

City of McCleary

STAFF REPORT



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| To: | Mayor Miller and Council |
| From: | Jenna Jarvis, Field Foreman |
| Date: | October 31, 2023 |
| Department: | Public Works |

Hello everyone!

The Public works crew has been thriving and constantly busy trying to finish up the mowing season as well as get ahead of common stormwater issues that arise.

First off, we have officially removed, as much as we could, asphalt and concrete from near one of our well houses that was dumped from 3rd St. construction back in 2019. The crew removed and hauled just over 208 yards of material. Since then, it has been landscaped, grass seed has been put down, and trees have been planted.

We have been working with the museum in assisting with their project for a new sidewalk on the east side of the museum. We took out the old concrete that was not ADA compliant as well as unwanted cracks that have happened over time.

With the weather slowly changing, we had just enough sunny days to fix some minor repairs and some major structural issues. When doing a walk around there were various bolts, washers, and nuts missing from the posts on the east side of the transit station. They have since been replaced. We have also painted the posts, trim, and doors. A new women's restroom, men's restroom, as well as an address sign has been installed. During the winter we will focus more on interior issues.

A couple weeks ago we did our biannual hydrant flushing where the crew goes out and flushes every other hydrant and flushes a hydrant for 5 minutes. We do this to clean the inside of the pipe from any mineral buildup that may have happened. This also allows us to have a visual inspection of every hydrant to ensure the fire department can operate any hydrant at any given time in case of an emergency. Here recently we had some gaskets fail. Which resulted in not being able to turn the hydrant on. The gaskets have been replaced and the hydrant is up and running.

Lastly, I would like to welcome our newest public crew member Jim Higgins. He started out as our seasonal help this last summer and officially started full time this week. You may have seen him working at the library, transit station, mowing, and weed eating around town. I'm truly honored to have him on board!

Have a wonderful day!

-Jenna Jarvis