

2018

Year End Report

Division of Natural Resources

Personnel:

Supervisor Troy Vandusen

Operators

Rick Gray

Paul Foley

Terry Zeiter

Bruce Boerst

Don Garrett

Brian Shook

Pat Kania

Anthony Rodriguez

Laborer

Randy Briner

Mayor Carr

Members of City Council

In 2018 The City of Maumee was recognized by The National Arbor Day Foundation for 27 continuous years as a member of Tree City U.S.A. This is accomplished by reaching the requirements set forth by the State of Ohio Urban Forestry Division and includes the work that we do in regards to tree maintenance and care as well as the tree planting program that is done every Spring. Once these requirements are met the application is sent to the State Forester for review and then sent on for approval on the National level.

The majority of The Natural Resources time is dedicated to landscaping which includes mowing, mulching, weed eating, weed control and irrigation maintenance. This work includes the areas of: Rolf Park, The Youth football fields, The Senior Center, All City properties in the uptown area from the Anthony Wayne Trail to the Maumee bridge. This also includes 48 other locations including parks and small right of ways and 26 cul-de-sacs. We also have 2 large right of way mowers that are used to maintain the larger areas along the Anthony Wayne Trail, Fallen Timbers Mall, The Police/Fire training center and Arrowhead Park. In addition to this work the City of Maumee sent letters to 119 property owners in 2018 in regards to tall grass and/or noxious weeds in accordance to Ord. 915.04. Many properties received more than one letter over the course of the growing season and of those this Division had to mow 44.

We also were responsible for removing 125 trees that were dead or declining due to age or that needed removed for underground utility work. These removals included our crews grinding, cleaning out and backfilling the areas with topsoil and grass seed. With the removals of 125 trees on the right of ways we were able to plant 128 new trees at the same and also new locations at citizen requests.

This Division also handles unlimited brush pickup in the Spring and Fall. The collection is scheduled and divided into 4 areas of the city which are the same as leaf collection and we run each area for 1 week with the 5th and final week a city wide cleanup. This year was quite busier than normal due to the excessive storm damage from the high winds we had throughout the year which we also pick up as needed. We wind up the year with 3 weeks of continuous Christmas Tree curbside collection.

Respectively Submitted