

**2016**

**Year End Report**

**Division of Natural Resources**

Personnel:

Supervisor

Troy Vandusen

Operators

Rick Gray

Terry Zeiter

Paul Foley

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Brian Shook

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Don Garrett

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Randy Briner

Mayor Carr

Members of City Council

In 2016 The City of Maumee was recognized by The Arbor Day Foundation for 25 continuous years as a member of Tree City USA. This was accomplished by once again partnering with Glass City Federal Credit Union who purchased a tree and donated it to Wayne Trail Elementary School where City Employees from the Natural Resources Division planted the tree for the Arbor Day celebration. An additional tree was purchased by the Gateway Middle School which was also planted on this day by the same employees in recognition of a teacher who had passed. We then assisted in setting plaques at each location in reference to Arbor Day 2016.

The Natural Resources Division was also responsible for removing 130 trees on right of ways which were declining due to age or disease and also due to water and sewer repairs when needed. Multiple other trees were trimmed and pruned as needed to keep them healthy for years to come. In addition to work done on right of ways, several letters were sent to property owners in regards to hazardous trees on their property that needed removed in accordance to Chapter 966.10 of the City Ordinance. Many of the removals needing done were completed by a certified contractor at a cost of \$69,278 for 2016. Once the removals were completed we went back and ground out the remaining stumps, cleaned out and backfilled the holes with topsoil and grass seed. Many of these locations will receive new trees in the Spring of 2017. The spring of 2016 saw 166 new trees planted citywide as part of our annual tree planting program which replaces those that were removed as well as new locations that are acceptable.

This Division was also responsible for mowing and weedeating residential and commercial properties in accordance to Chapter 915.04 that were not maintained by the property owners. In total 100 property owners received letters in 2016 and of those 27 were done by this division many times throughout the season. In addition to these lawns we also maintained all City right of ways as well as our many parks, uptown parking lots and greenspace areas. The uptown maintenance also included planting flowers, trimming and replacing shrubs and mulching the many areas in preparation for the annual events beginning with the Memorial Day parade and concluding with the Holiday parade.

Rolf Park saw some upgrades last Spring as we replaced the landscaping along the exterior of the City pool which completes the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of this project. We also had all 8 softball fields professionally groomed by Mac Athletics at a cost of \$7570.00. This Division assisted with the project by hauling in over 700 ton of infield stone to bring the playing surfaces up to grade for

the multiple games and tournaments that are held there every year. Additionally we maintained the youth soccer and football fields on a weekly basis including maintaining and repairing the irrigation, mowing and fertilizing as required.

Respectively Submitted

Troy Vandusen

Natural resources Supervisor