# July 2023 PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT

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## **PROGRAMS**

### Street Light Assessment

The PW's department conducted it's quarterly street light check. This quarterly street light check yielded **13** lights that needed attention. **12** of these lights were reported to Duke Energy and **1** was reported to Owen Electric to have repaired.

### Mowing

The Public Works team members have been busy mowing the City's parks and right of ways. A crew of 4 team members are scheduled to cut all the parks and right of ways every week. PW crews have worked **582** man hours to keep our parks and right of ways looking exceptional.

### **Facility Services**

The PW's department has ongoing programs when it comes to cleaning and maintenance within the facilities. Some things are done dailey, weekly, monthly, quarterly and even yearly. Daily and weekly cleanings consist of a team member utilizing **34** man hours a week to clean the City Building and Police Dept. and **4** man hours to clean the PW's facility. Examples of the other schedules are; Garage door inspection and lubrication is done 3 times a year and takes **24** man hours to complete, Rooftop drains and gutters are inspected and cleaned on a monthly basis that takes **2** man hrs to complete. The PW's department also checks fire extinguishers and the circulation pump monthly. A lot of things that most people take for granted.



# **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

### **New Public Works Facilities**

The new Public Works Facility is changing daily, although not all changes can be seen. All of the storm system has been installed along with underground conduits for electrical and communications, sewer laterals and base stone for the parking lots. Next step will be footers and foundation walls.

### **Concrete Street Reconstruction Projects**

Eaton Asphalt is continuing on with the Jacqueline Dr, Kimberly Dr, Mitten Dr and Debbie Ln project which is approximately 80% done. The concrete work on Jacqueline Drive will wrap up the week of July 31st. The blacktop work is complete from Concord Dr up to the first cul de sac coming in off of Stevenson Rd. The concrete work has started on Kimberly Dr with 75% of it being done. Debbie Ln and Mitten Dr will start when the other two are finished and then they will blacktop the rest of the project at one time. Eaton is projecting being done by August 11th.

### **Upcoming Projects**

The City accepted bids on July 12th for a street overlay project and a street reconstruction project. Riegler Blacktop was awarded the Crestside Court, Spire Circle and Summitridge Lane asphalt overlay project and Jefferson Contracting was awarded the Circlewood Drive concrete reconstruction project from Ridgewood Drive to Heartwood Lane.

### **Capital Park Improvements**

The PW's department meet with Beaumont Building Group on July 13th for contract signing and pre-construction meeting on Phase II of Cahill Common Park. Beaumont will not start phase II until they have all equipment (playground, basketball goal) on hand to limit the time being out of service. Phase I of the park will remain open during construction.

### **Railroad Underpass Painting Project**

The Public Works department has been in constant communication with Baynum Painting and the railroad about Railroad Protective Liability Insurance (RPL). The week of July 24th the railroad approved the RPL and now is asking for updated Workers Comp Insurance. The PW's department will continue our communication with both parties to get this project rolling.



# **CODES ENFORCEMENT**

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What does long grass cause?

An overgrown lawn is more susceptible to pests, weeds, and diseases. If you don't mow your lawn, it may be difficult to mow it in the future. You can only cut one-third of the height of your overgrown grass at a time. Insects, including Mosquitoes, Fleas and Ticks, love to hide in tall grass. A lot of common pests like ants, squirrels, and racoons are attracted by taller grass as well. These strands offer partial shelter from the elements and allow them to hide from predators. Snakes are more likely to reside and move through tall grass because it decreases their exposure to predators such as owls and hawks. So keeping your lawn mowed can help keep pests away.













