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PUBLIC WORKS WISHES EVERYONE A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS 2014

- City offices will close at noon on Tuesday, December 31th.
- Offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st.
- Offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 2nd.
- No update next week.

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In January the bids for the Troxler Avenue Widening project were opened. The project added an additional lane down Troxler from Route 160 to US 40, curbs and gutters, and a multi-use path on the south side of the roadway. In February the project was awarded to Petroff Trucking of Collinsville and construction began. Construction was completed by the middle of July in time for the opening of the new hospital.



The Street and Alley division expanded their storage area on Highland Road by adding 2,000 tons of rock and a new fence around the area of the salt storage facility.



In March the long-delayed US 40 / Hemlock St. / Frank Watson Parkway intersection project was finally bid. The project was awarded to Bruce Concrete of Granite City in April and construction began in mid-June. After some delays for utility relocation the project was completed in late summer.

New regulations for disinfection by products caused the WTP to project a change in their disinfection process in the spring to chloramination. The move back to free chlorine occurred in the fall.

On April 18th a heavy rain event caused flooding in several neighbors. As a result of the flooding, Water Distribution and Sewer Collection crews worked over the summer to raise some manholes in problem areas. In the fall ADS Environmental Service began smoke testing of the city's sanitary sewer system as the city worked to improve the overall sanitary sewer system and the smoke testing is an effective way to determining the locations of inflow and infiltration. The results of the smoke testing have been received in this office and will be evaluated.



In May the million gallon ground storage tank at the entrance to Highland Silver Lake Park was taken out of service for an inside and out renovation which included sandblasting and new paint. The project was completed and the tank returned to service in June.



The Water Reclamation Facility was nominated by the IEPA for plant of the year honors. The staff also warned us about the problems "flushable" wipes are causing in the treatment process at the plant.

In July an algae bloom at the lake caused problems with odor and taste in the drinking water. Despite the smell the water remained safe to drink and crews adjusted the treatment process to address the issue.

In August the bids for the final part of the peripheral route, the Iberg Road Extension, were opened. The project was awarded to Keller Construction of Glen Carbon and ground was broken on August 29th. This project continues and so far is making very good progress. If everything continues as planned, the project should be completed sometime in the fall of 2015.

