

Public Works Monthly Report

To: Honorable Mayor, Council Members, City Administrator

From: Jason VanAusdall, Director of Public Works

Re: Public Works Report for the Month of November, 2013

Significant Events

Dec. 30 through Jan. 10 is Winter Collection for the Compost It! program.

Residents can set out any remaining yard waste on their regular collection day. They can also recycle Christmas Trees by attaching Compost It! sticker.

This is a great way for residents to get rid of their leaf bags by the curb-free.

They can also call ASI

PW employees cut down and hauled away approx. 20 dump truck loads of trees behind DNR building along north bike trail for future development of bio-retention/wetland area for storm water runoff.

We conducted door-to-door surveys for Community development grant along 67th, 68th, & 69th streets.

Upgraded preemption system on all city owned traffic signals so it is now 100% operational. This will be a quarterly check of this system by the FD.

Installed new liquid calcium chloride/brine system for filling new trucks in PW shop. We were then able to test it on our first snowfall of the season on Nov. 21st, and more recently the snow event of Dec. 8th & 9th. We used about 62,000 lbs of salt on this last event. We have a capacity of 200 ton at PW. We keep 600 ton out at the shared salt storage facility in Grimes.

WDM gave our city 2 six hundred gallon liquid storage tanks!! This saves us money on a few fronts: by not calling for a refill on our liquid calcium after every snow event, and by being able to use a brine solution to pre-wet our salt. (Brine = water & salt).

Sheena & 3 from PW attended a Storm water Conservation Class. This is designed for PW employees to be ever vigilant of the amount of chemical used.

It also outlined in detail the need to control spillage of harmful liquids. PW has a large quantity of material on hand that could potentially harm the environment, so keeping a close on this and be mindful of usage is very important to my staff.

Windsor Wonderland was a 2 day event that had approx. 100 patrons. The weather was very, very cold and kept people wrapped up indoors.

Those who were able to attend seemed to have a good time.

**Thank You,
Jason VanAusdall
Public Works Director**

