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TRIVIA MONTH

Here are the answers!

1. December was originally the tenth month in the early Roman calendar.
2. Washington crossed the Delaware on 12/25/1776.
3. The Pulitzer Prize was awarded for the first time in December 1901.
4. The Louisiana Purchase was made in December 1803.
5. The Mason-Dixon line was drawn on the US map in December 1782.
6. The Bill of Rights was ratified on 12/15/1791.
7. A Christmas Carol was published in December 1843.
8. Jimmy Buffett was born on Christmas Day, 1946.

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2011 Wrap-Up

PROJECTS -

- The Water & Sewer Division is wrapping up 2011, much the same way that they started it. In February they began to tie in customers along 12th Street from Poplar Street to Zschokke Street onto a new 10" water line, retiring the old 2" line that had been serving the area. This division is currently working to construct a new 6" main along Pine Street between 13th Street and 17th Street.
- The spillway repair project, which began in the fall of 2010 when a hole was discovered next to the spillway retaining wall. The first phase of emergency repairs were made at that time. The second phase of the repair project went to bid in March, and an award was made to Korte & Luitjohan Contractors of Highland to complete the repair.
- The Water Reclamation Facility has been upgrading their influent meter from an 8" meter to a 12" meter. This will help increase capacity at the plant and help in planning for future residential and industrial growth.
- The final items on the Koepfli Lane Extension and the Iberg Road Realignment projects were completed by early summer.
- The Troxler Avenue Pavement Restoration project was awarded to Quality Saw and Seal of Bridgeview, Illinois. The project that eliminated the thumping along Troxler Avenue between Route 143 and Route 160 consisted of retrofitting the contraction joints with dowel bars, then doing a fine grinding on the pavement before resealing and restriping. The project began the last week in June, and despite some delays due to product availability and extreme temperatures, the project was wrapped up before the start of school in mid-August.
- In August the Water & Sewer division made some corrections to the water main in the intersection of 19th Street & Cypress Street. Korte & Luitjohan replaced the pavement once the repairs were made.
- A new 10' wide path along the east side of Iberg Road from Broadway to Koch Road, as well as the resurfacing of one of the existing walking paths at Glik Park was also completed in August. Gleeson Asphalt was the contractor on that project.
- In October the Broadway Sidewalk Extension Project was awarded to Rite-Way Excavating of Lebanon, Illinois. The project extended the sidewalk on the south side of Broadway from Sunrise Court to Iberg Road.
- Last month Mettler Development began construction of a new parking lot on the east side of the library. Three-Way Creations was also awarded a contract for new landscaping at the library. Both projects continue.

PERSONNEL

- Public Works also had some personnel changes in the past year. Bob Wittenborn, WTP Supervisor, retired in January, he was replaced by Mike Buss, who joined the City in December of 2010. Paul Holtgrave and Steve Walter, both of the W&S Division retired in June. In July Travis Tebbe and Darren Apken were hired to help fill the void left by their departures.

KUDOS

- In February the WTP received the 2011 Runner-up Water Plant of the Year award from the Illinois Rural Water Assoc.
- In March, Clint Conrad, Resident Engineer, earned credentials as a Certified Erosion, Sediment and Stormwater Inspector.
- Tony Hemen, WTP Operator, was named the Southwest Central Water Plant Operator's Association Operator of the Year in June. Tony followed that award up with the Illinois Potable Water Operator's Association Operator of the Year award in September.
- In August Jim Bugger, Street & Alley Division operator, competed in, and won the Case Triple Threat Rodeo in Fenton, MO. This competition showed off Jim's ability in equipment operation on a timed obstacle course. Jim will be competing in the national competition to be held in Las Vegas in January. Watch for results in an upcoming Public Works.
- Just this month Richard Kraft, WRF Pretreatment Coordinator, passed his Fundamentals of Engineering exam. Rich has been taking classes at SIUE in pursuit of his Professional Engineering certification, and this is a big step to that end.

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND BLESSED 2012