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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2018

The weather for the month of November did not provide conditions to allow for proper leaf collection. The National Weather Service at LVIA airport recorded almost 10 inches of rain for the month which is over 6 inches above normal. The one heavy storm at the beginning of the month caused flooding after it dumped 4 inches of rain in several hours. In addition to the rain days that limited leaf collection, we had a snowstorm that dumped over 8 inches on November 15 and 16. The heavy snow cover stopped leaf collection for over a week.

Whenever we were able, we had crews out collecting leaves. During rainy days we began getting trucks set up with salt spreaders. The snowstorm required that our trucks that were connected to leaf machines had to be quickly converted for snow plowing.

The heavy rain at the start of the month caused a sinkhole to develop in Gloucester Drive next to our large storm sewer truck line. This sinkhole was repaired by our emergency service subcontractor since it needed immediate attention.

The Yard Waste Recycle Center had a total of 601 visits for the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Grube Chief of Public Works