

MAYORAL UPDATE 4th QTR 2021

I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and here's to a Happy New Year! I find it hard to believe we are now in 2022. I can still remember the panic some people had when it was New Year's 2000.

October Highlights:

The Village purchased a push camera to be able to see in the storm water tiles. This will help when areas of flooding occur due to a tile issue. The street department was provided training and have already used the camera to determine where some of the storm water lines are plugged with roots.

It was also determined that an older Kubota mower was not used nor needed by the Village. Council decided to list the mower and use the proceeds to put toward the purchase of a new one that could be used at the park and would also work to mow the reservoir. We anticipate seeing the new mower in the Spring!

With all of the NWWSD projects within the Village this summer and early fall many of the areas where dirt was replaced and grass reseeded has settled. Mr. Like made NWWSD aware of the situation and after looking at the areas they agreed to return in the spring and regrade and reseed. Hopefully, all the settling will be done by spring.

NWWSD shared their projects scheduled for next year. Council will be meeting with them to review the projects in January. Our goal is to have better communication with them as they proceed with the future projects.

Chief Blunk attended a mandatory New Chief's week of training near London, Ohio. She continues to be very proactive and busy. Her office is open when she is there. Please enter the west side door. If she is not in the office, she has a form for you to leave her a message and she will be in contact you.

The Street Department filled many of the potholes within the Village this month in preparation for the winter. If you happen to spy one that was missed, please contact the Village office. Several new tires were put on the street trucks in preparation for the winter months as well as the police vehicle.

The little goblins and a few bigger ones were out in full force on the 31st. The weather cooperated this Halloween and many enjoyed the opportunity to collect candy. The Lion's hosted the annual Halloween Costume parade with donuts and cider for all. A special thanks to the NWHJFD and PMP who invited everyone to visit their haunted house in the back of the firehouse.

November Highlights:

November arrived with the usual onslaught of leaves for everyone just as the "new to us" leaf vac was delivered. The old one was on its last leg and each time the truck was full the street workers had to unhook the vac to dump the leaves. With the new one they are able to unload without unhooking each time. It is much more efficient and certainly has saved a lot of time for the guys and made this job a lot more enjoyable! A very big THANK YOU to Billy and Jared for picking up all the leaves! Also, thank you to the residents for raking your leaves to the ROW. I know that some Villages do not offer this service, or they require you put all the leaves in the compostable leaf bags. We are very fortunate to have acquired this used leaf vac and look forward to the continued service for our residents.

Planning and Zoning has been very busy as a proposed developer is interested in a housing development on the southeast side of the Village. The McComb Economic Development Organization has been working to secure a zoning change for some of the proposed development. The Council realizes the need for housing to grow the Village but also wants to be sure this is the right developer and kind of development for our Village. This will be an ongoing discussion for next year.

As the Village looked forward to beginning our upgrade for the storm water infrastructure beginning with the Church Street Interceptor project, we were disheartened to learn we did not receive the \$500,000.00 grant we had

hoped for. In reviewing the grants, the grantees sited that the Village would have scored higher if we would have included pictures, testimonials, insurance claims from residents who have been impacted by flooding. **PLEASE** send us your information about your issues with flooding as we hope to resubmit in April 2022.

In the spring of this year the Village sold their old bucket truck that needed repaired. For a period of time the street department borrowed a lift from the school or from a local electrician. This was not always feasible when a truck or lift was needed immediately for light repairs etc. The electrician decided to downsize and offered the Village the opportunity to buy his truck. So, with December on the horizon and the Christmas lights to hang the Village Council opted to purchase the bucket truck. This will also help in hanging the military banners and flags throughout the Village.

December Highlights:

December arrived with the street department **STILL** picking up many leaves! Again, we are so grateful to have upgraded the leaf vac and hopefully all the leaves will soon be picked up and gone! The last day the Street Department will be picking up leaves is January 7, 2022.

The Christmas decorations were put up in the Village and the military banners were taken down. Council has decided to put the banners up in the future. However, if you would like your banner to keep, please contact the Village office. We are planning to put the banners on additional streets within the Village due to the number of banners. McComb is very proud of our past and present military members who represent(ed) the Village.

If you were tired of seeing the large pile of asphalt grindings in the park you weren't alone. We have contracted with a local contractor ALL Excavating and Demolition to spread out the pile and create additional parking in the park. As many of you have experienced at times, we could use some additional parking. ALL Excavating and Demolition will also be working to grind the brush pile near the old sewer plant. The EPA no longer permits the Village to burn the brush.

The Public Works committee has been busy looking at what streets to pave next year. We know there are many streets that certainly would benefit from paving. However, we must work together with NWWSD to make sure they have no plans to work on the same streets. We would also like to have the streets identified by the end of the year so Mr. Like can request to be included with the county bid. The committee identified the following streets to be paved for 2022.: Ackerly Street – East Perrin Avenue to East Oliver St. and East Oliver St. to dead end; North St. – Scott St. (left) to North Todd St; Scott St – North St. to West Cooper St. The Village is also planning to address storm water lines in the Meadows along with some paving.

If you have kept all the 2021 quarterly updates you can see it was a very busy year for the Village. A special thank you to the council member who are leaving us and welcome to the ones who will be joining us in January. I look forward to serving the Village in 2022. Happy New Years!

