

From The Director's Office:

Since the beginning of the year, the City has received over 45 reports of Graffiti vandalism. Graffiti is defined as scribbling, scratching or spraying illicitly on a surface in a public place, and is illegal.

Graffiti done on private property is the responsibility of the property owner or home owner's association to remove. Code Compliance works with the owners to let them know about the need for removal.

Graffiti placed on City owned assets is removed by staff who use various methods for eradicating the markings including wipes, pressure washing and paint. Below are markings on the bridge over Coffee Lake Creek on 5th Street that took several tries for complete removal. The final solution was to repaint sections of the bridge wall.



Best Regards,

Delora Kerber, Public Works Director

Roads

Happy Trails to You

Work on the Charbonneau Trail continues, a lengthy project that will keep the Roads crew busy throughout most of the summer. Grinding of ridges and high spots will help keep the trail even and smooth for everyone to enjoy safely.



Roads

Sign Language

The Roads team took advantage of the mostly dry weather in June; updating pavement markings around the City with a new process and machine that allows for increased productivity.



A new plotter and roller table have arrived at the Public Works complex, filling out the new Sign Shop equipment. This will allow the Roads team to make street name and specialty regulatory signs in house, greatly reducing costs and turnaround times.



Stormwater

Catch, Don't Release

Upon completion of inspecting the City's catch basins, nearly 1,100 required cleaning by the Stormwater Crew. The team uses the vacuum (aka Vactor) truck to remove debris and clean the area. The debris is brought to the Public Works complex and dumped in the decant bay prior to its final destination at Pride disposal in Sherwood. This large project is a critical step in keeping our water sources clean and healthy.



Stormwater

Clean up on Aisle 3

Keeping Right of Ways clear and safe is especially important in early summer when vegetation seems to grow overnight. The Stormwater crew also made time to work on the detention pond in Memorial Park, and at the Boones Ferry / Boeckman drainage area.



Facilities

The Right Tools for the Job

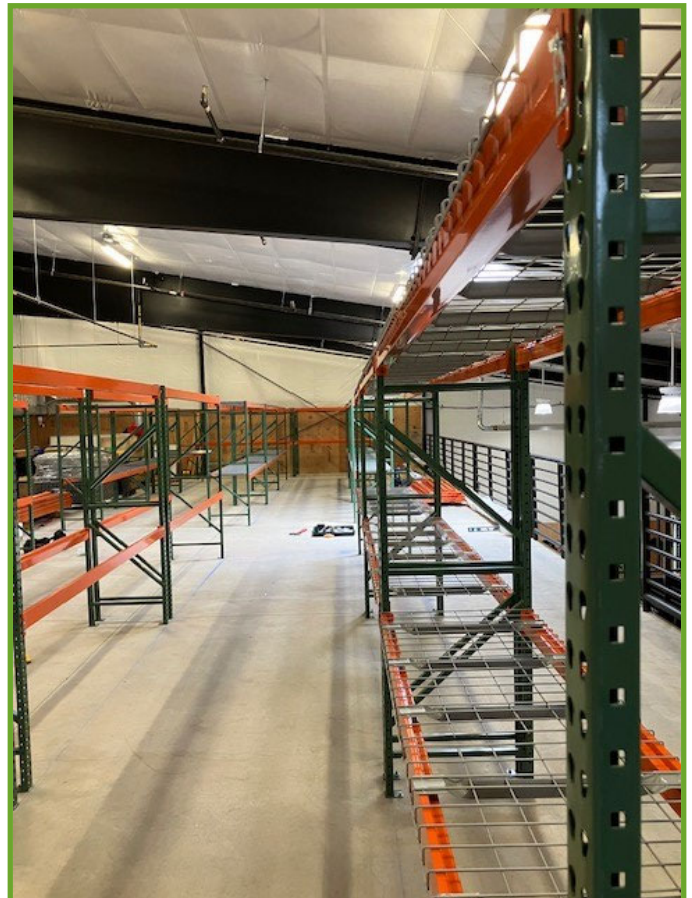
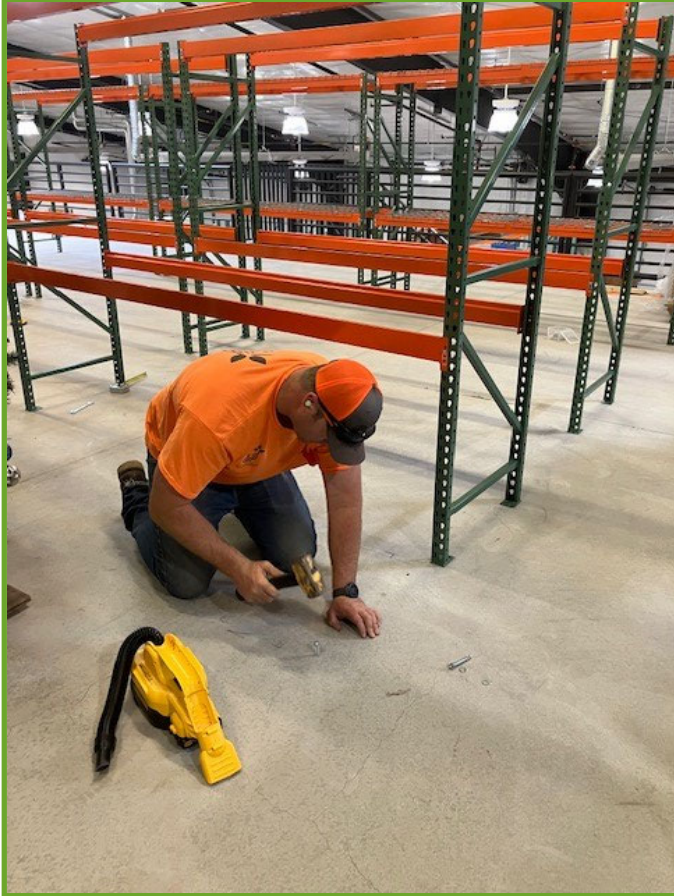
An irrigation leak under the parking lot of the Police station brought out the Facilities Maintenance team along with the Vactor truck. This versatile piece of equipment navigates roots and neighboring irrigation pipes safely and allowed the team to install a new, flexible irrigation pipe under the parking lot.



Facilities

Secure Storage

A new racking system was installed on the warehouse mezzanine at the Public Works complex. This seemingly simple task required critical attention to detail and accuracy to ensure the safety and stability of these load-bearing racks.



Facilities

Unseen Champions

The work performed by the Janitorial team is often unseen, and completed before the public arrives at City facilities each day. Whether removing graffiti at Westside Express Service (WES) lot, or attending to a prankster's mess at the Library, the Janitorial team keeps the City in tip top shape for all.



Utilities

An Eruption of Water

June was a busy month for the Utilities Division. The crew wrapped up the annual flushing program by flushing dead end lines that terminate in a “Blow Off”. A “Blow Off” is a valve and reduced piping at the end of a capped dead end line that can be opened to flush the pipe. Blow offs are often found in Cul-de-Sacs or dead end side streets where a hydrant may not be present .



Utilities

Testing, Testing, 1, 2, 3

This month the water crew worked with Oregon Meter Repair to test and calibrate a portion of the large meters in the City. Meters that are 3 inches and larger are tested to verify accuracy. These meters are located at larger commercial facilities, industrial facilities and schools. Ensuring that meters are accurate is a critical aspect for the sound management of a water system.



The process for testing a meter consists of using a calibrated bench-tested meter that the contractor provides. The calibrated meter is connected to the meter being tested. Water is run through both meters and compared for accuracy. If necessary, the contractor performs any repairs or adjustments to the meter while on site. If the meter is not repairable it is scheduled to be replaced.

Utilities

Continuing Education

A few members of the Utilities team were able to attend a fantastic full day training that covered fire hydrant and valve maintenance. The attendees came away with valuable information as well as some tricks and tips that they can apply in the field. The hosts of the training held the audience's attention with demonstrations and props such as cutaways of fire hydrants and valves.

