

FREDERICK COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT OF SHAWNEELAND MANAGER'S REPORT – MAY 2023

Tree Removal:

The staff has removed the dead trees that were marked last fall for in-house removal. A licensed and insured tree contractor will be removing dead trees from the right-of-way on May 15th and again on June 20th. This will be an ongoing process as trees continue to die. The staff will mark dead trees at the end of summer to be removed in the winter of 2024.

Cul-de-sac Install:

The staff expanded and improved 7 cul-de-sacs over the past few months. Braveheart, Chippewa, Deer, Eagle, Fawn, Gannentaha, and Navajo Trails had little to no space to turn around at the end of the road. By expanding the cul-de-sacs, traffic will have a place to turn around to exit the trail without using a private driveway. This will also help staff during snow removal operations, making it safer for the plow trucks to turn around.

This task has been on my list of things to do for a long time. The mild winter allowed time to get this task completed.

Pipe Replacement:

The staff has been replacing and upgrading drainage culverts over the past couple of months. We have replaced 205' of culvert on 5 different trails. Braveheart, Dakota, Gannentaha, Graywolf, and Tecumseh Trails have been upgraded thus far and the staff will continue replacing and upgrading drainage culverts as needed.

Fishing Derby:

The annual fishing derby will be held on May 13, 2023. The trout for the derby was ordered on February 6, 2023. The trout will be delivered and stocked on Friday, May 12, 2023.

Cherokee Beach:

The beach season is right around the corner. Currently the lake level is 4 feet 6 inches below the full pool. If the lake level is still this low at the time the beach is to open, we may have to reconsider opening on May 25, 2023.

Fence:

The staff started installing chain link fence at the Shawneeland office/shop during the month of March. This fence was given to the Sanitary District by the solid waste manager with the Public Works Department. This fence was removed from the old Clearbrook and Bryarly Convenience Sites in 2016 and 2019. Once again, the mild winter has allowed time for the staff to start installing the fence. We will work on it as time allows.

Playground:

As we do every spring and fall, the staff inspects the playground equipment. This inspection took place on March 27, 2023 to look for any safety concerns with the equipment. The playground on Tomahawk Trail was installed in the spring of 2008 and is in relatively good condition. No safety issues were noted.

The playground on Maple Trail was installed during the mid-90's and has several issues. The staff removed some of the equipment a few years ago that was deemed to be unsafe. The equipment is in fair to poor condition but currently has no safety issues. I first brought the issue of the Maple Trail Playground to the SSDAC in February 2016 when the staff had to remove some of the unsafe equipment. The SSDAC at that time formed a subcommittee to look into upgrading this playground but nothing transpired. I checked into purchasing replacement parts for the equipment in place, but it is too old and obsolete. It has been a topic of discussion a few times since 2016 but nothing has resulted from this.

At some point a decision must be made on the fate of this playground.

Mailhouse Roofs:

The mailhouse on Bowman Lane was completed in late 2007. It was decided by the SSDAC at that time to have a cedar shake roof installed. Although a cedar shake roof looks good, it has not held up very well to the elements. This roof is going to need to be replaced soon. I would recommend a metal roof be installed in place of the cedar shake roof. This will be a permanent solution for many years to come. The staff spends several hours a year replacing blown off shingles. The shingles that are there now are becoming brittle and in some cases starting to rot.

Fast forward to 2012 when the mailhouse on Tomahawk Trail was built. The SSDAC at the time decided to go with a cedar shake roof. This mailhouse was completed in 2012 and we are starting to have the same issues on this roof as well.