The Department of Public Works delivers a wide range of services that help define the quality of life for residents and visitors of Nashville/Davidson County. Over 300 dedicated Public Works employees work day and night to help ensure a safe, clean and convenient transportation network of public streets and alleys, and to provide an efficient system for managing trash and other waste in Davidson County. These “unsung heroes” repair potholes and public sidewalks; mow grass and trim tree limbs near Metro roadways; change traffic signal bulbs; create and put up street signs; clean up roadside dumping and litter; and manage over 100 million dollars in capital projects.

Among the assets managed each day by our employees are: 5,700+ travel lane miles of public roadways and rights-of-way; 800+ signalized intersections; 6,000+ named public streets; 350+ bridges; 800+ linear miles of sidewalk; 100+ miles of bike lanes and shared routes; 2,035 parking meters and approximately 18,000 parking spaces in Metro-owned garages; 13 community recycle drop-off sites and three recycle convenience centers for waste disposal; and collection of an average of over 130,000 tons of refuse annually from more than 126,000 homes.

December 2013 - By the Numbers

$42,874 in Labor Cost Avoidance by Utilizing 366 Community Service Workers to Supplement Staff Reductions

$50,769 in Labor Cost Avoidance, During 43 Cleanups by Community Service Workers & Volunteers


258 Students & 72 Adults Participated in 14 Recycling & Educational Programs

11,638 Tons of Residential Trash Picked-up from 126,920 USD Homes Serviced Weekly

1,056 Tons of Residential Recycling Collected from 90,761 USD Homes Serviced Monthly

817 Tons of Recycling Collected at 13 Drop-Off Sites - 8 Tons of e-Waste Collected

5,219 SqYds of Right-of-Way Debris Removed - 753 Tires Picked-up - 139 Illegal Dump Sites Cleaned

On 206 Miles of Right-of-Way Crews Picked-up 90 Tons of Litter - 24 Miles Right-of-Way Trimmed

1,633 Tons of Residential Brush Picked-up/Recycled - 44 Tons Illegal Dumping Picked-up

2,170 Bags with 74,878 lbs of Trash Picked-up by 752 Comm Svc Workers & 26 Volunteers

7,245 Calls to 311 Customer Service - 2,923 Service Requests Issued

14 Lane Miles Paved - 8,919 Sq Ft Infrared Pavement Repairs

272 Requests for Traffic Studies Completed - 12 Traffic Signal Timing Investigations Completed

60 Alley Miles Cleaned - 150 Tons of Trash & Debris Collected in USD Alleyways

7 Roadway/Traffic Improvement Projects - 2 Bridge Replaced - 1 Bridge Repaired & Routine Maintenance Performed

$649,033* Monthly NES Electric Bill for 53,723 USD/GSD Streetlights *Dec. kwh rate 0.06552

3,279 Linear Feet of Sidewalk & 12 Curb Ramps Constructed in 6 Projects

1,785 Utility/Sidewalk/Roadway/Parking Permits Issued - 222 Construction/Development Plans Reviewed

Want to receive Brush, Recycling or Trash collection e-mail reminders? Visit http://mpw.nashville.gov/ROW/Services/Default.aspx and Search for your PW Services. Contact us by dialing 311 or at www.nashville.gov/public-works