

Administrators Update March 2025



We have been super busy. We have four new hires that have started in the last month. In public works, we have started to repair the big projects at the downtown wastewater treatment plant. The aerator affectionately referred to as the UFO has been removed, disassembled and sent off to be rebuilt. Parts are in route that will be used to repair rotor #4. This piece of equipment has been inoperable for years. Luke has been giving the laboratory a much-needed deep cleaning in addition to making daily repairs and adjustments to the downtown plant. We are identifying ongoing servicing needs and creating timelines for



routine inspections and maintenance. We have been discussing making improvements to the fine screen which is also starting to show its age. As you know, parts for 40 year old industrial equipment is not readily available at our local hardware

store. It takes time to cross reference part numbers and source the necessary items to facilitate the repairs. My goal is to have our downtown plant the example of how facilities like this are to run by summers end.

The crew is also replacing some of the more troublesome water meters with new electronic read meters. Modernizing the water meters will improve employee efficiency and give us tighter controls on water loss.

Dave has been attending the drinking water level 2 class and he and Luke also attended the Smith and Loveless pump rebuilding class this last week. Many of our larger lift stations use Smith and Loveless pumps. Having 2 qualified repair guys on staff will save time and money.

The SCADA system is still being installed. The first ten are now on line.

I want to again acknowledge that it is only by the talents of our staff, that these repairs are costing thousands of dollars vrs the tens of thousands as presented in the bids we get for the same repairs.



The newly formed Parks Department has been partially staffed. They are already working on projects. The tiger mower on the mini X is being used to perform mowing and trail clean up along the Dr. William Rosten walking trail, and the road bank that the fire

department preformed a controlled burn on a few weeks ago. The 4 new pickle ball nets have been installed and we are now ready for the counsel to set a public ribbon cutting date.

In the coming weeks, Shadowrock Park will be given a facelift. The large stumps are coming out, fresh paint on the playground equipment, getting the ball fields up to par for summer play and repairs to the pavilions are just a few of the things that you will see happening in the parks department.

The Christmas lights committee has met for the second time. They are formulating ideas, designs and promotional ideas for upcoming approval.

We are still looking to fill at least one more position in the public works department. Chief Grey has several positions available. Applicants can go to the web site for details on the positions available.



Election day is April 8th., that is just 22 days away. The final push for the “Use Tax” should be ramping up.