

The Water Department has remained busy over the past several months, completing a variety of projects to improve and maintain the city's water system.

Our crews have continued flushing hydrants, installing new water lines, and replacing outdated galvanized water service lines. We are also installing a new type of water meter for selected residents. These meters include a built-in remote electronic shutoff valve, which will be especially beneficial for duplexes and other properties with multiple meters served by a single water line. This technology allows staff to remotely activate or deactivate water service from the office, eliminating the need to travel to individual properties.

The pothole identification program has now been completed. We successfully identified approximately 85% of the homes in town, which will assist us in completing our CDSMI program requirements.

We have also completed this year's monitoring schedule required by EGLE. The results of these samples, along with current water production and chemical usage reports, are enclosed for your review.

Well #3 is scheduled to be permanently plugged and abandoned later this year. Once that work is complete, the well house will be demolished, and the site will be restored and prepared for grass.

Finally, we are continuing to replace water meters and MXU radios throughout the system to improve accuracy and ensure that all water usage is properly accounted for.