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MONTHLY REPORT

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The Ayer DPW completes hundreds of tasks each month to provide safe drinking water, disposal of wastewater and trash, recycling, road paving and maintenance and other activities to improve the Town of Ayer and protect our investment in Ayer's infrastructure. This monthly report will be a little different and high light some of our construction project going on around Town.

Ayer DPW Highway Garage- The DPW is construction a new garage building, primarily to store vehicles and equipment. It is a 50 foot by 80 foot, 5 bay pre-engineered metal building and will be completed in September.



Grove Pond Well 8 PFAS Treatment System – The DPW is working with the Army Corp to install a temporary PFAS treatment system at the Grove Pond Wellfield for Well no. 8. This well has been off line for over a year due to the contamination from Fort Devens. We've had a few issues with the installation of the system, but it is planned to be on-line in late July.



YouthWorks Program – The Ayer DPW is running the third year of the DPW YouthWorks program. This program is for eight high school aged kids who work with the DPW for 8 weeks in the summer. The kids paint hydrants, clean up main roads in Town, paint DPW facilities, clean and maintain DPW vehicles and work on DPW maintenance projects.





Oak and Prospect Street Reconstruction – The Town received a CDBG Grant to reconstruct Oak and Prospect Streets, including new water mains and services, new drainage, curbing, ADA sidewalks and repaving of the streets. Construction will be ongoing all summer. The DPW posts weekly updates on the Town web page.



Fire Hydrant Replacement – As part of the DPW's program to upgrade the Ayer Water System, we recently completed a project to replace 12 substandard fire hydrants throughout town. This will provide more reliable fire protection.



Sidewalk Construction – The Ayer DPW is committed to improving pedestrian safety throughout the Town. We have developed a Complete Streets Plan and identified two critical sidewalk gaps:1) Harvard Road from East Street to the Rotary and 2) Fitchburg Road from Park Street to Shop and Save. The DPW worked with MassDOT to get these important project constructed.



Landfill Solar Project – In an effort to reduce the Transfer Station costs, the DPW is leasing the closed landfill to Citizens Energy Corp for a solar power system. The project is under construction and should be completed this fall. You can check on the progress when you drop off your recycling at the Transfer Station.

