

# final thoughts...

## Security

In our world today, security is a priority. Airports in particular are a special interest to the Homeland Security Dept. Over the next few weeks and months, expect more focus on security at our airport. Pictured to the right is one of the new signs and the new barrier.



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## Office Report

All Hands Meeting: October 8, 2018 at Perry Park Center at 3:15pm.

## Visitors at Public Works!!

Tom Brickey with Schulte Supply, Stan Balsman and Jeremy Tanz with Regional Planning.

## Happy Birthday's in October:

Nick Clifton 22<sup>nd</sup>

## October Anniversaries:

David Meyr 8 Years

## coming soon >>>

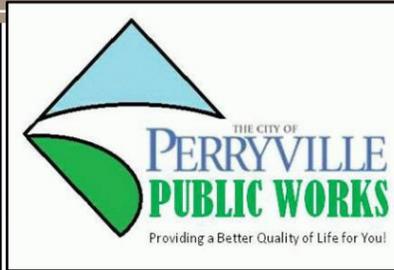
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- Leaf season coming
- Fall for sure
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A Twice Monthly Update from Perryville Public Works

September 28, 2018

# What's In The Works And More!



Hello from the gas division. Fall seems to be approaching us quickly and not long till the trees are all turning beautiful colors. The gas staff has been working at the Airport assisting the airport manager move her fuel pumps from the top of the fuel tanks. The pumps are now located close to the ground, so you don't have to climb the tank to get fuel sample. Staff has also changed out dead meters. They are installing new services and doing maintenance to other meter sets and reg stations. We have cleaned up the scrap meter and pipe bin and took it all to Sides Metal Recycling. Staff has been working with Baer Engineering and Clifton Excavating at the new Redbud Court Subdivision on Sycamore Drive. We have been spotting the gas mains, so they can make the proper cuts to the ground for proper water drainage.

## Airport Report

Greetings from the Perryville Regional Airport. Things have been increasingly busy here and air traffic has increased as well. With busyness comes more planes and more people. Safety and security is a top priority here for the well being of our visitors, clients, and fellow employees. We have begun an implementation to secure and keep automobiles off the taxiways and runway. This lately has been an issue., but signs have been made and striping has been placed to assist in this matter (see pic above). We have also placed channelized cones to deter traffic.

We are having the Gas Department techs assist with relocating sump pumps from off the top of our tanks to ground level for safe fuel pumping (see pic left). This is almost complete and I look forward to utilizing them.

The repair of the runway has been successfully completed by the Street Department techs and the FOD (Foreign Object Debris) issue has significantly decreased. Many thanks to Public Works!!

Pic:  
Gas  
Dept  
At  
airport



## Legends Banquet

On Nov 2, we will have the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Legends Banquet, where we celebrate another year of wonderful accomplishments and induct 2 more Legends into our Public Works Hall of Fame. This year's inductees come from the 1970's and the 1930's. We have family members coming from 6 states to honor this year's Legends. More importantly, we will be honoring our own everyday heroes who succeed in delivering High quality water, sewer, natural gas, street and sanitation services to our citizens 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We are proud of the services that these men and women provide, and this is the community's opportunity to say "thanks". Many of our vendors, consultants and contractors are sponsoring this banquet and to all them we say Thank You and hope to see all of yall there!



Who are the Legends? They are just some of the dedicated citizens who have built the foundation that our city is built upon. Rarely honored or even seen, unless something goes wrong, this is our way of remembering their sacrifices and accomplishments. Howard Blair was the city's first gas superintendent. He supervised the installation of the first lines and actually lit the first pilot light. Terry King was the second gas superintendent and oversaw the first complete renovation. Ronnie Berkbuegler was a longtime WWTP superintendent. Lowell and Wayne Walker were brothers who were each volunteer fireman and ran the maintenance shop. Melvin Niswonger was longtime director of public works and brought us from the dark ages to the modern times. Harold Schubert was a dedicated street department crew leader for almost 30 years. Mel Weber, for almost 35 years, worked in several departments including gas and meter reading.

# Water & Sewer

Lift stations are being checked two times a week. A soft start issue is being addressed at Rock Quarry. We are waiting for delivery. Routine Bac-Tees will be completed the week of the 24th. We continue working on water meters and master meters. Smoke testing is continuing throughout town as well as hydrant flushing. We have completed the installation of water main from Main to Edgemont. The first section has passed both Bac-Tee and pressure testing. Crews will start the meter settings replacement the week of 9-24-2018. The second half will be sampled and pressure tested at the same time. Since July crews have installed a total of 2,300 feet of line. The goal is to install a minimum of 8,000 ft yearly. The next street for water line replacement is N.

Moulton. The lining crew reported an I&I issue at the intersection of Bruce and Star. Investigation has led us to a leaking fire hydrant, approximately 10 gpm, repair parts are on order.

*Pic(R): Upgrading water lines is A tough job!*



## What's Happening

### Street Dept.

Sidewalks complete on Cedar

### Gas Dept.

New subdivision on Sycamore

### WWTP

Researching new plant technology

### Refuse Dept

Putting the new trucks into action

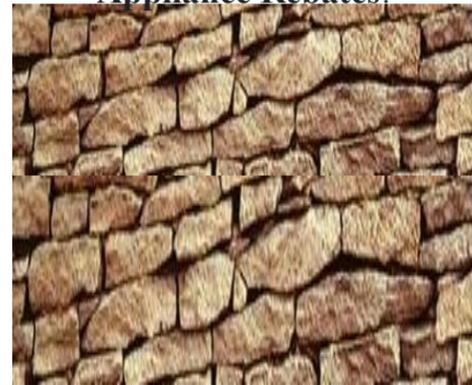
### Water/ Wastewater Dept.

Hydrant repairs; flushing; Moulton water line; smoke testing

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### Natural Gas Appliance Rebates!



The Refuse Department new trucks will be going alone starting September 4, 2018. Only trash that is in the toter carts will be picked up and special needs will be picked up on Wednesdays. The Street Department picked up the old stop blocks at City Hall, graded Deerfield Lane again, cleaned several sinkhole grates after the recent rains as well as catch boxes again, reinstalled several stop signs and a yield sign, did storm water work on Veterans Drive as well and blacktop and reflectors for ditches, removed the trees on the Public Works lot next to Smith Street, finished the storm water inlet on French Ln for the Splash Pad, also repositioned the straw bales and staked them again for the storm water that flows from the bypass across the Splash Pad area, repaired storm water drain near house on Grand Ave and Moulton Street areas, and removed rumble strips on Industrial Drive. We filled in possible sinkhole at 708 Water St and will wait for an easement on this. We replaced several pads of concrete on Big Springs Ave due to the hot weather causing them to raise up, added gravel to the end of

Feltz from water meter change out, swept several streets, repaired storm water issues at 1001 Deer Run Ct. and patched problem areas on the runway at the airport. We closed the Runway for 4 Hours on Mon-Wed.



*Pic(r): Asphalt patching in progress.*



We have bleached the Secondary Clarifiers, mowed, sprayed weeds, cleaned the UV disinfection modules, hauled screenings to the landfill and operational checks at the airport WWTP. We replaced some ballasts on the UV system and cleaned the debris from Trickling Filter Tower. We made repairs to Secondary Clarifier #1 and hauled leach water from the P C Transfer Station lagoon. We completed our work on our semi-annual Preventative maintenance checklist and making needed repairs to equipment.

## Building Department Update

By Angie Brown, CBO

October is here and the temperatures are cooling off. There are some maintenance items to consider during the upcoming season. As cooler temperatures move in, outdoor hoses should be disconnected from the hose bib before the first freeze. Freezing temperatures cause the water in the hose to freeze and can potentially cause a water line to burst in your home. Although most new hose bibs are labeled "frost proof", that may not be the case. Removing hoses is the simplest way to ensure a frozen hose won't flood your basement. The changing color of the leaves in the trees are beautiful, however, it is a sign that they are about to fall. Leaves collect along the walls and in corners of your house. Remove any hanging or dead tree branches from your trees. This simple act will protect your roof and your head and lessen the chance that rain or ice will remove the branches for you. The city provides a great service and will pick up leaves and brush to help homeowners keep their yard clean. This also allows homeowners to avoid potential damage caused by heavy wet leaves collecting against wood siding and other exterior wall coverings. Termites and other insects love wood, they can cause thousands of dollars in damages. The cleaner the area, the less likely damage will occur. Fall is my favorite time of the year, however, as a homeowner, there are a lot of chores to complete before Old Man Winter arrives. But for now, I will enjoy the season, as I hope my fellow neighbors do as well.

### NATURAL GAS: THE BEST CHOICE!

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## Quality water... for life.

It seems like I am writing a new newsletter article every week lately! I think Ole "Perry White" is shortening the gap between editions! I guess that makes Brenda "Lois Lane"? On a more serious note, we have been busy at the water plant. Water is like gasoline everyone needs it. We have been pumping around 1.4 million gallons per day. That is a lot of H2O. We have been trying to keep up with the mowing, cleaning turbidimeter equip, routine maintenance, PT testing, and quite a few other things that I could ramble about. It may turn into bragging at that point. By the way, that is me With the S on his shirt.

