



Weekly Reader

Public Works & Engineering Department

November 10, 2022

Department Updates

It has been all hands on deck over here at Public Works! The **Street Department, Water Department, and Wastewater Department have teamed up to tackle the abundance of leaves** accumulating throughout the City. We regularly implement **cross-training** throughout all Public Works divisions to prepare for circumstances such as this. Our ongoing cross-training program aims to **build the skills of everyone in the department and empowers the City to find support from within** instead of having to outsource when work gets busy or someone with specific skills isn't available.

Since our employees from the Water Department and Wastewater Department have cross-trained in the Street Department and are familiar with the equipment, we had the ability to send out a **third leaf truck** this week to keep up with the growing demand and cover as much ground as possible! **Large amounts of leaves are not only a nuisance for homeowners**, but when they collect in storm drains, they **cause trouble for stormwater systems**. The leaves can mat across the storm drain and **block water flow**, causing water to back up on the street or into residents' yards. **Circulating three leaf trucks throughout the City will assist in keeping storm drains clear.**



Work doesn't stop within the other divisions, though. The **Cathodic Protection Project commenced this week at Bonnie Brae STP**. Cathodic protection is an industrial technique implemented to **control metallic corrosion**. The structures that make up the Bonnie Brae STP are steel in construction and therefore require a cathodic protection system to protect the steel structures that are below grade. **A sacrificial low voltage loop system and anodes system will be placed in the ground around the metal tank structures to prevent corrosion caused by soil.**

Project & Development Updates

- **2022 Resurfacing Program** - Asphalt paving on 151st St was completed today.
- **2022 Streetscape Project** - Asphalt paving of State St & 9th St was completed today.

Reminder

City offices will be closed tomorrow, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. There will be **no electronic recycling** at the Public Works & Engineering facility.