



## **PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL**

### **DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES – JULY 2023**

- Blacklick playground equipment replacement – started demolition in preparation for install
- Brush removal program – removed 23 truckloads of brush and disposed at recycling facility
- Community events
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July – staff set up for parade and supported all day event, including fireworks
  - Farmers Market – staff assisted with event setup and tear down
  - First Thursday – staff assisted with setup and tear down of event
- Meetings – Public Service Director
  - Carpet, tile and grout cleaning contractor at the Rec Center
  - Central Ohio Defense Community Partnership Conference at Rickenbacker AFB
  - City of Columbus staff to discuss snow and ice control coordination
  - Department staff meeting
  - Fire suppression contractor to protect server room at PD
  - Fleet performance and replacement program discussion
  - HVAC contractor to obtain recommendations to enhance cooling at Little Italy
  - Street tree evaluation at 4844 Bay Grove Court
  - Trees and Decorations Committee meeting
- Mosquito control
  - Spray applications – YTD – 5
    - July 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>
- OUPS 811 Service – located city owned underground utility infrastructure for 125 tickets
  - Professional development – 3 newer employees started process to acquire CDL
- Sanitary sewer operations
  - Made pump repairs at the Bixford Green lift station due to “flushable” wipes
  - Responded to 2 power outages to connect portable generator to multiple lift stations
- Street light maintenance
  - Replaced 6 light poles and fixtures damaged during vehicle crashes and wind storms
  - Repaired 5 lights
- Water treatment & distribution
  - Flushed 92 fire hydrants
  - Exercised 29 water valves