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# Life in "The Works"

*A Look into the Current Operations of the Village of Palmyra Department of Public Works*

## Fall is here & all it Leaves behind

Everyone will soon be in a hurry to deal with the final clean up of their yards before winter sets in yet again. Residents have a few different options to dispose of their yard debris including leaves, branches, garden waste and general yard debris.

The DPW will be doing one more curbside brush pickup for the year; additionally you can drop off items at the yard waste site. Please see the information under *Upcoming Events*.

THE DPW DOES NOT DO CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP, please do not place items in curbs and ditches as this causes stormwater backups.

## Recycling Event to Be Held

*October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am at the DPW shop*

The state of Wisconsin passed a bill in 2009 that prohibited depositing electronic wastes in landfills. Since that time the Village of Palmyra made efforts to supply residents with opportunities to dispose of the electronic wastes. Again recently the E-Waste game has changed! Sources that have help fund the recycling of electronics through the state and federal government have been eliminated for 2016.

Through past efforts made on E-Waste recycling and the resulting success, Jefferson County Clean Sweep has partnered with the Village to host an event in the Village of Palmyra for county residents to dispose of a number of items.

On October 29<sup>th</sup> Jefferson County Clean Sweep will be hosting a recycling event at the DPW shop (203 Jefferson St. - *also known as Hwy E*) from 9 - 11 a.m. Items that will be accepted include electronics, appliances and lawn equipment.

All gas and oil must be removed prior to drop offs. Residents will be responsible to pay the hosting company for electronics as follows:

- Cathode Ray Tube, Console & Projections TV's - \$20 each
- All other TV's - \$10 each
- All monitors - \$5 each
- All other electronics, appliances and lawn equipment will be FREE

Residents will be able to pay with Cash and Check; No Credit Card payments will be accepted.

For more information on this and other similar upcoming events, please contact Jefferson County Clean Sweep at [www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/cleansweep](http://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/cleansweep) or call (920) 674-7430.

# Did You know...

...that the Village of Palmyra is offering solutions for residents to dispose of their medications? The Palmyra Public Safety Building located at 126 N. First St. is offering a secure drop off location accepting personal and pet medications during normal business hours. Items can be dropped off in the lobby and do not have to be in prescription containers but can simply be put in a zip lock bag. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN LIQUID MEDICATIONS, SHARPS OR BIOHAZARD PRODUCTS.** Please do your part to properly dispose of your expired medications in a responsible way that will promote the future safety of our drinking water and recreational waters in the area.

## Upcoming events >>>>>

### Curbside Brush Collection:

10 /10/16 & 11/14/16 - starting @ 7am

### Jefferson County Clean Sweep

#### Electronics Waste Event:

10/ 29 (9am - 11 am) at 203 Jefferson Street

### Yardwaste Site Open:

11/5/16 (8am-12pm) - Check for a potential second date in November

### **Winter Parking Regulations Start**

**November 1<sup>st</sup>** - Parking on all Village streets from 2 am to 6 am.

## Spotlight: Sewer Main Cleaning - A Deeper Look

In the last edition of *Life in the Works*, we discussed the reasons for the Department's efforts to perform cleaning maintenance of the collection system. Since that time DPW staff has been out and about throughout the collection system performing root, grease and debris removal. During our activities staff retrieved a substantial obstruction from a section of sewer main along N. Second St. Although it may not be a real pretty thing to think about, this is the reality of our infrastructure and much of the system that is owned by residents. The portion of roots that was cut free was approximately 32" long and 6" in diameter! That may not seem like much, but in a pipe that is only 8" in diameter - it is a quick example of what one year can do.



This brings to light an even more important topic for homeowners - the same non-stop growth of tree roots is happening in and around your home's sewer lateral. It is an important thing to keep in mind, especially if you notice that you are getting water around basement floor drains during heavy water use. You may be months or even days away from your sewer lateral completely backing up. It is good preventative maintenance to have your sewer line cleaned out to ensure trouble free service and a long service life. We recommend that customers pay a little bit extra to have contracted services that can not only clean, but televise your service. That way when issues are experienced, you will be able to see what exactly the issue is to be able to make the best decision going forward. Please check back in upcoming editions for more information on what you can do to protect your sewer lateral.

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## *How To Protect Your Sewer Service, Your Neighbor's & The Sewer Utility*

**RAGS, RAGS, GO AWAY - THESE ARE THINGS TO THROW AWAY....**

A few years ago the staff of the DPW noticed a big increase in the amount of rags and towel-like products that were being removed from the sanitary sewer collection system to eliminate clogged pumps and valves. The marketing push from companies on their products for household and personal use that were “flushable” was definitely working! The DPW circulated direct mailers to areas that were most problematic and POOF! – problem solved.

As a friendly reminder to customers, we would like to once again bring the discussion to light. Products that are “flushable” definitely are, but what they are not is pumpable or degradable and definitely NOT hygienic or sanitary when DPW staff has to remove them from the sewer system.

In the future, please keep in mind: there are only three things that should be flushed, everything else is garbage and should be put there.

## **Road Construction Projects**

### *Royal Lee, Industrial, Wisconsin & Little*

For 2016 the Village planned for two different road projects to be completed during the season. The maintenance work that has been completed to date included a slag chip seal application to a number of street segments in and around the Downtown Business District and the Industrial Park including Jefferson St., Main St., Taft St., Mill Rd., S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and N. 1<sup>st</sup> St. as well as Royal Lee Dr. and Future Rd.

The second part of the road work for this year includes paving work on Little St., E. Wisconsin St., Industrial Blvd. and Royal Lee Dr. The latter of the streets will have performed a 2” surface milling, asphaltic wedge and surface layer installed. Little St. and E. Wisconsin St. are scheduled to have full depth pulverization of the existing roadway and grading followed by the installation of the base and surface layers of asphalt.

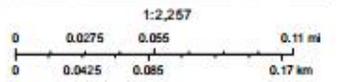
Work for the paving projects is currently scheduled to begin the week of August 22<sup>nd</sup> and to be completed by the end of the week of August 29<sup>th</sup>. Start dates and completion times of these projects will be weather dependent. Short term closures will be required to complete the projects so please be aware of signage and workers if in the area during the project.

Please check the DPW webpage for more updates as the project timing nears. You can find maps of the scheduled project areas on the page below.

2016 Paving: Royal Lee Dr. - Industrial Blvd.



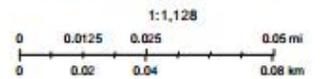
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2016 Paving: E. Wisconsin St. and Little St.



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# Did You know...

...we have been working to redevelop one of our parks? PFC Charles F. Deuel Veterans Memorial Trailhead Park has been a labor of love for everyone involved in the project including numerous gracious donors and dedicated volunteers who all supported the development. Swing down to the corner of Wilson & S. 2<sup>nd</sup> (200 Wilson St) to take a peek, enjoy and please send us your feedback.

## Spotlight: Sewer Main Cleaning

The DPW performs routine maintenance to the sanitary sewer collection system on an ongoing basis, but performs one specific activity on an annually. To keep the 11 miles of our gravity sewer mains free from roots, silt and other debris that may collect over a year, we use our jet-vac truck to remove these unwanted items from the system. During this maintenance, you will notice our crew working throughout different areas of the Village cleaning main lines. You may also notice a bit of a smelly area around where crews are working. This is a normal result from

scouring the inside of the mains and should dissipate relatively quickly. Additionally, this work can create a vacuum on the main line being worked on and may result in quick pressure changes on a building's sewer lateral as our jetting equipment passes by the connection point.

We recommend customers to keep lids down on toilets during the work and also to keep an eye on floor drains, sinks and shower traps to ensure they remain full of water and continue to keep your building safe.

The DPW currently plans to begin cleaning work the week of

## Upcoming events >>>>>

### **Sewer Main Cleaning:**

Starting the the week of 8/22/16 and is anticipated to continue for 3 - 4 weeks.

**Curbside Brush Collection:** 9/12/16

**Yardwaste Site Open:**

9/3/16 (8am-12pm)

**Jefferson County Clean Sweep**

**Electronics Waste Event:**

10/ 29 (9am - 11 am) at 203 Jefferson Street.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> and work will continue for approximately 3 - 4 weeks.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure or if you would like to know where we are in the Village, please contact our office.

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