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## Public Works Report, May 2024

- May was full of mowing, as our summer help did not start until the end of the month. Parks, common areas, and Village owned properties take a couple of days a week to finish, and most weeks the park areas had to be done twice.
- With Chris starting, full-time staff will be able to dedicate more time to road, drainage, sanitary, and tree work in the coming months.
- Drainage ways were mowed for the first time this year and will be mowed roughly once a month for the next 4 months or so.
- Roadsides will continue to be mowed on a similar schedule.
- Staff cleaned up and mowed empty lots in the Westergren subdivision.
- Started in on trimming R.O.W tree canopies – this will continue to be done throughout the summer as time allows. This is done to keep tree limbs above sidewalks and roadways for walking or driving purposes.
- Treated weeds in parks for a second time. With hotter months starting up, weed growth should slow significantly.
- Replaced Village owned flags at parks and buildings.
- Continued with cold patching and minor road repair.
- Restore the walking path at the Arboretum in the Knolls. To alleviate yearly maintenance, we replaced the ag lime with millings. This should hold up better on a year to year basis, with minor touch-ups instead of full restoration. We sprayed and trimmed weeds in the flower beds. The Knolls HOA will be mulching and trimming up bushes in the next month.
- Continued cold patching Village wide.
- Repaired AC Blower and condenser in tractor.
- Ditched backflow on a stretch of Quail Trap Rd. There are a few other intersections and roadway drainage lines that need to be cleaned up – this will be address as time allows in the coming months.
- June will bring about a few larger scaled projects.
- Ahead of our road maintenance program, which will start towards the end of June, we will be working on sanitary repairs on Bullard Street.
- We will also be replacing and repairing damaged curb in Burled Wood.
- We have finalized the sidewalk repair list and will be starting that work in June as well.

- After meeting with our ComEd rep, I was given contact information to start a discussion regarding solar panels at both wastewater treatment plants. As I gather information about this potential addition, I will present it to the board.
- Our new 5-yard plow truck will be completed next month, and the plan is to take possession before the end of June.
- Exterior punch list for the new DPW will finish up soon.

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.