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Public Works Report, April 2024

- The new Public Works Building is mostly finished. We have officially fully moved in and started daily operations out of the new facility. Time in April was spent moving equipment and items from the old shop to the new, and beginning the process of organizing and settling in. After setting up cabinets, shelving, and racking we were able to get the lay out set for efficient operations. We have essentially created three different areas to the new shop – a service and mechanic area, storage area, and general use/parking.
- Office spaces have been finished up, and I moved my office set up over in the beginning of the month. I have my office at the new facility, as well as a staff office, and a break/conference room.
- Exterior work has been mostly wrapped up, with landscaping installed and paving scheduled for the beginning of May. Outside of a few punch list items, the shop should be closed out within the coming weeks.
- Everything turned out at or above my expectations, and we are extremely happy with the new facility.
- AS we have moved into the new shop, we began cleaning out and setting up the old facility for storage. My plan is to continue to utilize that facility to store certain equipment – mainly plows and such in the summer, and mowers throughout the winter.
- Staff were out continuing to cold patch areas village wide.
- All parks were treated for the first time, as well as fence lines, treatment plants, and roadside obstacles such as signs and lights. Treating early should minimize some of the string trimming we do and keep hard to mow areas clean throughout the summer.
- Working on a schedule to remove the mulch and damaged brick signage at the Ravenscrest entrance. The plan is to reuse the lettering and build a wooden structure to create a new sign. Once that is done, we are planning on laying weed prevention mat and stoning the median area. This will be significant cost savings versus mulch and will help to appease some of the complaints associated with the area.
- Install dog waste station at Veterans Park, as well as painted and added garbage cans to the pavilion area there.
- Have begun to investigate the Veteran's Park upgrades and will continue to work with Chris and Jeff to move that forward.

- Staff has put together a sidewalk repair list, and my hope is to begin tearing out and replacing sections sometime in late June/early July. Currently, my goal is to work through a neighborhood at a time. Realistically, we are looking at doing 2 neighborhoods per year for the next few years. Unfortunately, with only a four-man staff, sidewalk repairs require my entire staff for 3 to 4 days at a time. It will be a somewhat slow process, but it will get done.
- Another upcoming project will be drainage maintenance at the entrance of Burled Wood subdivision, the intersection of 76 and Whiting Roads, widening of the drainage way in the Waco Retention Pond, and some clean up to other areas of the Whiting Road ditch line.
- Bid letting for 2024 Road Maintenance will be the 3rd week of May. Once we have a contractor in place, and get a tentative schedule put together, staff will be out on Bullard to work on sanitary repairs prior to repaving the street.
- Outside of beginning some of these projects, staff will be continuing to mow on a weekly basis until our summer help starts at the end of May.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me with any additional questions or concerns. I am always open to going into more detail on past, current, or future projects and work my department is doing.