

Public Works Report November 2016

Silver Lane Water Main & Fire Hydrant Update: This job is complete. The Limerick Fire Dept flow tested the new fire hydrant with one of their pumper trucks. Test results show a usable 750 gallons per minute. Thanks once again to the citizens of Limerick who supported this important collaboration between the town and LAC. That very remote area of Limerick now has fire protection that can be relied upon year round. With the Town of Limerick and LAC joining forces on this fire hydrant initiative we have been able to install three new fire hydrants in areas that formerly had no fire protection whatsoever.



Club 2 Boiler Update: This job is complete. There has been some control issues with one unit that are being handled under warranty. The technicians from JP Carroll have been very responsive and are working hard to diagnose any remaining issues.

Winter Equipment Setup: Our crew has been busy getting our entire fleet dressed up for playing in the snow and ice. Plows, sanders, snow tires and chains have all been serviced and installed. We are now ready for whatever winter can throw at us.

Pre Winter Road Grading: Our entire crew spent a couple weeks with both road graders, our bucket loader and several dump trucks grading and filling potholes on all of our most traveled roads throughout LAC to bring those roads to the best condition possible before they freeze solid. Fall grading is particularly difficult in that the massive amount of leaf debris gets mixed in with the gravel and makes it almost impossible to smooth out properly. To overcome the problem our crew modified our hay mulching machine into a huge, very powerful leaf blower that drove ahead of the road graders cleaning the roads of leaves and pine needles. The mission was very successful.

Ongoing Repairs: There is not a single work day that goes by that our mechanics are not repairing something. Quite often they are performing difficult major repairs such as today where they found a broken spring on one of the ten wheelers about 10am. Using torches and tools they have removed that very heavy spring set from the vehicle, drove to Portland to get a new much stronger spring set, returned and it is now completely installed with the truck ready to roll before 3:30pm. We are lucky to have such a talented and hard working crew to keep our fleet race ready every day.

Winter Sand Preparations: During the past month our crew has hauled and mixed 4,000 yards of winter sand with over 230 tons of road salt to once again rebuild our winter sand pile to its normal pre season size. Added to what we had left over from last winter and providing Mother Nature cooperates we should have enough to last through until spring.

Water Main Breaks: We have had four main breaks in different areas of the community in the past month. All have been repaired.

Water Production for October 2016 was 9.75 Million Gallons.