

CITY OF CROSWELL DPW

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Moving Into the New Year

As we begin another year in the Department of Public Works we take a look back at the accomplishments of 2016, and plans for future improvements and projects.

Not long ago the mowing equipment was working tirelessly, and fall cleanup was in full swing. Now the winter snow removal equipment is in full force, and awaiting the next big blast from Mother Nature.



Please keep in mind Parking is not permitted on all streets from 3 am to 6 am until April 1. We would also like to ask that you avoid pushing snow onto the road as it causes safety concerns.

Streets

Did you know the city has approximately 18 miles of streets?

In our efforts to keep the streets continually improving; the paving section on Harrington Road from Croswell Road to the city limits was completed, and several patches were done throughout the town.

Water

Did you know there are 190 fire hydrants throughout the city?
As part of routine maintenance fire hydrant

flushing is planned for this spring and again in the fall. Notifications regarding the dates will be given ahead of time.

Sewer

Did you know there are approximately 22 miles of sewer mains?

The Vac truck continues to be an asset in keeping public utilities running smoothly. This summer the DPW will be working closely with another company cleaning and videotaping all sewer mains to inspect their condition. Once done if any issues are present they will be addressed.

Parks

Our parks continue to be used and enjoyed by many. Visitors have come from other countries to see our famous swinging bridge. The splash pad continues to be a big hit for the summer months. Many compliments were given regarding our parks, the river, and its beautiful surroundings.



All of the parks remain open for the winter, as well as the public restrooms located by the swinging bridge. Access to the river is still available via the boat ramp at Riverbend Park. Park walkways and the bike path are cleaned after all priority plowing and snow removal has been done. Please use caution this winter when considering going onto the river.

Bike Path

A lot of progress was made on the much anticipated extension of the bike path. All of the preparation work and paving was done from Ward Street to Harrington Road. In the spring the bike path extension will be completed to Louise Street. Cleanup and landscape will follow shortly thereafter. Once completed it will be 6 miles long from Lexington.

Other plans for the bike path include improvements that will be made to the existing section from Crosswell Road east.



Crosswell Cemetery

The cemetery property is approximately 25 acres of land.

At one time the city had a separate grounds keeping department that consisted of 2 full time employees. In an effort to run more efficient financially that department was dissolved in 2006, and was consolidated with the DPW. With a current crew of 4 full time employees in our DPW this has been a challenge, but continues to be an area in which we strive to improve.

This spring a thorough cleanup around each headstone is planned. This will include pulling overgrown shrubs, removal of unused urns, and tree trimming.

The deadline for removal of winter decorations is April 1. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in helping us keep in regulation with the cemetery ordinances.

Due to limited available space in the current columbarium the addition of another section is underway. Groundwork preparation for the new columbarium has already begun. The goal is to have it in place by May 15.

Buildings

Along with the routine maintenance on the city properties other improvements have been made.

Over the summer the post office had repairs and improvements to the windows, and the library had some painting done. The community center will be getting a makeover in the kitchen. Work on this project has already begun.

Last summer the DPW put in extra effort focusing on making improvements to the beautification throughout the city. Many areas were cleaned up, and the hanging baskets and flower pots were maintained. With financial help from the DDA the sign across from Michigan Sugar was refurbished. This included painting, a new planter box, and new updated organization emblems. There was also the addition of an Eagles logo. All of this making the city, downtown area, and parks more inviting. We hope to continue on this path for the upcoming summer; Making Crosswell a pleasant place for all to live and visit.

Here's what's New

The arrival of the Born Learning Trail kit courtesy of the United Way gives us something to think about this winter. We will be making plans for the location and installation of this fun, interactive, and educational activity as a new addition to our city.



Reminder:

If you have a larger amount of brush or tree trimmings than what our rubbish company can handle please call and request a special pick up. 810 679-3158