

# PUBLIC WORKS

NOVEMBER 2017

## AUTUMN LEAVES

*Facilities & Landscape Maintenance*

Autumn leaves  
Red, gold, and brown.  
Falling, swirling,  
Drifting down.

Shorter days,  
Frosty and wet.  
Winter's round the corner,  
But not quite yet!



Although redundant, leaf pick-up is an important part of Facility Maintenance during this time of year. Rob Rollins and Robert Todd have spent the majority of the last month staying ahead of our trees as more and more leaves drop. This is not an easy task, with all of the strong winds we have been experiencing this season.

## CITY FACILITY DEMOLITION

### *Facilities*

The Facilities crew, with the assistance of Road Maintenance Technician Sean Byrne, demolished the building formerly known as “2-Bay”. This building was previously used as a storage area for pesticides and pesticide related equipment, as well as equipment belonging to the Utilities Division. The slab underneath the building was kept in place and will now house two portable storage pods. One of which will be designated for pesticide storage and has a built-in containment area.



## FLEET HVAC REFRIGERATION LINE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

*Facilities*

A big project at the Fleet Services building has commenced this week, focusing on the replacement of the HVAC refrigeration line system. When the system was originally constructed, aluminum pipes and fittings were used throughout the building. Nearly seven years later, it was recently discovered that almost all joints and connections to the distribution boxes exhibited significant leaks due to corrosion. New copper and manufacturer-specified “REFNET” fittings will be installed. After the project is complete there will be a marked, increase in level of comfort for the staff working in the building.

## STORM DRAIN CLEARING

*Roads ~ Utilities*

Residents and businesses are asked not to blow their leaves into the street and to keep them raked up and put in debris containers for the garbage company or to bring to the City’s annual Leaf Drop Off at City Hall on Saturday, November 18 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Keeping catch basins clear is also very important during this time of year. Utilities Maintenance Specialist Paul Walker, below, clears a catch basin inlet near Mentor Graphics. Clearing catch basin inlets is an ongoing task that keeps crews very busy until all the leaves are finally down.



## STORM WATER MAIN LINE CLEANING

### *Utilities*

Below, Utilities staff clean stormwater mainlines near Fry's Electronics. Crew members Paul Havens, Ian Eglitis and Paul Walker concentrated their efforts this month on cleaning stormwater mains and catch basins along Town Center Loop West. The area is prone to flooding during very heavy rains, especially near Les Schwab. The crew worked very hard in this area to get it as clean as possible heading into the rainy season.

