

Code Enforcement

The Vacant and Abandoned Houses Task Force

Commercials were made and are being aired to assist locating, documenting and registering at risk properties as a part of the Vacant and Abandoned Houses Task Force. Thus far, the commercials have generated positive feedback from the community with favorable amounts of call-ins.

Submitted Plans

Plans have been submitted for 89-99 Public Square, The Lincoln Building Phase III Renovations.

Plans have been submitted for 67 Court Street, Empsall's Clinic renovations for the Children's Home of Jefferson County.

Plans have also been submitted for 521 Newell Street, for removing the existing boiler and installing a new heating system.

Building Permits, Maintenance and Repair Permits

Thirty-two Maintenance and Repair Permits and five Building Permits have been issued since September 9, 2019.

Buildings and Grounds

Maintenance staff have continued to work diligently on completing the stone installation around City Hall.



Engineering

Black River Parkway/Commerce Park Drive

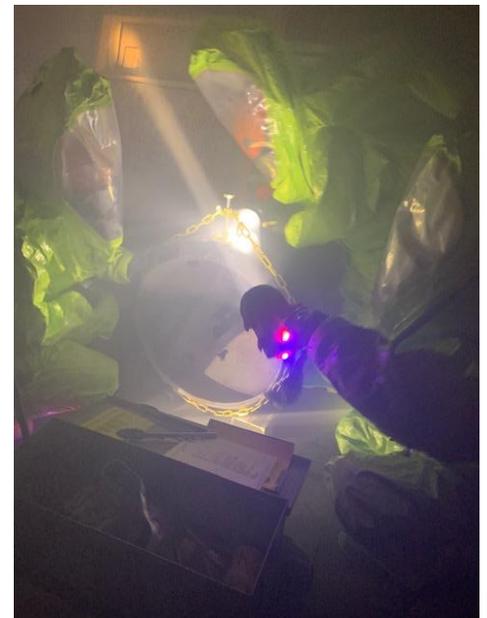
Notice to proceed has been given to CFR Paving, Inc. Reconstruction of the ADA sidewalk ramps will begin on Monday. Manhole and catch basin work will follow on or about Wednesday. Black River Parkway will experience closers periodically throughout the project.

JB Wise/Court Street Retaining Wall Restoration

Drisoll Masonry Restoration Co. was the low bidder in the amount of \$52,376. The project will begin as soon as the City Council awards the project.

Fire Department

Members of the Fire Department have been participating in a Hazardous Material Technician Refresher Training provided by NYS Division of Homeland Security. Fire Protection Specialist Jim Shine provided instruction on the different classes of hazardous materials, pre-cautions of potential secondary devices, incidents where hazardous materials have been released both accidentally and intentionally. As part of the training, members were placed in Level A suits to contain a chlorine leak from a 1 ton cylinder. In this photo, members of the entry team have stopped a simulated leak of a cylinder breach using a "B" kit and placing a patch under the screw device and tightening the screw to stop the leak. Members of the department are to conduct this type of training on an annual basis.



Planning Department

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Staff completed the City's CDBG CAPER this week and submitted it to HUD on September 27, 2019. The CAPER is an annual report of the City's CDBG related activities. The time period covered by the report was July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Comprehensive Plan Open Houses

Both open house events were well attended, with a combined 81 people signing in over the two nights (38 on Tuesday, 43 on Wednesday). Attendees had the opportunity to view boards that summarized the core planning principles behind the process, a citywide vision and recommendations, more localized plans for each neighborhood and a recommended Future Land Use map. Most attendees were very engaged, taking their time at each board and conversing with staff. Attendees also had the opportunity to write feedback on sticky notes and affix them to the various boards.



Planning Board

Staff processed two Planning Board applications this month, a Site Plan request for a rear parking lot on Court Street and a Subdivision Request on Breen Avenue. Staff also reviewed a preliminary concept drawing for the site of the former Medical Arts Building that bounds Clinton, Mullin and Sherman Streets, and provided feedback in anticipation of an official application in the near future. The Planning Board will meet on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 to discuss the above submissions.

Waterworks Park Cleanup

Several youth participants in the local Movement Sports organization recently took some time to give back to the community by cleaning up Waterworks Park. Participants picked up trash, swept trails and trimmed brush at the event held on September 22. They did a great job and their work is much appreciated.



Water Department

Hydroelectric

One turbine began production around noon on Wednesday and is still running. River flows ramped up on Thursday and the one turbine running is at 65%.

The infrared windows that will be installed in the breaker cabinets during the Excitation Project were received.



A contractor has been selected to repair/grout the minor cracks in the hydroelectric building, some of which are behind the old breaker cabinets. Once the cabinets are removed, the cracks will be repaired.

Water Filtration

The Water Maintenance Mechanic received his commercial pesticide applicators license and will be able to use it for the control of algae.

Wastewater Treatment

The truck scale project at the WWTP is moving forward, and will be going out for bid in a week or two. The scope of this project was scaled back when initial bids came in high.

Plant staff is working on cleaning spoils (construction material) off the storage pad before winter so there will be ample room to store biosolids for next years' land application program.