

FREDERICK COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT OF SHAWNEELAND MANAGER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2021

Tar & Chip Program:

Carroll Construction was awarded the contract for the Tar & Chip Program for the Sanitary District this year. They were the only company to submit a bid to the Frederick County Finance Department.

The project began on September 13, 2021 and was completed on September 27, 2021. There were 5.24 miles of trails completed during this process. The total square yards treated was 59,575. The cost per sq. yard increased from \$2.45 to \$3.00. According to the representative I spoke with at Carroll Construction the cost increase was driven by 2 factors, increase in the cost of fuel and the increase in the cost of liquid asphalt due to the rising fuel cost. The labor cost did not increase and was not a factor.

Cherokee Lake:

Cherokee Lake is at an all time low at this point. As of November 4, 2021, the lake level is 160 inches below full pool.

There are 2 large sinkholes that have opened up on the eastside of the lake. The Frederick County Public Works Director had Viola Engineering come in and do a study on the state of the lake. This company has worked for Frederick County for several years. Viola Engineering will be at the SSDAC meeting on November 15, 2021 to speak about the state of the lake.

Sickle Bar Mowing:

We have fallen behind on sickle bar mowing again this year due to being short staffed. We are currently mowing with the sickle bar mower on the top of the mountain. Once that is completed, we will be done with mowing for the year. It should be completed by the end of November.

Tree Removal:

The staff is in the process of removing dead and dying trees from along the right of way. This project will continue throughout the fall and winter months if the weather allows. There are a few trees that the Shawneeland staff cannot safely take down therefore we will use the help of a licensed and insured tree contractor to remove those trees.

As always, the wood will be left on the right of way in locations that it is safe to do so. This wood is for Shawneeland residents to take for their own use. If anyone has questions about this, please call the office at (540) 877-1035.

Winter Weather Preparations:

As we do every year before the winter season gets a grip on us, the Shawneeland staff prepares all the snow equipment and stocks up on supplies for the winter weather. We go over every piece of equipment with a very close eye to make sure we are going into the season as prepared as we can be. All repairs that need to be addressed are done at this point. All the snow and ice control chemicals are now stocked up for the first winter weather event.

Emergency Parking:

As we enter the winter weather season, we want to remind residents to remove vehicles from the right of way and the shoulder of the road as this can hinder the snow removal process. Unfortunately, vehicles parked in these areas can create a safety hazard during the snow removal process and will be towed at the owner's expense. During a winter weather event there is emergency parking available at both mailhouse parking lots and the lot beside the old mailhouse. We would like to thank the residents for their cooperation.