



VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

"A Great Place to Call Home"

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Public Works Report – September 2025

Parks & Recreation

- Continued weekly mowing of all parks and public green spaces.
- Continued monthly weed control applications throughout Village parks and other areas.
- Mowed drainage ways.
- Cleared overgrowth at the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP).
- Mowed unmaintained lots in Burled Wood and Westergren.
- String-trimmed all park overgrowth.
- Final mowing and trimming for the season will take place in the coming weeks.

Roads & Infrastructure

- Continued replacement of damaged or aging signposts throughout the Village.
- Trimmed tree canopies in neighborhoods.
- Removed dead right-of-way trees.
- Boom mowing of tree lines along main roads scheduled for next month.
- Poured new sidewalk section on Summit.
- Cold patched roadways in Westergren and Breakaway Trail neighborhoods.
- Final roadside mowing for the season planned for mid-October.

Water & Sewer

- Performed water service shut-offs and other scheduled appointments.
- Responded to an electrical fault at the SWWTP; McGilvra repaired a fault in the main line that had taken pumps and VFDs offline.
- Addressed low-pressure reports from Contry traced to a level control issue at the Well 3 tower. The analog control system is being reviewed for upgrade to a digital PLC. A proposal from Sabel is expected in November.
- Pressure-tested the water system north of Route 173.
- Flushed all hydrants in Westergren to support ongoing development.
- Repaired a water service line at Lions Park.

Facilities & Equipment Repairs

- Comcast installation work continued at plants, wellhouses, and lift stations. Four lift stations and the SWWTP remain.
- Replaced mulch at Village Hall with river rock to reduce maintenance and improve appearance.
- Completed generator preventative maintenance at plants and lift stations.

- Cut back the north fence line and tree line at the SWWTP.
- Removed spoils pile inside the plant fence.

Administration & Planning

- Continued coordination with Comcast on the Village telecommunications system upgrade.
- Ongoing discussions with developers on potential and active projects.
- Continued coordination with New Leaf/Contry regarding lots in Westergren.
- Assessed curb and roadway conditions in Westergren.
- Updated Village logos and applied new decals to the Public Works Director's vehicle; remaining vehicles will be updated next month. New logos installed on Village Hall doors.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. I am available to provide additional details on any past, current, or upcoming projects.