

Bi-Monthly Buildings, Grounds/Parks Report

September 4th, 2025

- Stash Merritt started back on 7/8 for his short summer PT stint with us.
- Stash and Myke set up the form for the new sidewalk and pad at Bickford Park.
- 6/30-7/2 Cleaned up and graded the area in front of the new block wall at Gravino Park and got it ready for topsoil. Myke
- The whole crew cleaned up and trimmed/pruned back all the over growth in the public parking lot off Erie St. behind the “old flower shop”.
- Pete/Noah installed the new Public Parking lot signs on Erie St. and off of Rt. 31.
- The whole Parks crew was involved in a big project cleaning up the “Old Baptist Cemetery” off of Walworth Rd. We cut back all the over growth, a few small trees and cleaned up 8-10 loads of brush within that area. We cleaned/opened up inside and 10 feet outside of the existing perimeter of the cemetery as they were doing ground penetrating radar to search for other unmarked burials. After all the work it seemed as they found a few potential unmarked burials outside the perimeter and some that were half in and half out of the existing fenced in area. This ended up being a 3 day project.
- Pete, Pat, Noah and Zach all took part in mowing duties throughout town all though it did slow down with the hot and dry weather we had through July and August.
- We did exterior window washing at the public Safety Bldg., Town Hall and the Library. Zach, Noah and Pete.
- Mulched around all the trees that we planted in the spring in front of the block wall at Gravino Park. Myke, Stash, Noah and Zach.

- Everybody in the Parks Dept. took part in town wide watering, weather it was watering flower pots on Main St. or keeping the area around the new playground watered as we had no rain for 2 months and it was very hot.
- Zach and Pete went out and took care of Graffiti that was along Rt. 31 and up Rt. 350 that Scott had brought to our attention. (Luckily the Newark PD caught the guy doing the graffiti and apparently it was a stretch from Rochester through Newark).
- Myke, Zach, and Noah did repairs to the Town Hall shed. We tore off old shingles, made a few small repairs and put on tar paper and new shingles. We also cleaned out the inside of the shed and put up a new shelf. We still need to address the door as it is rotting and doesn't open easy. We will need to install a new door.
- We poured the new concrete sidewalk and pad and finished the concrete at Bickford Park 8/4. Myke/Noah.
- Stash/Noah/Myke did dirt work around the new pad and sidewalk at Bickford Park.
- The parking lot by the tennis/pickle ball/basketball courts at Bullis Park was resurfaced(oil & stone)8/13. And as it was way under budget we had enough money that was budgeted for the project to resurface(oil & stone the Big "main" lot) at Bullis Park also with a little extra money coming out of my A7110.400 budget to cover the offset amount, which was approved by Dave Maul. The work was done by Suit-Cote and the highway dept.
- Stash/Pete/Zach and Noah all got started on a much needed repair job to the roof and trim work to the shed at the Erie St. cemetery. It was in need of a whole new roof, plywood, soffit lumber and fascia. We are currently still working on this project as it is a little more intricate than just putting on new shingles. Most of the roof was gone(rotted away) so it has been a lot of work doing the repairs. This is believed to be the "old caretakers shed" so I am working with Linda Braun to see if she has any information on the building.

- We pruned/trimmed bushes and trees at the Public Safety Bldg. and laid down new mulch dressed up the landscaping.
Myke/Pete/Noah/Zach
- Myke/Zach/Noah helped get Canal Park prepped for the Heritage Festival. Pete mowed the area. Pete/Stash/Noah/Zach all weed whipped the lot on the east side of Rt. 350 and the highway dept. assisted as Chris had Tyler sweep the lot to get it cleaned up before the festival. Chris striped the lot to help keep parking in order.
- As we had to keep pushing back opening the new playground at Gravino Park, we had to finish up all the odds and ends such as highway installing bollards along the west side of the playground and prepping for the new sidewalk. Hynes concrete did the concrete work. The Parks Dept. installed temporary fencing to keep people off the new lawn area that we are trying to get established and to keep the mess to a minimum within the playground area. Thanks to all involved and we hustled to get the playground opened by 4 pm on 8/25. And from that time the playground has been a hit and hundreds of people have visited and enjoyed all of our hard work.