



## 2023 Service Director's Report



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Dear Mayor Van Kirk:

Enclosed is the 2023 annual report from the Director of Public Service which highlights our work during this past year.

The City was able to use its Community Cost Share Money from the Northeast Regional Sewer District to purchase a street sweeper for \$ 302,993.02. The new street sweeper was purchased in late February and was able to be on the streets of Brooklyn over 150 times keeping the streets clean. The Service Department finally received 2 salt trucks in 2023 that were ordered in 2021 and 2022 respectively. The Department is still waiting on 2 automated trucks that were ordered and are set to arrive in 2024.

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There was asphalt work done as well on West 66<sup>th</sup> and Tryamore. The total construction cost was \$ 347,471.70. The contract was awarded to Ronyak Paving.

Tri-Mor Construction finished phase II of the Ridge Road construction from the city limits to Brookpark Road. They completed the east side of Ridge which completed the construction project.

Ronyak Paving completed the paving on Brookpark Road in the city limits. Construction east on Brookpark in Cleveland to Brooklyn Heights will continue in the spring.

Four years ago, the Service Department purchased a printer so that it could make banners, yard signs and traffic signs. The sign shop was busy again in 2023 and made over 100 various signs and banners. The Service Department started a program to honor its home town military members. The program is growing and this year we had 75 banners that were hung from Memorial Day to Veteran's Day honoring our military. We had to hang banners on Biddulph this year because we ran out of room on Ridge Road.

Back in 2020, the Service Department initiated a program where it delivered compost to its residents. This past year, we were only able to drop off 68 loads of compost to the residents which resulted in 170 yards of mulch being delivered.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Verba". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

More detailed information is included in this report.

Sincerely,  
John Verba  
Director of Public Service

# 2023 CITY OF BROOKLYN MUNICIPAL WASTE AND RECYCLING

## CURBSIDE SOLID WASTE FIGURES

**3,665.90 tons**

## 2023 CITY OF BROOKLYN CURBSIDE RECYCLE TOTALS

**601.92 tons**

The City of Brooklyn saw the amount of trash **decrease** by 85.77 tons in 2023. The city's recycle numbers **increased** by 51.20 tons.

## 2023 CITY OF BROOKLYN COMPOST TOTALS

MATERIALS COLLECTED	TONS
GRASS CLIPPINGS	663.30
BRUSH (CHIPPED AND WHOLE)	327.52
LEAVES	100.62
HOLIDAY TREES	2.49
TOTAL MATERIALS COLLECTED	1,093.93

The curbside compost program helped save the City over \$ 47,454.68 in landfill tipping fees.

## 2023 CITY OF BROOKLYN CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT PROGRAM TOTALS

CCSWD SPONSORED EVENTS	TONS
COMPUTER ROUND UP	1.27
LATEX PAINT	5.21
TIRE ROUND UP	6.18
TOTAL MATERIALS COLLECTED	12.66

# 2023 SERVICE DEPARTMENT WORK ORDERS

The Service Department responded to over 1,250 complaints. The tasks include, tree maintenance, street sweeping, road repairs, damage to property, tree lawn repairs, sewer and building maintenance.

The tree crew planted 70 new trees this year. The crew took down 100 trees, ground 72 stumps and pruned over 340 trees which doubled the amount of trees that were trimmed in 2022. With the information provided by the Davey Resource Group's tree management plan, we focused on the maintenance of our trees that were in extreme risk and began to remove them. After removal, we then turned our attention on the pruning of the trees that needed attention.

The City of Brooklyn was awarded Tree City USA for the 39<sup>th</sup> time.

We purchased a new street sweeper by using our Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer cost share money in 2023. The new street sweeper was out over 150 times in 2023 keeping the streets clean.

In 2019 the Service Department purchased a printer so that it could make signs and banners for the city. In its fourth year, they made over 100 signs which included decals, banners, vehicle wraps, yard signs, street signs and traffic signs. We are extremely proud that our military banner program started out with 15 banners and now has 75 and is still growing.

For the fourth year, the Service Department had its yard waste shredded and had the final product, compost which turned into mulch, delivered to the residents that arranged for a drop off. We dropped off 68 loads of compost to the residents which resulted in over 170 yards of mulch being delivered. The pile is growing and we are looking forward to increasing the amount of mulch that we deliver in 2024.

In July of 2017, the Service Department started enforcing the penalties that involved trash and recycling violations according to

Ordinance 951.98. Enforcement of the ordinance in 2023 resulted in the issuance of 42 warnings. There were 2 tickets issued but were disputed and thrown out.

## 2023 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Service Department started to keep track of the expenditures on each city vehicle. This will help us assess the value of the vehicle and determine its longevity. By keeping track of the cost associated with each vehicle we can determine that it may be more cost effective to purchase a new vehicle. Individual costs for each vehicle is available upon request.

DEPARTMENT	LABOR	PARTS	GRAND TOTAL
FIRE	\$ 2,314.64	\$ 5,658.79	\$ 7,973.43
POLICE	\$ 3,451.26	\$ 10,141.81	\$ 15,756.52
RECREATION	\$ 1,193.90	\$ 3,305.80	\$ 4,499.70
SENIOR CENTER	\$ 45.57	\$ 50.32	\$ 95.89
SERVICE	\$ 14,863.52	\$ 72,320.15	\$ 114,646.84*
GRAND TOTAL	\$21,868.89	\$91,476.87	\$142,972.38

\*INCLUDES WORK THAT WAS OUTSOURCED!

### GRAND TOTALS FOR 2021, 2022 and 2023

DEPARTMENT	2021	2022	2023
FIRE	\$ 8,053.83	\$ 19,371.55	\$ 7,973.43
POLICE	\$11,168.34	\$ 10,527.02	\$ 15,756.52
RECREATION	\$ 2,843.33	\$ 5,769.62	\$ 4,499.70
SENIOR CENTER	\$ 4,154.82	\$ 348.38	\$ 95.89
SERVICE	\$ 87,957.31	\$ 162,864.42*	\$ 114,646.84*
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 114,177.63	\$ 198,880.99	\$142,972.38

## Service Department Fleet Maintenance Breakdown

Automated Trucks	\$ 58,482.90
Salt Trucks	\$ 13,216.70
F-350's	\$ 1,168.64
Garbage Trucks	\$ 14,855.85
Bob Cats	\$ 4,307.48
Bombardiers	\$ 419.74

## 2023 WINTER REPORT

The winter of 2023 was another mild season. To keep our streets safe we used approximately 1,100 tons of salt and drove 3,713 miles. We purchased 1,095 tons of salt which cost the city \$ 100,461.15.

During the 2023 winter season, the Service Department did not do the senior driveways and did the sidewalks one time.

## 2023 ROAD REPAIR

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The in-house street repair crew poured 433.05 yards of concrete which is 223 more yards than last year and is the most that we have ever done. The repair jobs included sewers, sidewalks throughout the City and repairs to both the Service and Recreation Center parking lots. The crew responded to over 35 calls on pot holes in which they used 39.02 tons of hot mix and cold patch.

The Cement Crew also had 11 water openings to repair. The City of Brooklyn will be reimbursed \$ 27,385.73 from the City of Cleveland Water Department.

The road crew also crack sealed to help preserve the streets in Brooklyn. The crew with the help of the County was able to do the Memphis and Tiedeman.

## 2023 PURCHASES

- 2023 Street Sweeper
- 2021 Salt Truck
- 2022 Salt Truck

Still waiting on delivery of:

- 2022 One Arm Automated Truck
- 2023 One Arm Automated Truck

## 2023 AUCTION

2003 Salt Truck was sold at Auction at Manheim Cleveland Auction for \$ 7,625.00. Was listed on GovDeals 2 times and this was the best price we received.

The following vehicles were sold on GovDeals:

- 2012 Vac All: \$ 27,944.25
  - 2015 Senior Bus: \$ 17,500.00
- \$ 45,444.25**