

Maintenance and Repair Department

The Maintenance & Repair Department presently consist of nine employees; seven maintenance crew members, one mechanic, and a superintendent.

Duties of the Maintenance & Repair Department are broad, varied, and ever changing from asphalt paving and reconstructing streets and alleys to plowing and salting the same streets. The department also mows city right-of-ways, city properties, and delinquent properties. Assisting and maintaining traffic safety measures falls on the Maintenance and Repair department with tasks such as painting traffic control lines and markings, controlling traffic for city events and festivals, installing and maintaining traffic signals, as well as maintaining right-of-way visibility. The department also completes the leaf pickup program, ensuring leaf debris is removed from the street, preventing the storm drains from becoming blocked.

This small crew makes a big difference in the appearance of our city. The numbers tell the story.

- 14 days spent trimming trees in the city right of way in preparation for leaf pick up and 2080 cubic yards of leaves were picked up during leaf season.
- 9 trees were removed in preparation for snow removal
- 150 gallons of paint used to paint the downtown area and the subdivisions.
- 143 road and street signs removed and replaced due to accidents or low reflectivity of the signs.
- 128 days of pothole patcher use, applying more than 50 ton of #9 stone and 605 gallons of emulsion to preserve and extend the life of the asphalt on various streets. In addition, 80 tons of hot mix asphalt was used to repair various streets.
- 51 abandoned or delinquent properties were mowed along with roadside ditches and various city right of ways.

8 vagrant camps were cleaned-up; 20 houses re-boarded and one condemned house demolished in partnership with the Police Department. The M&R Department not only cleans up; but is also critically important in quality of life and beautifying the city for residents and visitors alike.

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Jerry Runk, Superintendent

