICE!

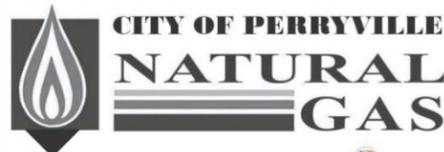
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Good day all. If your faucet still has water coming out when you turn it on then we are doing our job. We have been collecting/analyzing samples, calibrating UV modules, washing alot of filters, changing chlorine tanks, unloading chemical deliveries, replacing the booster at well 1 and lots of other projects. Let me know if your faucet quits working!

Pic: New VFD, soon to be installed At the water plant.



Waste Water TREATMENT PLANT

It sure seems like all we do is sample, sample, and sample. But I guess its job security. We have been doing a lot of sample for various parameters and this week we will be doing the final sampling for the "WER". Staff has been doing electrical work for other dept's. We bleached the secondary's, checked the airport plant, blew out clogged sludge lines, hauled screenings, repair float on lagoon pump station, hauled leachate from the landfill, and pulled lagoon pump #1 and removed debris. We will just stop there because the list would be like PI and never end!



Reminder to parents that these "layers" are backups to the primary means of accident prevention: **Responsible Adult Supervision**