



Public Works Update

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Winter is over and spring has sprung. Just like winter, spring and summer are always very busy times for us. Many of the issues that popped up over the winter are addressed in the warmer weather as our schedule and the weather allow.

Spring/Summer Operations

Street sweeping was completed this year in the end of April. All developments were swept along with some intersections that are always problem areas for loose stone and debris. All material that is recovered from the roadways is stored and recycled throughout the year as needed.

We held our annual spring cleanup on April 17th through the 19th and the event was a success. We had a total of 175 vehicles drop off material through the three day event and they filled 11 dumpsters with anything from brush to household trash weighing almost 72 tons.



Compacting one of the dumpsters.

This spring we also performed crack sealing on Sharp Road. Crack sealing helps keep water out of the cracks and therefore prolongs the life of the road. Base repair of the monster potholes that opened up over the winter has started as well. We have cut out many areas already in preparation of the upcoming work and have completed several sections but there are many more out there. When repairing a section of failed blacktop we have to dig up all the bad material and hauled out to be recycled. Depending on the depth of the existing blacktop we may need to dig out some dirt to get the required depth of new blacktop so the new blacktop doesn't fail right away either. We make all attempts to keep the road open and flag traffic through the work zone but safety for both our workers and the traveling public is our top priority. Depending on the location of the patch being worked on we may have to close the road completely to traffic. Please obey the signs that are installed indicating that the road is closed.

This year we are planning on paving several roads throughout the township. This work will be completed in late August hopefully before school starts. The areas of road work haven't been finalized yet but several bad roads will be repaired.

Other tasks performed are painting both stop bars and rail road crossings. We perform some of these in house and we also contract some of the work out depending on location. Line stripping is also done in late August by a sub-contractor after the paving is completed and before school starts. Tree trimming, road bank mowing, sinkhole repairs, inlet inspections, and other storm water maintenance are also performed throughout the warmer months.