

From The Director's Office:

Finishing touches and punch-list items were completed in January in preparation of Public Works staff moving to the new complex in February.



Photos clockwise starting left: administration building lobby; small conference room; and warehouse/yard.



Best Regards,

Delora Kerber, Public Works Director

Roads

Winter Weather Response

To ensure the City's roads were cleared and sanded during the sleet and freezing rain that occurred around the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, Public Works crews worked 24 hour shifts.



Roads

Decoration and Leaf Removal

Roads staff started out the month of January taking down the roadside holiday lights and décor and then moved into working on right of way median leaf removal.



Roads

Sign and Pothole Repairs

Staff spent a significant amount of time in January working on sign repair and replacement work.

Additionally, this time of year typically means lots of potholes popping up, so the roads crew used the asphalt hot box trailer to repair potholes and patch sections of road.



Stormwater

Clearing Drains and Mainlines

Stormwater staff are in full winter operations and performed numerous inlet/outlet and storm drain cleanings.

In conjunction with drain cleaning drains, staff also cleared the stormwater mainlines in known problem areas.



Stormwater

Sunken Manhole Repair

A stormwater access point collapsed in a traffic lane on Grahams Ferry Road near Day Road and staff completed an emergency repair. The top section of the access was rebuilt, a new frame was installed then the road was patched.



Facilities

Tile Refresh

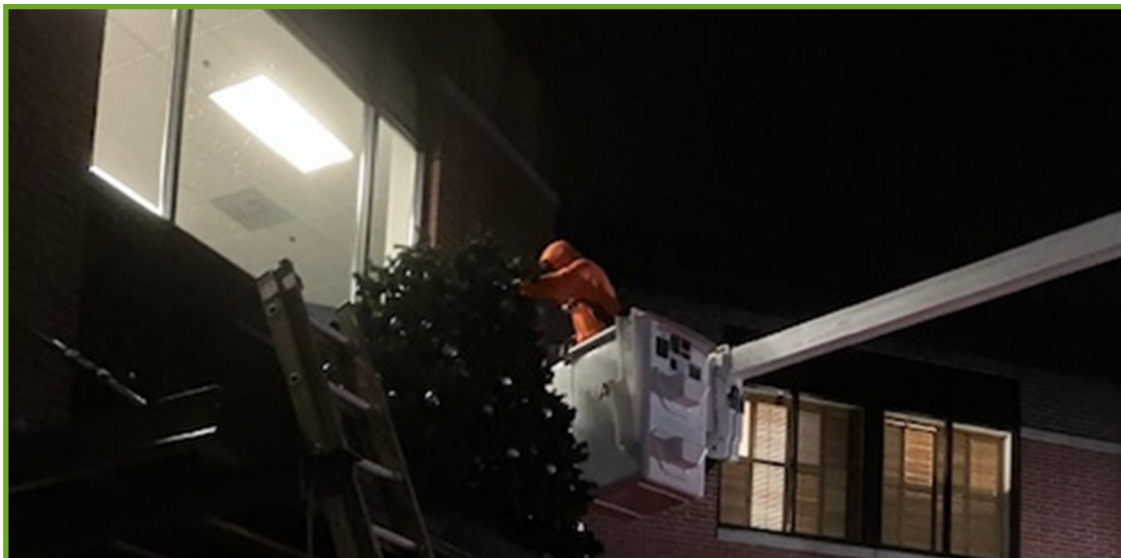
To give the Library bathroom tile/grout lines a fresh, new finish, janitorial crew use an I-mop. This is a special tool for bathroom tile to provide a thorough cleaning.



Facilities

Decoration Removal

Facilities crew had an early start before other staff arrived to remove City Hall's holiday decorations. Staff used the bucket truck for a quick and safe removal.



Utilities

Snow & Ice Removal and Curb Stop Repairs

January was an extremely busy month for the water crew. The winter storm that came through over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend created a major uptick in work orders due the sub-freezing temperatures breaking pipes. A few members of the Utilities crew were also brought in to assist with snow plowing and de-icing operations.

In addition to responding to calls to turn off water, the crew conducted a couple of curb stop replacements .



Utilities

Air Relief Valve Rupture

Knock on wood the overall water distribution system faired quite well and did not experience any power outage issues. There was an air release valve located next to the Boone Bridge that froze and ruptured. The broken assembly was brought to the crews' attention by the Parks Department when they noticed water coming down the hillside next to the bridge. When the water crew opened up the cabinet that the air release is housed in they were greeted with a geyser of water and an assembly with cracks on both sides. Fortunately, the crew was able to isolate the busted assembly and is currently waiting on parts to perform a repair.



Utilities

Altitude Valve Rebuild

This month a contractor was on site to rebuild the altitude valves on the Elligsen reservoirs. The valves were completely disassembled, cleaned and all of the soft rubber parts were replaced as well as the pilot system on each of the valves. The valves were then tested and put back into service.



Utilities

Hydrant Replacement

Utilities staff also replaced an entire hydrant that had been damaged beyond repair after being hit by a vehicle.

