

City of Richmond Heights
Service Department
2016 Annual Report
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First Quarter...

We really had a pretty mild winter this year, we had a few snow storms but were able to pretty much keep up with them.

That being said we were able to get other things done this winter, our men put up our snow fences in early January, and really kept up with our cold patch this year.

We did some painting at the Lodge, and did quite a bit of chipping, and were able to really repair and paint the picnic tables that belong at our city park. We also trimmed some trees around the city.

When it did snow our men went out salting and plowing, and took care of hand shoveling and salting around our city buildings. If any damage was caused to tree lawns we repaired that too.

There are always other things to do too, we had to fix a broken manhole, and check culverts around the city. We wash the trucks and always do maintenance. Our mechanics keep busy when things break down or need repair. We fixed some sign posts and put up signs that were knocked over.

Our street crew had to repair a spot at Georgetown and Highland and they also went to a workshop this winter.

We also set up and took down for the voting in March, and set up and took down for the egg hunt at Greenwood Farm.

With the weather being so nice we were able to start spring clean-up early this year too.

Than when winter is over all the salt trucks need to be cleaned out and put away for the following year.

Second Quarter...

In April 2 of our men started to open the pool which is a long process that takes about 2 months to do. We also started working on the baseball fields preparing them for the baseball games that go on all summer long. Once they are in shape they must be maintained daily, all season and prepared before each game by one of our men.

Grass cutting started in April this year too, which is an everyday job which takes about 3 men every day.

The road crew started repairing the spots where the water department left the holes in the road, and started patching areas that were very bad. Of course we continued to cold patch too.

Also in April we prepared the hole and planted the tree for Arbor Day.

We started to clean up the park, prepare the bocce courts and clean up around the city buildings and different areas we take care of throughout the city.

In May our hanging flower baskets came, so we needed to put up 26 baskets. This is a summer long job, the flowers need to be watered daily and fertilized to keep them from drying out.

Both of our parks had to be opened too, we have to make sure everything is operating properly and in good condition. This year we put in pickle ball courts at Richmond Park.

The Police and Park sign was painted by us this year and a couple other city signs.

Third Quarter...

In July we set up and tore down for Junk-in-the-Trunk at Greenwood Farm.

We painted more city signs and the DeSan Park sign. Continued with roadwork, grass cutting, ballfields, maintenance on the pool, and landscaping. We also had to work on the sprinklers at City Hall.

Our road crew went around and did some catch basin repairs. We had a lot of road work in August too, especially on Richmond Rd from the water breaks we had there.

We took care of the playground at Richmond Park. We cleaned it all up and put down new playground mulch which made it look really nice and a couple of our men painted the pavilion, and the gazebo.

In the summer the service garage got some much needed new lighting in our mechanic garage and truck garage. We have new LED lighting and it is all on motion sensors so the lights only are on when someone is in the area and turn off within 20 minutes after someone walks out of the area. This was all installed by Electolite.

In August we had a small storm with a lot of wind come through so we had to do a lot of extra chipping and clean up from that.

And we set up and tore down the tents for the Back to School Celebration and Greenwood Farms Funfest.

Then it was time to start shutting the pool down and winterizing the parks and getting them ready for winter.

In September we removed the slide at DeSan Park and took down our hanging flowers. We've had to fix a few signs and put tar on the Service Garage roof because it was leaking.

We worked on the windows at Greenwood Farm because they weren't opening and closing, we have been hauling concrete to DeMilta to get rid of it.

Our men installed three new heaters in the service garage in September that were just purchased, that should make a big difference this year.

Fourth Quarter...

In October we are cleaning up wood chips from the stump grindings from all the Ash trees we are having removed on Steven, Audrey, & Albert Court that were infected by the Ash Borer bugs. Then we are going to put down topsoil and seed.

We also trimmed trees in the city, so far in October we trimmed trees on Danbury, Richmond Bluff Dr., Bridgeport, Litchfield, Country Ln, Knollwood Trail, Wethersfield, Woodbridge, Manchester Court, Brandford, Wallingford, Snavely, Pierson, Lindsey, Lindsey Oval and Cynthia.

We had to do some plumbing repair on the water line at City Hall and did general maintenance on all the city buildings.

Our department contracted out Chim Chimney Masonry to do some repairs on Greenwood Farms chimney in October, they have 5 year warranty on new work and 3 years on repairs. They have been in business for 27 years and have the highest A rating with their customers.

We started picking up some leaves the week of October 24th, but leaves were still light so we didn't go out every day. The second week of October we put 2 crews out on leaves so we were able to keep up with the leaves at a good pace. November we started leaves in full force, all of our men were out every day, we did a continuous loop around the city.

We are also picking up leaves in our parks and on other city properties.

Some other things had to be done on the city buildings, lights had to be worked on at the Police Station and a shelf had to be fixed at City Hall along with the heating system that wasn't working properly.

Our street crew re-built a catch basin on Mulberry that was caving in, and a couple of our men set up new recycling containers at Richmond Park and inspected all of the picnic tables.

The day after Thanksgiving we couldn't pick up leaves because the dump where we take our leaves was closed, so we put up Christmas decorations, cleaned up leaves in the park, and cleaned up our tools that the street crew uses throughout the summer.

Starting in December we continued to put up Christmas lights and continued to pick up leaves because the weather cooperated. We also started chipping branches in December again too.

Our first major snowfall came Friday, December 9th so that put a stop to everything except snow plowing, it was a lot of snow too, about 18 inches, our guys plowed long hard hours to keep up with all the snow that took them into Saturday night, and continued cleaning up on Monday morning. We finally were able to get the sidewalk plow out Tuesday. We also had to fix a couple signs that got hit by cars and did some cold patching. We were still curbing and cleaning up on Tuesday and Wednesday also. The guys also cleaned up and checked all the trucks that weren't being used to make sure they were ready for the next snow which came on Thursday evening.

Later in December we did some cold patching and trimmed some trees, and had to order some salt. We went back to picking up leaves for about a week to get what we missed before the snow came in early December, and we did a lot of chipping too.

Then there are the usual things that we do all year round... recycling, pick up trash, change the message board, pick up dead animals, pick up appliances and hot water tanks, chipping, and pick up senior newspapers the third Friday of every month.

2016 Purchases

Fleet Additions

- 2- 2500 Chevy 4x4 pickups with plows
- Kubota Skidsteer

Equipment Additions

- Infield Rascal MVP Chassis with Profile Blades, Scarifiers & Finish Rake
- 2 ton chain hoist
- 7.5hp 80 gallon air compressor
- Plasma cutter
- Heavy duty code reader
- 12 ton floor jack
- 2 – 20 ton jack stands
- 250/65/35/5 starter charger
- Chop saw, 14" blade
- 34" Impact wrench
- 2- straight shaft trimmers
- One Exterior (super high output) LED wall pack, light

Recycling Statistics

Pick Ups	14,082
Drop Offs	2,088
Tire Drop Offs	15
Computer Drop Offs	77
Household Hazardous Waste Drop Offs	106
Appliance Pick Up	23

Employees

Full Time

Foreman	1
Skilled Laborers	5
Mechanic	1
Secretary	1

Part Time

Small Engine Mechanic	1
Laborers	7