

Public Works Department



The Public Works Department provides a number of services to the citizens of Berlin. They include: the maintenance of over 60 miles of streets and many more miles of sidewalks that need to be swept, patched and overlaid with pavement. We also provide snow removal, street marking, and the fabrication and installation of street and traffic signs. We construct retaining walls, install guard rails and guard fence. We maintain sewer and storm water collection systems. We provide equipment maintenance for all of the Public Works, Fire, Recreation, Health, Police and Engineering Departments as well as the Berlin Municipal Airport. We maintain gas and fuel distribution system for all City Departments. We also provide and maintain 151 sand and salt barrels for winter use. Concrete sidewalks, retaining walls and bridge abutments are periodically sealed. Our personnel also provided utility information and project inspection for water and sewer capital improvement projects.

Transportation - Street Markings

Center lines, edge lines, railroad crossings and crosswalks were painted as they are every year excluding three exempt railroad crossings. The cost of this work is approximately \$11,000. The work includes approximately 220,000 linear feet of striping and 5 railroad crossings. PWD crew paints

over 130 crosswalks throughout the City, all the Stop Bars, and Yellow No Parking Zones and the Handicap Parking areas.

Projects in Progress/Completed the 2013-2014 Season

- Replaced retaining walls and railings on Sweden Street and Prospect Streets. - Hutchins Street Re-Construction started in April 2014, with reconstruction of the street and an upgrade to the drainage system between Wood & Bridge Streets.
- The Phase 2 Route 110 Project began and is to be completed in FY16.

Solid Waste - The East Milan Road Landfill closure was substantially completed in October of 1996. Closure of the landfill launched the 39 year post-closure monitoring program. Groundwater quality and methane gas production is being monitored in accordance with the program.

The Cates Hill Landfill Closure project was completed in August of 2006. Groundwater quality and methane gas production are being monitored in accordance with the program. The Cost for Engineering Services, Lab Testing Services, Gas Monitoring, Administrative Services and Grounds Maintenance is almost \$18,000.

The Public Works Department does curbside pickup of household garbage. We pick up approximately 4,000 tons per year and take it to the landfill at a cost of \$67/ton = \$268,000. The Public Works Department collects paper, glass, plastics, tin, aluminum and cardboard for recycling.

There has been an increased effort to reduce the household garbage tonnage to the landfill. We worked with the local media to inform and educate the public of the need to improve our recycling efforts to reduce curbside bulky

waste pick-up and to have residents use the AVRDD transfer station.

Recreation and Parks Maintenance



Following is a summary of the tasks and services provided by the crew listed by the different seasons.

Winter :(Dec., Jan, & Feb.)

- Put up downtown x-mass decorations, repairs, replacements, etc.
- All snow, ice, and rain events are attended to as they occur. This involves plowing, shoveling, sanding and salting parking lots, walkways, stairs and entrances at: 1) Police station-Rec. center, and First Ave. parking lots. 2) City Hall 3) Court House.4) Heritage Park 2 lots. 5) Bickford Place. 6) Memorial and Community Fields storage. 7) 5 skating rinks at Green St., River St., Ramsey Park, Horne Field, and Hutchins Park.
- Everyday custodial duties are performed at the Rec. Center, and the building is maintained for all winter programs.

Spring :(March, April, & May)

-All equipment is inspected and repaired, painted, or replaced. As snow melts the crew gets outside and starts to “spring clean” (litter pick up, leaves, sweeping, and sod repairs) all areas that we take care of.

– Grass mowing starts and the cemetery crew from Northern Human Services starts in May. The Community Gardens are tilled, staked out and made ready for planting.

Summer :(June, July, & Aug.)

- Grass mowing and trimming are everyday tasks at: Track field, Memorial and Memorial Annex, Green St., Veterans Park, all downtown (Vodoukis, PSNH, Gill, Library, St. Anne, Dead River, all Pleasant St., Green St., and Cole St. islands, Tondreau,) parks, Cleveland Bridge road and Botanical gardens, Central Playground, Community Fields, Hutchins Park, the ball field at Horne field and playground, Rotary Park, Brown School Playground, Ramsey Park Playground.

- Full schedule of girls’ softball and Summer Soccer league games at Community Field as well as field maintenance at all fields that include, aerating, seeding, topdressing, fertilizing and weed-killing.
- Trash removal, tree pruning, fence repairs, and playground safety, etc., are attended to weekly.

Fall :(Sept., Oct., and Nov.)

- High School field hockey and soccer games and practices that start in August.
- 7th and 8th grade soccer and field hockey games and practices at Horne field and Memorial Annex field and 5th and 6th grade soccer and field hockey games and practices at Memorial and Community fields.
- Rec. Dept. Soccer program at Green St. Field
- Crews repair worn areas of all fields and continue field maintenance program
- All bleachers, nets, benches, picnic tables, summer equipment, etc. are put away for the winter.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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