



**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER REPORT**

TO: HONORABLE RICKY LOFTON AND CITY COMMISSIONERS
FROM: TERRY BRANNON *TB*
CITY MANAGER
DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
RE: DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORT

The City Manager's Monthly Report is intended to provide a summary of City activities. Due to the variety and complexity of City functions, however, the report is not all-encompassing. Please always feel free to contact me for more information or with questions or concerns.

The following are highlighted activities from my office from August 26 – September 15, 2023:

- Staff conducted weed/grass and non-conforming structure hearings.
- Hosted a systemwide divisional leader meeting to receive an operations update.
- Provided weekly staffing report to the United States Marshals Service for the Cimarron Correctional Facility.
- Met with Commissioner B.J. Roberson to provide an operational update.
- Staff and I met with Cooper-Bessemer virtually to discuss repairs to Unit #10, which are ongoing.
- Met with Commissioner Tyson Branyan to offer an operational update.
- Staff and I have been working with CPS Superintendent Dr. Melissa Amon and her staff to develop a recreational health and wellness trail master plan that would connect a portion of S.H. 33 (Main Street) to the high school campus, our sports complex, the Cushing Middle School and the soon to be constructed Cushing Elementary School. Landscape Architects Connie Scothorn and Brian Patric, both of CLS and Associates of Oklahoma City, are assisting us with the planning and development of the master plan, in addition to working to complete the grant application that if awarded would provide the funding necessary to make this project come to fruition over a 2-year period. The grant has been submitted to TSET with notice of possible award in November.
- Assistant City Manager Derek Griffith and I met with the Republic Services manager for Eastern Oklahoma, William Conrad. The meeting focused on customer service enhancement and service excellence.
- Met with a rural resident to discuss the possibility of installing solar panels.
- Attended a post incident debriefing with Dr. Melissa Amon, SRO Tully Folden, and members of our public safety team to discuss the coordinated response to a reported active assailant at multiple school sites, which was unfounded.
- Presented Cushing Forward, our newest comprehensive plan and land use project, to the Cushing Lion's Club.

- Attended the Cushing Economic Development sub-committee meeting hosted at RCB.
- Assistant City Manager Derek Griffith and I met with a local resident, who is also a realtor, to discuss opportunities in developing in Cushing and the surrounding area.
- Met with Guthrie City Manager Eddie Faulkner to discuss our aquatic center operations.
- Staff and I hosted FEMA at City Hall to review post-storm assessments from the Father's Day windstorm. Captain Reed, division leaders, and Executive Assistant Melissa Gaunder are commended for their continued work on this project on behalf of the City.
- Assistant City Manager Derek Griffith and I met with Airport Manager Mike Middleton to discuss ongoing operations.
- Assistant City Manager Derek Griffith and I toured dog parks in other communities and at one private entity. We also toured recent park improvements (trail and bathroom) in another community.
- Assistant City Manager Derek Griffith and I gave an operational update during the September meeting of the Cushing Geographic Club.
- Staff and I hosted the GRDA team. We toured the power production plant and met at City Hall to discuss future projects and needs.
- Staff and I met with the JLee Enterprises and CLS representatives to inspect the newest trail head.
- Staff hosted a bid opening for cooling tower repairs. There were two credible bids of three submitted.
- Staff and I hosted a pop-up town hall at City Hall. The event was live streamed over Facebook. Members of the Guernsey team joined us to discuss Cushing Forward.
- Staff and I attended the September Rotary meeting in support of a Cushing Forward presentation by the Gurnsey team.

[Frontline Leadership Academy Graduates](#)

Congratulations to graduates of the OMAG Class 2 Municipal Front-line Leader Academy Willie Green (**Photo Below**) and Caleb Dawes (**Photo Right**). Willie serves as our Superintendent for power production, while Caleb serves as our Property Maintenance Officer and Plumbing Inspector serving in our Community Development division.



[Walking Trail II](#)

Absent completion of the remaining punch list items, this project is complete. Once the punch list items are completed, a final inspection will be conducted by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. This project is made possible by a grant from the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and the Cushing Hospital Authority.

Excellent job by our contractor Janet McDonald and her company JLee Enterprises of Edmond, Oklahoma, landscape architect's Connie Scothorn and Brian Patric, both of CLS & Associates of Oklahoma City, former Special Assistant to the City Manager Mary Rupp, Street Services Director Brent Youngman, and Parks & Recreation Director Mike Wilson. We appreciate the Cushing Hospital Authority Trustees reinvesting in Memorial Park through this project.

[Father's Day Windstorm Debris Collection Update](#)

The Street Services has completed the collection of vegetative debris. Collection began on July 11, 2023, and was completed on September 8, 2023. **1,133** addresses had vegetative storm debris removed from the curbside. Excellent job by ALL members of our Street Services Division, which is led by Brent Youngman. Completing this project in-house was a tremendous cost savings to the people of Cushing.



[Cushing Forward – Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Process](#)

We are extending an invitation to all residents, urging them to take an active and influential role in developing the City's new Comprehensive Plan, "Cushing Forward." This initiative plays a pivotal role in shaping Cushing's future by providing an updated vision on our community's growth and direction.



To share your insights, residents simply need to use a computer or handheld device and go to cushingforward.com, the project's digital community engagement platform. This platform provides residents with a central online hub where they can learn more about the comprehensive planning process, share and discuss ideas with fellow community members and the project team, and stay up to date on all engagement opportunities and events. The site will remain open throughout the duration of the project and is your one-stop source for all information on the Cushing Forward initiative.

Residents are encouraged to explore the platform and engage with the Interactive Map, comment boards, and participate in the Community Survey. The survey asks a range of questions about current issues and challenges in the City as well as questions about future land use, development, and community services. The responses to the survey will guide the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan and the vision for Cushing through 2050.

The online Community Survey is one of the first steps in the 18-month planning process, which will include a wide range of public engagement opportunities such as workshops, pop-up events, and open-door meetings.

Sales/Use/Tobacco/Hotel & Motel Tax

Sales tax comes from retail sales in Cushing. Use tax is charged at the same rate and comes from goods purchased elsewhere and shipped or brought to Cushing, like online sales or equipment not available from Oklahoma suppliers.

Our sales tax disbursement was as follows:

SALES TAX MONTH	DISBURSEMENT	PREVIOUS MONTH DIFFERENCE
May	\$556,914.55	+16.19%
June	\$553,851.71	-0.54%
July	\$510,833.95	-7.76%

Our use tax disbursement was as follows:

USE TAX MONTH	ACTUAL DISBURSEMENT	PREVIOUS MONTH DIFFERENCE
May	\$64,104.31	-32.5%
June	\$106,137.08	+65.57%
July	\$129,448.38	+21.96%

Our tobacco tax disbursement was as follows:

TOBACCO TAX MONTH	ACTUAL DISBURSEMENT	PREVIOUS MONTH DIFFERENCE
May	\$3,336.45	-14.9%
June	\$3,580.82	+7.31%
July	\$3,338.91	-6.75%

Our hotel/motel tax collection was as follows:

SALES TAX MONTH	AMOUNT COLLECTED	PREVIOUS MONTH DIFFERENCE
May	\$7,460.20	+11.9%
June	\$7,433.66	-0.36%
July	\$6,088.32	-18.09%

Cushing Emergency Management – Franklin Reed:

- Attended 9 meetings
 - Payne County Communication board in Stillwater
 - Motorola design team and TUSA Consulting at the Safety Center
 - DR4721 exploratory meeting on Teams with FEMA
 - Payne County P25 radio System Project status review call over google meets X2
 - County radio system meeting with Public Safety Chiefs and Assistant City Manager
 - School incident debrief with city and school staff
 - Recovery Scoping Meeting with FEMA at City Hall
 - Department Head meeting
- Monitored weather
 - Thunderstorms in our area on the 5th
- Assisted Police and Fire
 - Responded to active shooter report at the high school
- Miscellaneous
 - Assisted PD with vehicle upfit of command vehicle
 - Programmed 2 radios for City Managers
 - Completed and uploaded agreement to FEMA for wind damage event (DR4721)
 - Submitted preliminary damage inventory to FEMA for wind damage event (DR4721)
 - Programmed 2 radios for Police Chief
 - Made upgrades to radio power systems at the weather tower
 - Worked on DR4721 damage inventory updates
- Storm Sirens
 - Monthly test of storm siren system was conducted on 9/5
 - The siren in the 600 blk S. Timberridge has something loose inside. The Electric Department has taken the siren down for repair. The remaining 28 sirens functioned properly.



Cushing Regional Airport – Mike Middleton:

- Projects completed
 - Hosted Cushing High School Aviation class tour
 - Oklahoma Corporation Commission inspected AvGas fuel storage and dispenser
 - Zero discrepancies or findings
 - Troubleshoot and repaired Precision Approach Path Indicator tilt switch
 - Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission 3-yr Inspection and Master Record Update
 - Troubleshoot Fuel Master kiosk modem issues – AT&T land line repairs made
- Work in progress
 - 4th Annual Cushing Fly-in Fair, October 21st and 22nd, 2023
 - Engineering and survey for parallel taxiway project



- Entrance gate and perimeter fencing project along South Little St
- Mowing, edging, and weed control on-going
- Monthly report
 - Transient overnight ramp stays and hangar rentals – 4
 - Hangar waitlist – 38 (+1)
 - Survival Flight emergency and public relations operations supported - 48
 - Fuel Sales / Jet A – Gallons 5,300, AvGas – 3,600 Gallons
 - Based Aircraft – 31

Cushing Fire Department – Chief Dalton Novotny

Responses:	August	Fire – 20	EMS - 227
	July	Fire – 13	EMS – 201
	June	Fire – 24	EMS – 178



August Training Hours: 196 staff hours

Staffing: As of September 13, 2023, the fire department is staffed as follows:

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|----------------|----------------------|
| (1) Chief | (1) Deputy Chief |
| (1) Fire Clerk | (22) shift personnel |

Recently, Jaxson Walker has taken a position with the Mustang Fire Department. Staff and administration have completed the testing process and are currently waiting for candidates to complete the pension physical exam to identify two probationary firefighters for the department.

Notable Activities:

Deputy Chief Myers has started the process of remodeling the police and fire training center located south of the fire training tower. This project will hopefully be completed at the end of the current fiscal year.

After concluding the candidate testing process, two individuals have taken and passed the MMPI test. They have been scheduled to take the firefighter pension physical examination.

Shift personnel have started the annual fire hose testing process. This is conducted yearly to evaluate the integrity of fire hoses used during emergency incidents.

Administration attended the monthly executive board meeting for the Safety Alliance of Cushing.

Held conversations with three businesses about fire sprinkler systems and kitchen vent hood suppression systems.

Staff have completed an ambulance specification sheet and are currently making changes to details. This should be sent out to vendors for bids within the month.

Cushing Police Department – Charles Claxton:

SERVICES	JUNE STATISTICS	JULY STATISTICS	AUGUST STATISTICS
911 Calls	378	351	249
Police Calls for Service	1,205	1,110	1,109
Police Calls for Service – School	0	0	6
Accident Investigations	4	8	8
Citations Issued	34	48	27
Courtesy Contacts	53	35	115
Arrests	34	25	23
Animal Welfare Calls for Service	63	61	61
Animal Welfare Citations	4	9	2
Adult Prisoner Transports	22	17	10
Juvenile Transports	0	0	0
Adult Mental Health Transports	3	17	7
Juvenile Mental Health Transports	0	0	0

Other highlights:

Department Staffing

Animal Control

- 1 civilian Animal Control Officer
- 1 civilian part-time Animal Shelter Assistant

Communications

- 6 civilian Communications/Jail Officers & Support Officer
 - 5 Communications
 - 1 Support Officer

Sworn members (18 of 18 positions staffed)

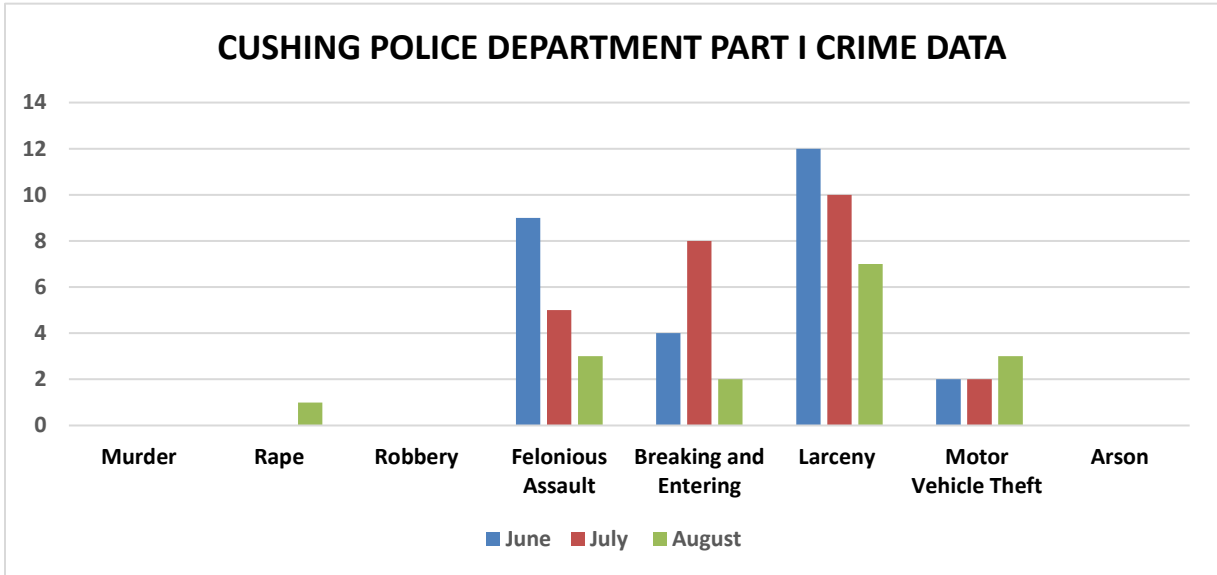
Vacant Positions

- 1 Communications Specialist

Notable Activities

- Staff assisted with traffic control for the Geographic “Do or Dye” Color Run.
- Staff hosted Leadership of Cushing for a presentation and tour of the Public Safety Center.
- Staff met with members of Motorola for a tour of the communication center.
- Multiple officers attended several schools this month including:
 - The Reid Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation Techniques

- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)
- Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)



[Cushing Police Department Crime Data Table](#)

The crime data above is derived from reports completed by CPD officers and submitted to the OSBI database. CPD provides crime and arrest data monthly to the OSBI along with 415 sheriffs' offices and police departments in Oklahoma. These reports form the database from which the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) is created. Eight offenses comprise the Crime Index and serve as indicators of Cushing's crime trends. These offenses are known as Part I offenses and include murder, rape, robbery, felonious assault, breaking and entering, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

[Water and Sewer Maintenance – Tim Huff](#)

Water:

Excavated and repaired the following locations:

- 1346 N. Little Avenue repaired 1-inch water service main.
- Repaired 6-inch water main at Country Club Vista Estates.
- 8-inch water main repair at Oak and Seay Streets.
- 8-inch water main repair at Moses and Seay Streets (**Photo Right**).
- 2-inch water main repair at 918 S. Hillcrest Drive.
- 704 E. 3rd Street repaired a 2-inch water main.
- 301 E. 2nd Street repaired a 2-inch water main and installed a new 2-inch gate valve.
- 321 E. Moses Street replaced the water service line.
- Installed new water service for Bronco Equipment Rental & Sales.
- Installed new water service at 1013 E. 13th Street.
- 1107 E. Cherry Street service line repair.



- 912 E. 4th St. 6-inch water main repair.

Sewer:

Cleaned sanitary mainlines of the following locations:

- 9th street and S. Michigan Avenue to 8th Street.
- E. Katy Street to E. Vine Street.
- E. 8th Street and S. Howerton Avenue.
- N. Wilson Avenue and E. Main Street.

Other:

- Assisted the Electric Dept. with hydro-vac for pole installations. Also dug roughly 300 feet at their shop for the new substation.
- Tulsa Civil made 3 water tie-ins by the Wilshire Inn

On Going Projects:

Tulsa Civil is completing the remaining water connections at Harmony Road and Main Street. They are nearing completion of the sanitary projects on N. Wilson Avenue and N. Howerton Avenue.

Community Development - Glen Cates and Caleb Dawes

Community Development is responsible for inspecting and enforcing health and safety codes, etc. They also enforce sign and zoning ordinances, and the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).

Building

- 1-Residential
- 0-Commercial
- 2-Remodels

Electrical

- 6-Residential
- 5-Commercial

Mechanical

- 5-Residential
- 2-Commercial

Plumbing

- 6-Residential
- 2- Commercial

Gas

- 0- Residential
- 0-Commercial

Contractor Registration

– FY 23 – 24

- 10-Plumbing
- 7-Mechanical
- 8- Electrical
- 1 – Building

Other building permits

- 9-Roof
- 0- Demolition
- 1-Sign
- 2-Fence
- 0-Carport
- 0-Sidewalk
- 0-Side/Driveway
- 0-Storm Shelter
- 0-Swimming Pool
- 0-Potable Building
- 0-Other/Concrete



Property Maintenance

Weeds, grass, trash, junk – 77

Work Orders Issued – 6 Citations Issued – 0 Travel Trailer or Boat Violations – 0

Billboard Violation – 0 Fire Pit – 0 Brush – 0 Junk Vehicle – 2

Working Non-Conforming Structures: 5

Building Permits Reported to the Payne County Assessor – 0

Peddlers Permit: 0 **Food Truck Permit:** 0

Current Projects:

- New school, administration building, and concession/restroom facility at O'Dell Field, and high school renovation
- Golden Chick renovation
- Holiday Inn Express
- New head start facility

Human Resources – Tracie Rose

- Completed Form 720- Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return and Paid our Patient Centered Outcomes Research Fee for self-insured health plans.
- Submitted OESC reports for 2nd quarter.
- Attended meeting to go over upcoming open enrollment for American Fidelity with our representative, Abel Rodriguez and with Premier broker, Dana Neighbors, as well as Terry Brannon, Jonathan Huseman and Derek Griffith.
- Held interviews with Willie Green for Power Plant Oiler opening.
- Held interviews with Mike Wilson for Youth Center opening.
- Attended CCOC Plug-in luncheon with speaker from Stillwater Medical Center.
- Preparing for Annual Audit.
- Held new hire onboarding meeting for the following new employees.
 - Jimmie Morrison- Fire Department
 - Oscar Gonzalez- Oiler Power Plant
 - Corbin Ward-Intern Electric Distribution
- Current Open Positions
 - Streets Skilled Laborer- Temp. position
 - Youth Center- Full time position
 - Police Department-Dispatch/Jailer
 - Electric Distribution-Lineman
- Regular Monthly duties which include two payrolls, preparing timesheets, requisition requests, add/cancel employee benefits, submit employee counts for U.S. Department of Labor, file any Workers Comp claims as well as other tasks.

Cushing Public Library – Michael Hanes

- Attended the monthly Library Advisory Board Meeting.
- Met with Latina Simmons and Ashley Joiner to discuss a project for Payne County United Way's A Day of Caring.
- Attended the Lunchtime Learning Session titled "Beyond Tactics: Talking to Your Team About Modern Workplace Safety" hosted by Meridian Technology Center.
- The library updated the shelving for our adult audiobook collection to make it easier for our patrons to browse for audiobooks for checkout.
- The library updated our adult non-fiction collection to make it easier for our patrons to browse and select materials for checkout.
- The library offers Storytime for children ages 3 to 5 on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
- The library continues to offer our LEGO Club for children ages 5 to 15. This STEAM based event lets participants develop and maintain their engineering skills while having fun with LEGO's.
- Attended the monthly Department Head meeting at City Hall.
- Attended the Lunchtime Learning Session titled: "Gaining Confidence and Charisma" hosted by Meridian Technology Center.
- The library will have an information booth at the Cushing Chamber of Commerce's 35th Annual Festival in the Park. Stop by our booth to make a bookmark and learn more about the remarkable things happening at the library!
- Library staff are working on our continuing education.
- The library is in the process of adding a new collection to the library. The collection will be our "New Adult Plus" collection. This collection will offer an excellent selection of reading material geared for ages 18 and up.
- The library is preparing for our annual Harry Potter event. The event will be held the week of October 9th – 13th.
- Library staff are planning for our fall and holiday events and activities.

Fleet Services – Jeremy Brown

Fleet Services' purpose is to support City Departments in the delivery of municipal services by ensuring City vehicles and other automotive-related equipment are available, dependable, and safe to operate, in a timely manner. We also perform other tasks meant to support fleet operations.

- Administrative assistant Macy Link solicited fuel bids, which was followed by ordering bulk fuel.
- Performed maintenance on fuel tanks and pumps.
- Completed 44 work orders.
- There are 21 pending new work orders.
- GFL collected 220 gallons of waste for remediation.
- Working with staff to develop and finalize the surplus property list.
- Currently, there are 2 units out of service.

Street Services – Brent Youngman

Street Services is responsible for the management and maintenance of streets, alleys, bridges, culverts, and their associated systems. Related activities include snow removal, ice control, and repairs to maintain roadway conditions.

- We have completed the brush removal project that started on 7-11-23. It was completed 9-8-23. We collected vegetative debris at 1,133 addresses throughout our town limits.
- Graded the alley between Main and Walnut Streets from Cleveland Street to Jones Street.
- Rehabilitated the sweeper bay door frame in-house to save the cost of hiring a contractor.
- Rehabilitate S-3 dump truck tarp system.
- Swept and patched potholes throughout the city.

Cushing Senior Citizens Center – Director Debbie Brown

- Scheduled activities and made calendars for the month.
- Taught exercise classes every Tuesday & Thursday.
- Celebrated birthdays for month.
- Mays Home Health did blood pressure checks for the seniors.
- Attended monthly commission meeting.
- Attended CCOC Plug In Lunch at Steer Inn.
- Traditions Home Health hosted BINGO.
- Our Daily Bread distributed food for the month at City Hall.
- Visited with representatives from Primrose & Cornerstone.
- Talked to Joe Rose about having a genealogy class at the center.
- Visited with a new senior to Cushing about our activities and services.
- Carter Healthcare sponsored SINGO for the month.
- Joe Spychalski with the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs changed his weekly visits to Mondays.
- Turned in monthly CSFP report.
- Triad Eye Center did eye health checks.
- Distributed free protein drinks to seniors.
- Turned in monthly requisitions.
- Visited a homebound senior.
- Attended Medicare Monday's online seminar on open enrollment.
- Pick up and distribute monthly CSFP boxes to qualifying seniors.
- Attended monthly Department Head meeting.
- Had our monthly Birthday Party celebration.
- Friday Night Dances continue!
- Attended the monthly ODOT meeting.

Water Production Plant – James Landis

- Drained and sprayed out recarbonation basins.
- Repaired torque actuated valve and shaft seal on gear reducer for the north lime slaker.
- Worked with Brandon from the electric shop at troubleshooting well #1 and #9.
- Acquiring quotes for the inspection and repair of well #1.
- Getting quotes for the replacement of the Aquatech pump.
- Attended OWRB Comprehensive Plan 2025.
- Replaced solenoid valve on north lime slaker.
- Fixed chain and repaired entrance gate.

Wastewater Production Plant – Tim Ervin

- Operator Doug Thompson completed his “C” operator training.
- Newnam’s Equipment delivered our Grasshopper lawn mower.
- Received IDEXX testing equipment. This will allow us to conduct in-house E. Coli tests.
- Took samples to Cove Environmental for our quarterly toxicity test.
- Staff performed preventative maintenance on all blowers.

Parks and Recreation – Mike Wilson

The following is a summation of ongoing activities, programs, projects, etc., related to our division:

Youth Center

- We are open to the public from 5:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- K – 2nd grade soccer completed their season August 31st.
- Flag football practice has started, and games will begin September 25th.
- Attended Red Dirt Football Association meeting on August 23rd.
- 3rd – 6th grade football and cheer is ongoing and the first home game is September 16th.
- Repaired the ceiling following a drainage issue from the air conditioning unit.
- Placed sod on the high school baseball field, where needed, at the Sports Complex.
- To date, we currently have 877 members.

Parks Department

- Have been mowing, weed eating ditches and performing general maintenance throughout the park system.
- Working several weed and junk complaints given to the division by Community Development.
- Performed a repair on the sink at the Cushing Senior Citizens Center.
- Sprayed the Memorial Park Pond to kill weeds and moss.
- Performed weed abatement in the creeks at the New Lions Park and Rotary Park creeks.
- Mowed and trimmed the various water well houses.
- Prepared the Cushing Aquatic Center grounds for the recent Beat Bristow Bash sponsored by the high school.
- Mowed at the Sports Complex.

- Picked up and delivered sod to the Sports Complex.
- Staffing the storm debris collection site since its opening.

Electric Distribution – Mike Starks

Over the last month, we have completed the following:

- Attended GRDA monthly meeting in Chouteau.
- Removed service for non-conforming structures.
- Brandon is working at the airport on airplane hangar, Senior Citizen, and water plant.
- Crews have been rebuilding single phase line behind 11th and Wilson.
- We have experienced two outages due to bad underground terminators, one at 14th and Briarwood and the other at Southgate and Wilson.
- Crews still have been dealing with high level loads around town.
- Electrician worked on backup generator at sewer plant.
- Electrician working on well #9.
- Replaced pole behind Kum and Go for new service.
- Changed out transformer bank at Golden Chick for new voltage.
- Change poles out at Highland and Main for street lighting.
- Installed fiber into new substation.
- Worked on LTC motor on the new substation transformer.
- Pulled primary wire in at High School, terminated wire and set transformers.
- Crew is working on upgrades at Ahrberg Mill.

EDUCATION:

- Crews attended a MESO Class.
- Have several employees going through the MESO Apprenticeship program.
- Dewayne Abbott is in the new MESO online Apprenticeship program.
- Corbin Ward from OSU Lineman program is interning with us for the next 8 weeks.
- The Electric Department will be hosting our first Journeyman line school on October 3 – 5, 2023.

ONGOING EVENTS:

- Working with AMA for development of a new substation and 69kV transmission line.
- Working with GRDA on getting an AMI vendor.
- Working with GRDA and MESO on rebuilding a new training field at the Electric Distribution Center.

- The New 20 MVA Transformer for the Harmony Substation (**Photo Below**):



SERVICES ORDERS: 30 LIGHT REPAIRS: 77

Power Production - Willie Green

- Ran engines for GRDA and training purposes.
- Sat on standby for GRDA and SPP during higher than projected load times.
- Set up sprinkler systems for cooling overtaxed substations.
- Received updated shipping date of September 29, 2023, for compressor replacement for air supply.
- Graduated from OMAG Leaders Academy.
- Spoke with Chris Farabee of Farabee Mechanical about Units 7 and 8. We are waiting for the schedule to line up before work begins.
- Attended weekly update meetings with Cooper-Bessemer for Unit 10.
- Performed routine maintenance on all service engines.
- Maintained Power Plant grounds.
- Maintained substation grounds.
- Repaired south roof exhaust fans.
- City electrician repaired exhaust fan contactors.
- Tore down old lawnmower shed on north end of plant.
- Power Plant's operations team monitored Voltage, KVAR, Power Factor, Breaker Operations and Locates 24/7 for the City of Cushing and GRDA.

Cushing Pride & Recycling – Interim Director Mr. Richard Thackray

This past Saturday's tire recycling event was a resounding SUCCESS! Cushing Pride set a new record of 815 tires collected from the public and stacked for removal by Bristow Tire Recycling. (Photo Right L-R: Volunteers Laura Green, Commissioner BJ Roberson, Maria Roberson, Jeremy Brown, Broc Retherford, Van Bush, and John Moran)



The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality and Keep Oklahoma Beautiful, of which Cushing Pride is an affiliate, supports this program. Thanks to our sponsors GRDA, Enbridge Energy, TC Energy, Godofredo's Pizzeria & Tap Room.

Special thanks to Andie Retherford for her time and effort in arranging this event through Bristow Tire Recycling and of course our City Commissioners. (Photo Left: Interim Director Richard Thackray leading the charge to unload tires during the recycling event)