

From The Director's Office:

February 7, 2024 was a momentous day as that is when public works staff officially moved into the Public Works Complex. It was a logistical challenge moving items from several different sites and combining into one site. Staff is still in the process of confirming the best location for supplies, materials and equipment. Staff is enjoying having equipment and materials in one location and being able to all gather together in their crew room or the breakroom.



Best Regards,

Delora Kerber, Public Works Director

Utilities

Thar She Blows

In addition to completing utility billing work orders, locates, sampling and routine maintenance, the crew performed a few curb stop replacements due to them being damaged or broken. A curb stop is a water service shutoff valve located on the service line between the water main and the building.



Utilities

Working Together!

Staff tackled a few projects in February that provided a great opportunity for cross division/cross department collaboration. One of the projects was replacing some meter boxes in a driveway. The Utilities Division worked closely with the Roads Division to place new asphalt around the meter boxes after they had been set in place.



Utilities

Joint Effort on the Golf Course

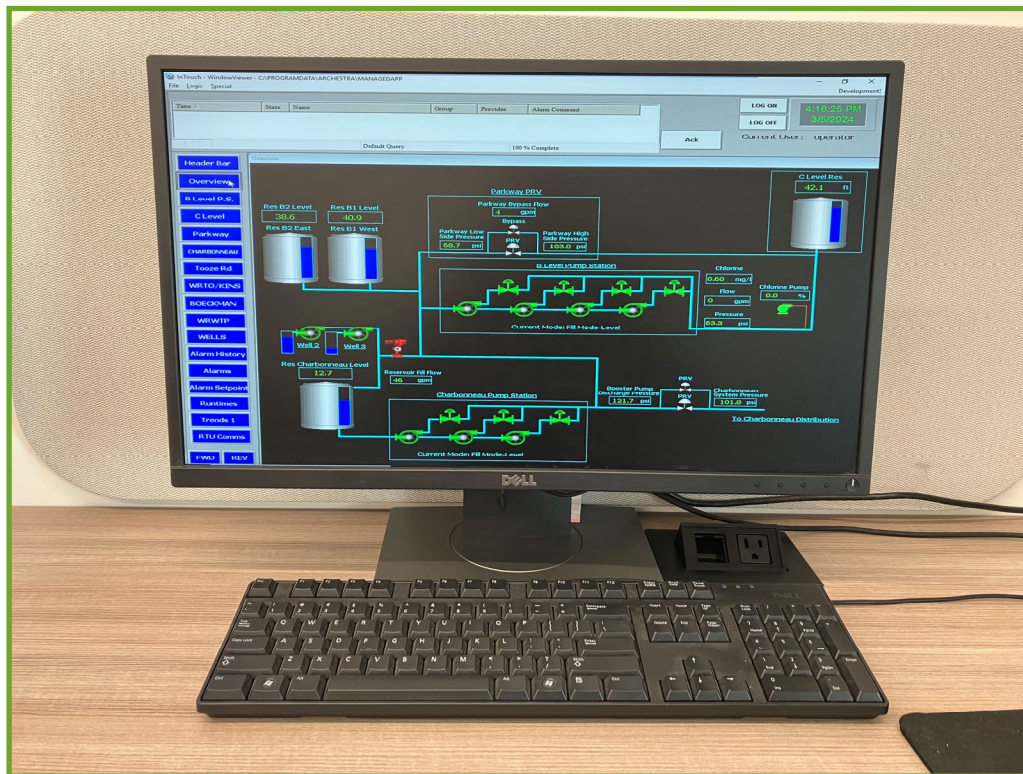
Another collaboration project was prepping the area on the Charbonneau golf course for sod repair that had been disturbed after a water main break. The Parks Department was very generous in lending some extra hands to assist the Utilities Division with spreading and compacting seven (7) yards of sandy loam.



Utilities

SCADA Move a Success

Much of February was spent moving tools, equipment, and supplies to the new Public Works Complex. The team is still working on figuring out where to place things in their new home but everyone is excited about the site. One of the more stressful items to move from the old Public Works to the new, was the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system and associated components, which monitors and controls functions in the water distribution system. The execution of the move and setup of this equipment was time sensitive as both the water treatment plant and water distribution staff rely on the information from this system for operations. Fortunately, the plan was well executed and everything was transferred over in a timely manner without any issues.



Roads

Now You Can See It

Roads maintenance crew started off February with an exciting, but daunting move into our new Public Works facility. Although this took up some of the staff time, the show must go on in terms of maintenance. Last month, the team continued their campaign of sight line trimming to provide a clear view of signs, signals, and intersections.



Roads

Stop Bar Install

During a few days of nice weather, Roads staff were able to install thermal plastic pavement markings at the Public Works Complex.



Stormwater

Moss be Gone

To help prevent flooding, the Stormwater crew spent a great deal of time in February clearing catch basins and inlets. Other activities occurring during the month included applying an all-natural citrus based moss removal product on the pervious sidewalks along Boeckman Road.



Stormwater

Clearing Ponds and Fixing Beehives

Last month the Stormwater crew started cleaning out and removing invasive plants from the City's stormwater detention facilities.



Apparently, a motorist ran into the top of a beehive stormwater inlet structure so staff had to repair it and it is functioning as designed.



Facilities

Scraping it Clean

To clean a concrete floor of built up waste material, Janitor Morgan Smith uses a scraper tool and lots of elbow grease. As a result the bathroom area looks much better.



Facilities

Clean Up After Your Pet

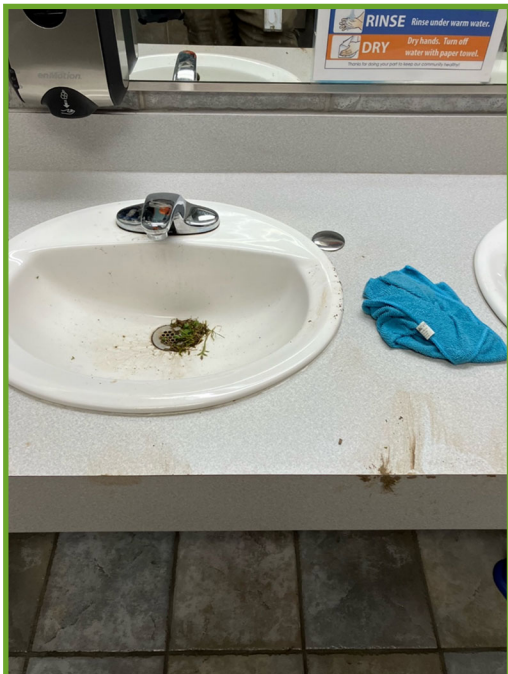
To encourage the neighbors of the Public Works Complex to pick up after their pets, Luke McKinnon and Reynaldo Fuente-Pineda, Facilities Maintenance Specialists installed a doggie waste bag station in front of the building. Once utility locates were completed staff dug a hole, poured concrete, and installed the station.



Facilities

What a Mess

A restroom at the Library was vandalized and left in a mess. To ensure other patrons were able to use an orderly and hygienic area, Janitor Taylor Michael cleaned it, scrubbed it and got it back in order for public use.



Facilities

Ready for Spring

Facilities Grounds crew pruned, raked out landscape beds, and trimmed storm swales at the Westside Express Service (WES) station. It took a few days to get this job completed and now it is prepared for the coming spring growth.

