



Public Works

Staff Report for October 2023

Report Date : October 31, 2023
To : Jacque M. Betz, City Administrator
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PARKS:

- Trash pick-up in all parks two days a week.
- Mowing parks weekly: Irrigated fields are mowed weekly; non-irrigated fields are mowed bi-weekly.
- Detail work within our parks has been a priority. Edging and trimming of flowerbeds, trimming and cutting back plants, which need attention. Crews are using weed eaters to cut back areas that are unable to be mowed.
- Leaf clean-up has begun in all parks.



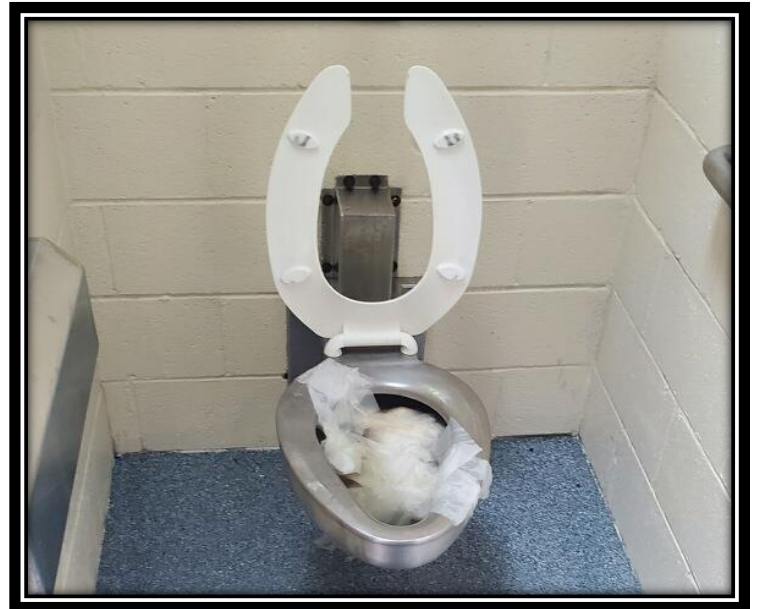
Before and after: Leaf clean-up & mowing that is ongoing in our City parks

Crew replaced a door on flush toilets at Meldrum Bar Park; the door was damaged beyond repair including the need for all new door hardware and locks. Replacement of steel doors and hardware are costly!

Crews also continue to find our bathrooms in a very unpleasant state. Unsightly damage such as graffiti is a daily issue, drug paraphernalia or fecal matter left on floors, walls or both is also a regular occurrence. This ongoing problem not only adds to the time it takes crews to clean the bathrooms but it also adds to the overall cost of maintaining our parks.



Portion of the bathrooms that we could show, human waste was spread throughout the restrooms as well as a purposely clogged toilet.



STREETS:

- Skin patching continues around the rainy weather that has now arrived
- Trimming branches that are blocking signs and cleaning and removing graffiti off the signs
- With heavier rains this month, the street crew were also clearing catch basins around town to help the Utility Dept.

Crews have been working with the Gladstone School District to remove and install curb painting for no-parking areas at John Wetten and Gladstone High School. The Public Works Dept. and the School District maintain a gracious working relationship with each other, which is a benefit to both organizations in our small town.



FACILITIES:

- Twice a month facility inspections
- Ongoing repairs at all facilities
- Completed multiple work orders at City facility's for small repairs and hanging art, bulletin boards, etc.

The Facilities Dept. has been dealing with an ongoing matter at the Community Center since spring that involves a toilet overflowing regularly. Non-flushable items being flushed are the main source of the problem; unfortunately, Community Center staff has no ability to manage that situation.



Recently after another round of regular toilet overflow crews snaked the entire Community Center line to the sewer main on Ipswich followed by CCTV'ing the line to confirm it was clear. Crews then installed a new pressure assist toilet, which has an additional pressure tank inside and provides compressed air to provide additional force when removing waste within the line. The Facilities' crew and staff at the community center are very hopeful that this will help to resolve the matter!

However, it is a good reminder that...



WATER:

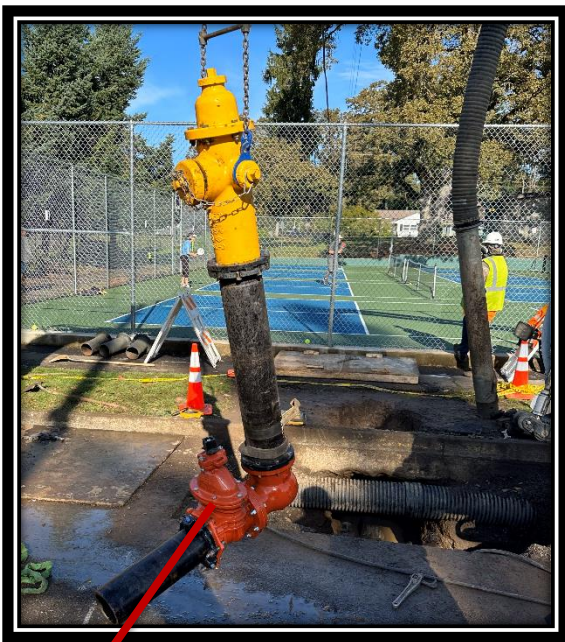
- Utility billing service orders.
- Utility locates and GIS map updates.
- Routine coliform sampling, system chlorine residual monitoring
- Routine pumpstation/reservoir inspections
- Utility billing door hangers and shut-offs for nonpayment.
- Call in the cities Master Meter read to the treatment plant every Monday.
- Change the recording charts at the Webster Reservoir Pump Station every Monday.
- Continually monitoring, trouble shoot, and adjust the Control valves at the Webster Reservoir Pump Station to improve operation

On Friday October 6th after crews had left, the Public Works office fielded several call from concerned residents driving on Oatfield Rd. who reported water pouring out of the sidewalk at the intersection of Ridgeway Dr. and Oatfield. On-call personnel were dispatched to the site to access the situation. Crews repaired a service line and restored service to the resident.



Crews recently replaced the fire hydrant on E. Exeter at Yale Ave. near the courts at Max Patterson Park. This fire hydrant was installed in 1954.

This hydrant replacement project was identified due to the hydrant containing large amount of lead as well as the hydrant not having isolation gate valves.

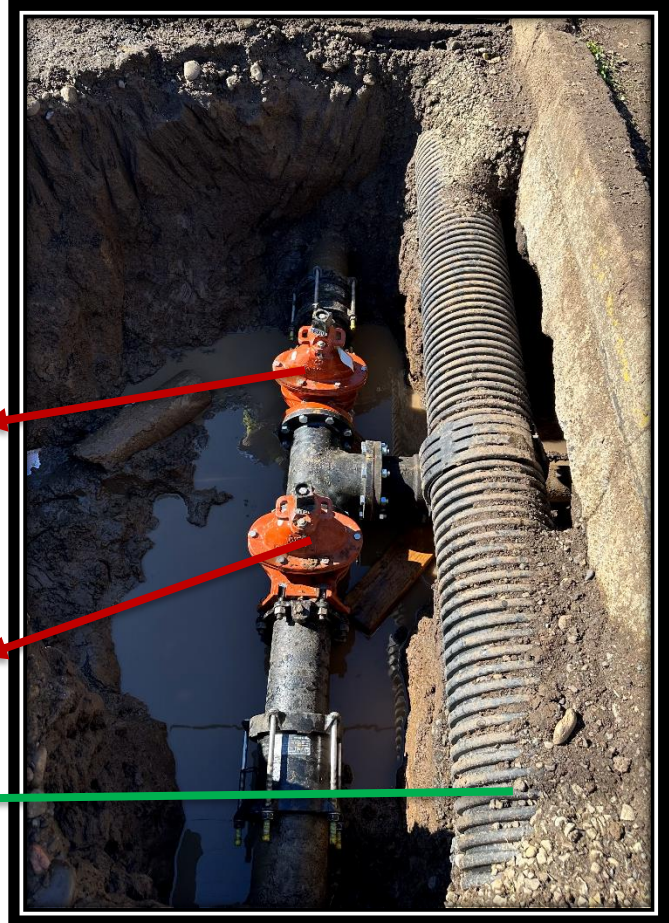


Hydrant valve

Isolation valve that will allow water flow to be isolated from from this valve, west to Harvard Ave. on E. Exeter

Isolation valve that will allow water flow to be isolated from from this valve, east to Columbia Ave.on E. Exeter

Stormline



SEWER:

- Performed a dye test to confirm rain drain connections to sanitary at homes on E. Exeter.
- Performed a sewer investigation at 1325 High St., possible sewer discharge to open ground. Utilizing the Camera truck crews were able to confirm that the sewer system was working properly and that no sewer had discharged to open ground.

STORM:

- Locates/GIS map updates ongoing.
- Catch basin/headwall cleaning to mitigate flooding.
- Completed Citywide street sweeping.
- Crews will continue to check and to clear the catch basin grates to prevent flooding.

Crews have been cleaning stormlines with the Vector truck, during the process crews dislodged a good sized root ball in the main storm line on Portland Ave., in front of the high school football stadium.



Leaf season is here



Crews have been working five days a week to maintain the leaf pick up schedule. Crews will pick up any resident of Gladstones leaves which are placed curbside during their area's pick-up. We ask that residents only place leaves curbside. If we come across a pile that has other yard debris in it we will place a door hanger on the residents door advising that they need to remove the other debris and that we will come back and pick up their leaves once that has been done. City crews are not able to pick up tree limbs, tree debris and other yard debris, only leaves.





Catch basins are one of the main culprits of standing water and the beginning stages of urban flooding; they quickly become blocked by leaves and other street debris. Public Works is always keeping their eyes peeled for blocked catch basins during rainy seasons. It's a quick fix to remove the debris, most of the time we say **"A Rake Is All It Takes"**.



PUBLIC WORKS IN THE COMMUNITY:

The Public Works Department was excited to take part in Gladstone's Goblin Gathering again this year. As a department we always like to utilize our equipment when partaking in fun events such as this! Transforming our very large front loader into a monster mouth full of candy again this year, we have to say... it was a huge hit with kids and parents alike!

The Department also helped with some logistic of the event by providing the set up and take down of traffic control.



SAFETY TRAINING and CERTIFICATION TRAINING:

- Public Works crewmembers took part in loader and chainsaw training in preparation for leaf pick up and winter weather.
- Distracted Driving Training

ADMINISTRATION:

- Clackamas River Basin Council conducted an invasive species treatment along the Dahl Beach Pathway.
- Working on preparing stormwater MS4 annual report to submit to DEQ.
- Working with Backflow Management Incorporated (BMI) to complete water system Lead and Copper Rule sampling. Also worked to complete the water system quarterly Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5) sampling.
- Continued work on completing Gladstone's Clackamas County Multi-Jurisdiction Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Addendum.
- Working with Sisul Engineering to prepare conditions of approval for several private development projects.
- Clackamas County Building Permit plan reviews, approvals and release letters.
- Maintenance of HVAC for city facilities scheduled.
- Management of the Janitorial contract; scheduling of annual floor cleanings for Community Center and Civic Center.
- Development of new ROW Licensing and ROW Registration documents.
- Reviewing the current contract for water meter reading, contract will soon be expiring.
- Working with our partners in the Regional Water Providers Consortium to develop an updated member IGA draft. The IGA was first developed and adopted by individual members in 1996; the IGA was last updated and adopted in 2005. The Consortium Board unanimously approved the updated IGA October 4, 2023 with a recommendation that Consortium members' individual board, council, or commission approve the amended and restated IGA.

"All growth depends upon activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort, and effort means work."

~ Calvin Coolidge