

November 2022 Public Works Report

Roads/Equip./Parks/Misc.

- The crew and I spent much of November working on misc. winter prep tasks, including truck washing and cleaning, sander prep, checking over the snowplows, etc.
- 11/18 was the first official plow worthy day, resulting in slippery roads as the temps warmed after the snow. A good reminder as always, to start retraining your brain for cold season driving conditions.
- Snow fence at Joni's Beach was put up right before the first snow.
- We made a new 100 yards of 5% salt sand between the carpentry shop and the parks garage.
- The first real plowing day with a full crew was 11/30, but everything turned to slush. We have scraped the gravel roads the best we can with hopes of them freezing up before a real blizzard.
- On 11/15 we had four trucks on the road hauling gravel from Nelson Construction's pile, which was mixed with 5/8 gravel and crushed red rock purchased from Ashland County. This new bindable mix will give us a great start in 2023 from a road rehab perspective. In addition to more culvert replacements, we have many stretches of gravel roads scheduled for additional ditching, shoulder sculpting, and adding new material in 2023.
- A holiday tree was placed at the gazebo fountain. We decided to take a modest approach this year and it's considerably smaller than other Bay Area decorations. However, it hasn't blown over, yet.
- The Town Hall and Winter Transportation building are scheduled to have new boilers installed in early December, as well as a water conditioning system at the ESB.

Drive safe and have a good holiday season,
Respectfully submitted,
Ben Schram, Public Works Director