# **October 2022** PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT

### PROGRAMS

#### Mowing

The PW's crews have **34** city owned properties that are mowed weekly. These properties range from facilities, parks and ROW's. The city also contracts out **13** additional properties such as alleyways and other green spaces.

October is the end of the mowing season for PW's and you can tell by the diversity in the number of man hours worked, year to year. PW's crews worked **22** man hours in October due to the dry weather, keeping the City looking Exceptional.



#### Street Light Audit

A PW's team member performed a quarterly street light "audit" in October. This requires the team member to work through the overnight hours in order to get an accurate assessment of lights that may be out or or malfunctioning (going on and off repeatedly). October's audit yielded 7 street lights in need of attention, **4** reported to Duke Energy and **3** to Owen Electric. The number of problem lights identified is proof that the LED light head switch out program is working. In the past, street light "audits" would report numbers in the high **10**s and **20**s to have fixed. This program has been in effect for a few years and to date, **94** out of nearly **700** light heads have been switched out LED.

### **CITY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT**

#### Brightleaf Blvd. Project

PW's crew finished a City Beautification project on Brightleaf Blvd. by adding a bench, black horse fence, stamped concrete work and landscaping to add an Exceptional entrance into the City as well as the surrounding neighborhoods.



### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

#### **Asphalt Paving Project**

Michels Construction has been awarded the Jacqueline Drive, Kimberly Drive, Mitten Drive and Debbie Lane resurfacing and sidewalk project, Due to other projects the start date has been pushed to early November.

#### **Concrete Street Reconstruction Project**

Jefferson Contracting has completed Kappa Court and are over half way completed on Sigma Drive. Theta Court will begin Spring of 2023.

#### **Underpass Painting Project**

A Right of Entry permit has been filed with Railpros, which will review the project for Norfolk Southern in order to grant the City permission to enter railroad property for the underpass painting project.

#### Public Works Montgomery Drive

Public Works Team Members have been working with members of the Viox Team and PCA Architecture to get the new Public Works Facilities out to bid this fall.



### Road Scholar / Road Master Graduation

Eight members of the Public Works Department will be receiving a Certification in either the Road Scholar or the Road Master Program on December 1st, 2022 in Lexington Ky. The attendees will be treated to a lunch followed by the awards ceremony.

To be eligible for the Road Scholar Certification, members must complete nine classes, six required and three optional. To be eligible for the Road Master Certification, members must complete the Road Scholar program and then complete an additional seven classes, four required and three optional.

This years recipients are:

#### **Road Scholar**

Xavier Campbell Doug Kuhlman Josh Lyle

#### **Road Master**

Joe Daugherty Jason lames Kevin Quinn Bob Martin Chris Turner

"CONGRATULATIONS"



### CODES ENFORCEMENT

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## **Blighted Properties**

Blight is the term used when referring to those structures that are designed for human habitation, occupancy, or use; but have conditions in them that are dangerous or injurious to the health or safety of the occupants of the structure, as well as the occupants of neighboring structures or other residents of the City. These issues include, but are not limited to: hoarding, drug usage and/or criminal activity, structural issues, and rodent and/or pest infestation.

Once a structure is considered to be blighted, the Codes Officer (after confirming the violation(s) through investigation) can condemn the structure. A condemned structure is a structure that can no longer be utilized for habitation purposes until it has been officially released by the Codes Officer. The owner of the property is allowed entry to the condemned structure to conduct repairs, to remove debris, and to make the structure habitable again. Once this has been completed, the City will have the structure inspected (by Codes Enforcement and a building inspector if necessary). Once the structure passes inspection, occupants can resume living in the structure.



There were no reports of Blighted Properties in October.

### **Tall Grass and Weeds**

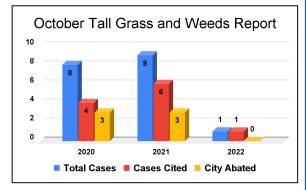
104.02 (A) (d) The excessive growth of weeds or grass.

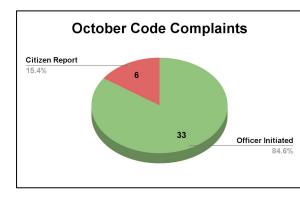
The City of Erlanger has deemed that grass and weeds are at an excessive height when they reach six (6) inches in height. This does not include such grasses or plants that are ornamental in nature and placed in various locations by the homeowner for decorative purposes.

### **Code Complaints**

The number of complaints received are based on citizen reports and Officer observation. This month, 39 new cases were

reported. Of those cases, 33 were Officer initiated.







# Vehicles in the Grass

104.02 (R) The use of any area of ground outside of a building that is either unpaved or paved with something other than concrete or blacktop for the purpose of parking or any other location of a motor vehicle thereon, except that any such area of ground that has been continually used for such purpose since 1992 may continue to be used for such purpose provided that such area is continually covered with at least two inches of gravel.

This ordinance pertains to the parking of motor vehicles on unpaved surfaces. It is used to keep vehicles off of front or side lawns, as well as those times when a paver is placed solely underneath the wheels of a vehicle. While boats, campers, and trailers are allowed on unpaved surfaces at the rear of a property, automobiles are not.

## Citation Fees Collected

