

# City of McCleary

## STAFF REPORT



<b>To:</b>	Mayor Miller and Council
<b>From:</b>	Jenna Jarvis, Public Works Field Foreman
<b>Date:</b>	November 26, 2024
<b>Department:</b>	Public Works

Hello everyone!

The Public works crew has been doing an awesome job at getting projects done! We have been working on revamping the Lindsey Baum banner sign frame and mount so that way it will be easier to hang as well as having a nicer and cleaner look when looking at the banner.

We have also been fortunate enough to be able to transfer our plow from our 5yd dump trump over to our 7yd dump truck. This will be huge for our Public Works crew to be able to plow snow during our winter months with a truck that is safe and able to read the dash!

We had a very close sewer main plug happen recently! Thankfully we had a crew member out working on GIS and when opening a manhole it was full of wipes. Wipes may be “flushable” but may have a huge impact on our mains and wastewater treatment plant.

Christmas in McCleary is just around the corner! We have been working with the civic renewal in hopes of having a smooth and joyous time for all festivities. Even though the growing season is pretty much at the end we will be mowing, weed eating, edging and blowing off the sidewalks in the park. As well as cleaning up the fun run route.

On November 16<sup>th</sup> the city was able to collaborate with 2 associations to successfully accomplished cleaning a cooking oil spill. It was in the alley behind the 200 block of west Simpson Ave. The call came in as a cooking oil spill and it was unclear on how much had spilled. When arriving on scene the McCleary Fire Department was already there and had used up their absorbent supplies of pigs, sheets, and granular bags. We had used 5 more bags of absorbent in the granular clay form and about 160 absorbent sheets. The fire department had estimated about 100-150 gallons what in the drum and about 50-60 gallons on the ground. During this time Department of Ecology had been called and was aware of the spill. Later in the evening I received a call from DOE wondering what we had done. I told him what all we had spread out, where the ditch runs to, and what our plan is for that following Monday. Their crew also came out to investigate. On Monday I had the Public Works crew clean up the mess and dispose of all material in dumpsters. Since the asphalt was still slick the crew had spread sand so it's not such a hazard. In the afternoon I also received another phone call from DOH wanting to know an update. He also informed me that the crew that came out didn't think there was as much oil on the ground that we were thinking, but it did make for greasy and hazardous road.

I've attached some pictures from the day of the incident to show how easily and fast cooking oil can spread.



Have a wonderful day!  
-Jenna Jarvis

