

final thoughts...

Just two hours before the tornado hit our town last year, this is the earliest warning from Channel 12. Isn't amazing what technology and science can now do for us.



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Office Report

The Front Line Safety Committee meeting will be April 30th at 3:15. All Hands Meeting: March 12th at 3:15 pm at Perry Park Center.

Visitors at Public Works!!

Kyle Bierk and Tim Baer with Baer Engineering, Pam Deneke with County Disability Resources, Jason Thomas with Core and Main, and Joe Brown.

Happy Birthday's in March:

Brenda Ochs	4 th
Dave Meyr	9 th
Roger Elder	17 th

coming soon >>>

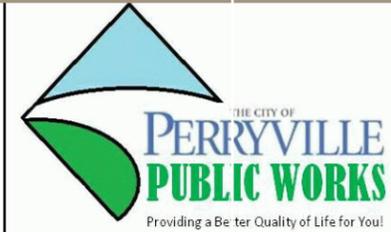
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A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

March 2, 2018

What's In The Works And More!



Spring is just around the corner. I think we are all ready for that. Half of the gas staff has been working at the airport getting it back in order disposing of all the trash and cleaning the floors, walls and replacing ceiling tiles. The other half of the staff has been working on problem reports and any other gas situations that pop up.

The staff at the airport also took everything out of hanger 1 – 8 and 11 and stored in hanger 4-5 and 7.

I am very proud of our PW team as we worked with folks from the Park Dept and helped to spruce up the airport so hopefully, prospective tenants will be impressed. The cleaning and organizing was hard but well worth it. Thanks to all who participated.



*Pictured right: TOP- Park personnel cleaning the floors
BOTTOM: Ryan replacing ceiling tiles.*

Insurance and Safety

There are many people who do not understand how insurance works. Many think that the insurance companies are at risk. The truth is that they are not at risk, or at least not at a very high risk. If you have more claims than premiums, then your premiums are raised the next year to compensate. So really, your health or driving record or safety record directly influences your premium.

In business, you have a MOD rate, which determines how risky you are as a client. That rate is a fair indicator of your future claims. The City of Perryville was recently given the figures for 2017 which figure our premiums for 2018. And guess what? Since we are working safer, the city's premium is DOWN over \$154,000! That is real money saved by the city for YOUR efforts!

It is truly a big deal. So we are not only healthier but we are now a bit richer! A true WIN WIN.

Now the challenge is to continue the trend. Keep our focus on what is truly important, health and safety.

Thanks for all your efforts. It is nice when that hard work and focus can really PAY off!

SAFETY

Within Public Works

Water & Sewer

- Routine samples have been pulled along with special samples for water main breaks and lift stations checked. Crews have been helping with the Airport cleanup making room for new tenants.
- All meters were read and problem reports completed, issues that were found were fixed or replaced.
- February 27th, 28th and March 1st, Charlie and Jeremy Mantz along with Dave Meyr and Robert Brown from the sewer and water plant will be going to the spring water and sewer conference in Branson. Hopefully, we will not be called away as we were last year for the tornado.
- If the weather will cooperate we will be installing more new water settings and master meters. The main replacement should be starting around April or May. We intend to bid all material out on a yearly basis to get better pricing from the distributors.

Smoke testing will be started with a test of the equipment, because it has been some time. If it checks out we will begin as the ground dries out. Heavy rains on the 24th kept crews busy with lift stations. We had four in high level and one over flow.

Pic(R): Smoke testing is coming to Perryville this summer!



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 12-17

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 very busy the last couple of weeks with spreading salt on the streets and cleaning up equipment afterwards, and also getting equipment ready for storm #8. We took portable stop signs to the Square for the St Joseph & Jackson Street area, due to stop lights not working. We patched several potholes through the city, dug out and poured concrete around sewer manhole on Plaza Drive, hauled extra material from City Hall to the Recycle Center, worked several days with several guys at the Airport for cleanup, repaired wooden fence at the Airport facility, and installed red reflective strips on the Stop Sign posts on Shelby Street where Edgemont crosses it. We went to Kienstra Precast and picked up concrete flair end for tank 4 overflow pipe, reinstalled School Crosswalk Sign at Rolla St. & Edwards Street, and cleaned catch boxes again from the recent rains.

Pic (right): Brian working at the Airport.



Waste Water TREATMENT PLANT

Greetings from the end of Hidden Valley Lane, on the scenic banks of the Cinque Hommes Creek! We have been busy bleaching the Secondary Clarifiers, making biosolids, hauling screenings to the landfill, hauling leach water, picking up Lime Slurry and performing operational checks at the airport WWTP. The heavy rains have caused their usual issues and our storm water overflow basin is filled to overflowing. The staff has been cleaning the grease and debris from the plant head works and cleaning the sluice gate. Staff made repairs to Secondary Clarifier #2 sludge draw line. Staff made repairs to the primary clarifiers airlift system. Neil is working on Quality Control sampling in the lab and preparing for the DMRQA sample study.

Neil has also been working Kim Hoskins of Kim HEC on the water effect ratio study. Wendell has been working on several elect projects in town and at the water plant.

Pic(right): Lagoon overflow At our new spillway



Quality water... for life.

We have been working on installing the pumps at Sereno Booster Station, installing gas detection system at the maintenance shop, and dealing with some automated valve issues. We also had our annual DNR inspection last week. We also have been dealing with muddy water all weekend long but I believe we have turned the corner and it's clearing up. Bring on spring!

Pic: New Gas Detector in maint shop

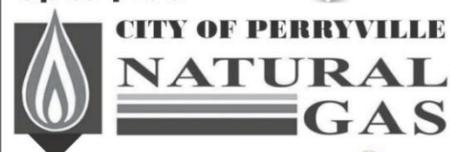


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Building Department Update

By Angie Fields, CBO

One year ago, the City of Perryville and Perry County suffered a major weather event. The tornado that hit the area changed the lives of many. However, local residents, businesses, city and county staff, as well as, many volunteers worked endless hours to clean up the debris and help those affected by the storm get back some of what was taken. Now, one year later, the 22 homes in the city that suffered damage or were destroyed, 13 of them are repaired or rebuilt and those families are able to enjoy their homes once again. 3 are under construction and 6 families have chosen to not to rebuild. Although we typically see major storms in April and May, they can happen at any time, anywhere. Being prepared is key when bad weather strikes. Now is the time to make sure you have your basic emergency supply kit ready. The Perry County Health Department web page has tips on how to create your kit and a link to the Ready in 3 program sponsored by the MO Department of Health and Senior Services. It is also important to have your house ready for the spring season. It is recommended to change the batteries in your smoke detector every 6 months, and remember the detectors should be replaced at least every 10 years. It is also a good idea to check your fire extinguishers and make sure they are in an accessible location. Other maintenance ideas are to clean your clothes dryer duct, check all electrical outlets and cords for frayed wires or loose fitting plugs, check your water heater for leaks and clean your furnace filter. These maintenance tasks could keep you and your family safe by preventing a disaster.