



November 15, 2024

To: Mayor Mike Topliff  
City Council Members  
From: City Administrator Sam Anselm  
Re: Weekly Update

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Please see below for this week's update and let me know if you have questions on any of the items.

#### Community Services

##### Parks and Recreation

- Installation of the new bathroom at Galloway Park is tentatively scheduled for mid-December.

##### WP Public Library and Civic Center

- The library and the Civic Center received grants from the Missouri Department of Safety to upgrade both buildings' aging security systems.
- Curt Strutz from Dino Dimensions will be at the Civic Center November 20 from 10-11 am to present an entertaining and informative show about the time of the dinosaurs. Dinosaur Dimensions is a unique experience that uses realistic animatronic puppet dinosaurs to bring the event to life. The event is free of charge.

##### WP Tourism/Welcome Center

- The Tourism Advisory Council met last week to make recommendations to city council regarding tourism development grant funding. The council is recommending funding six projects for a total of \$28,000.

##### Facilities/Grounds

- An electrician will install power to the new training and server rooms at City Hall.
- A bid has been received for the HVAC system at the City Hall maintenance shop. We anticipate installation by the end of the calendar year.

#### Fire

##### Last Week's Activities:

- 3 EMS incidents. (Medical calls, EMS lift Assist, Lock-in)

- 6 Structure related (5 – Fire Alarm, 1 – Arcing shorted equipment).
- 1 Motor vehicle accident.
- 3 Swift water rescues.
- 1 Extrication of victims from building/structure.
- 1 Animal rescue
- 1 Debris cleanup from roadway.
- 1 Smoke/odor scares.
- 1 Gas odor investigation.
- 2 Assist police or other government agency.
- 3 No incident found upon arrival.
- 1 Public relations event.
- 20 burn permits were issued. 5 days of no burning.
- Hosted Howell County Fire Officers Meeting.
- Safety walkthrough at the Perennial Energy Building.
- 72 Hours of shift PTO taken, covered by full-time/part-time.

### Planning

- Detour routes are now in effect for the U.S. Highway 160 Overpass project. City staff are working with Leonardo DRS, CMT engineers, and Capital Construction this week to coordinate schedules and project details, including access points, etc. The planning and finance departments will be working closely throughout the project to ensure smooth processes for invoicing and project tracking.
- Dustin and Emily traveled to Jefferson City last week to meet with key legislators to discuss funding necessary to secure up to 200 new jobs in West Plains. We plan to schedule a tour of the building at 601 Washington Avenue for incoming legislators in our area.
- Planning staff prepared a map of flood impacts from last week's heavy rain event, including where creeks broke banks, businesses or residences flooded, etc. This anecdotal evidence will inform future projects and plans for stormwater mitigation and MS4 compliance. The map is attached.

### Police

- On November 6, 2024, officers responded to the 1400 block of Southern Hills regarding a disturbance in progress. Upon arrival officers made contact with a male and female at the location. Officers learned that the male had assaulted the female and held her against her will preventing her from leaving until officers could separate them. The male was arrested for first degree kidnapping and was referred to the Howell County Prosecutor for charges.
- On Monday, November 11, 2024, the West Plains Police Department assisted in the Veteran's Day Parade that was successful.
- On Thursday, November 14, 2024, Lieutenant Ellison will represent the police department in Chief Monticelli's absence at the Drug Task Force board of director's meeting. Topics discussed will be the local elections and the anticipated effects involving the drug task force.

- The speed trailer has been set up on Thornburg at SoMoTech due to complaints of speeding on Thornburg and Freedom Drives for westbound traffic. It will be moved to monitor eastbound traffic in a week or two to assist in controlling the extra traffic on the detour routes.

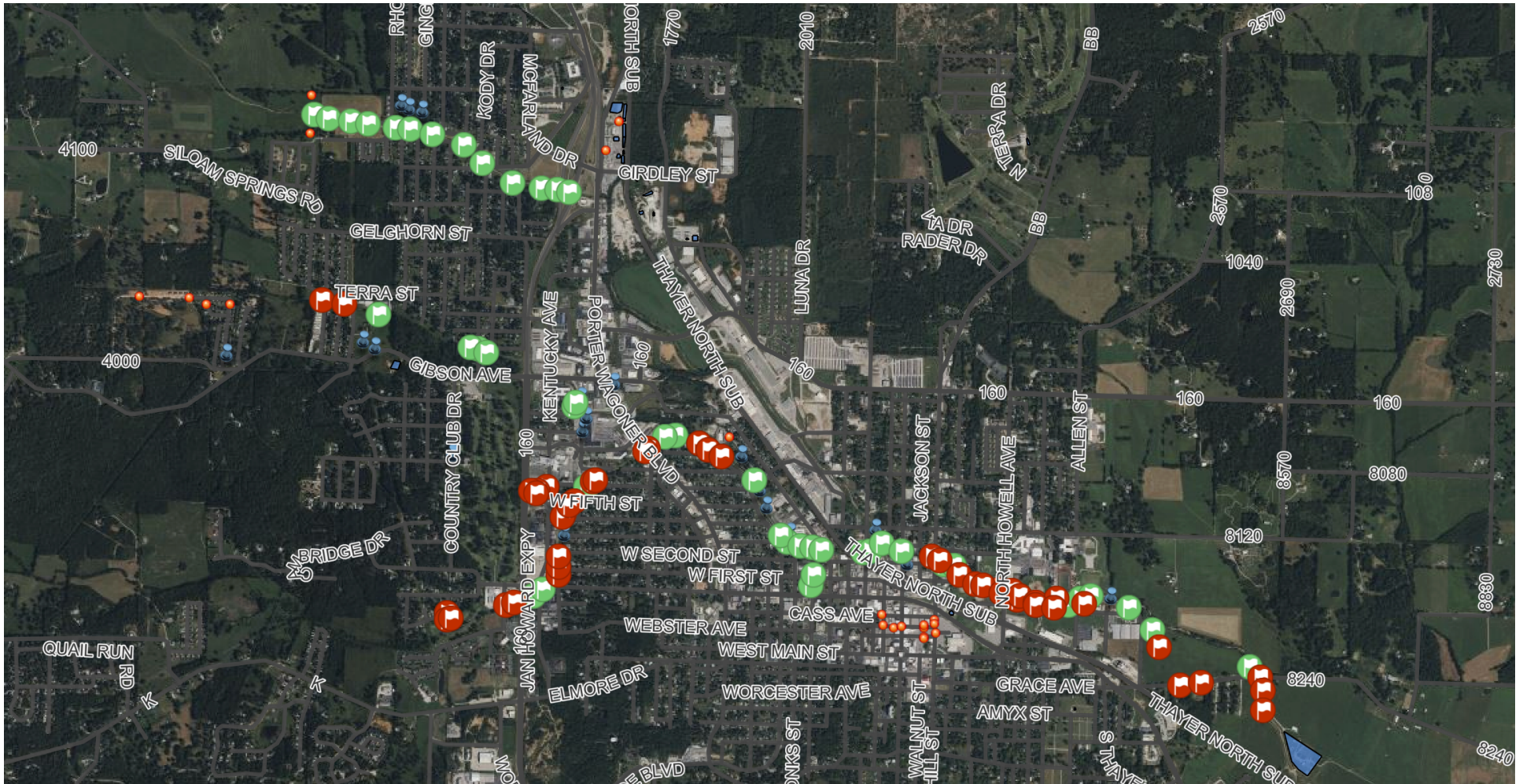
#### Transportation

- Street crews continued to patch water cuts and potholes, pick up leaves, work on dirt work at the bus stops, trim work at the new office/meeting spaces and pour decorative concrete blocks.

#### Utilities

- This week, utilities administration held a meeting with Flynn Drilling regarding the golf course well installation and discussed future plans for the Sikeston Power Plant. Additionally, Evan attended MPUA project planning training.
- In the electric department, crews have been working with TOTH Engineering on testing equipment at the Lincoln Substation in preparation for energization. They have also removed poles along Independence Drive after Sho-Me relocated their fiber for the overpass project. Additionally, crews have started installing Christmas lights and will continue this work in the coming weeks.
- The water department has been assisting with service and work orders, repairing a fire hydrant on Trish Knight, and making a 6-inch water tap on Garner Drive for Cary Stewart.
- The sewer department completed repairs on a damaged 12-inch sewer main off Independence Drive.
- Last week, the sanitation department transported 270 tons of refuse to the transfer station, contributing to a cumulative total of 671 tons. Over-the-road drivers delivered 28 loads of refuse to the Hartville Landfill.

**Stormwater Post-Event Inspection Map**  
**Nov. 4-5 Stormwater Impacts**



**LEGEND**

- Green Flag: Water remained in creek bank
- Red Flag: Water broke creek bank
- Red Dot: Stormwater Mitigation Assets
- Blue Pin: Other flooding not related to creeks