

City of Greensburg

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STREET SWEEPER SCHEDULE

Beginning April 1 through November 1, the Street Sweeper operates a work shift from 04:00 to 12:00 hours, Monday through Friday.

STARTING AT 04:00 HOURS, AND RUNNING UNTIL TO 06:00 HOURS STREETS WITHIN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT ARE SWEPT.

THEN, FROM 06:20 UNTIL 11:00 STREETS WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS ARE SWEPT. SOME OF THE HOUSING PLANS ARE CLEANED ON AN ALTERNATING BASIS. THE NEIGHBORHOOD SWEEPING SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS;

Monday – 1st and 2nd Wards

Tuesday – 6th Ward

Wednesday – 4th and 5th Wards

Thursday – 7th Ward

Friday – 3rd and 8th Wards, and Northmont

Saybrook Village – Last Friday each month

Chestnut Hill Plan – First Monday each month



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WHY SWEEP STREETS?

Street sweeping is an essential part of sanitation in an urban environment. In health, ecology, and aesthetics the community benefits from clean streets. Clean streets reduce the dust and dust-borne contaminants, bacteria from decomposition of organic matter, pollutants entering stormwater systems, and accidents due to debris in the roadway. A clean environment enhances community pride. People are less likely to litter in a clean area. Tourists have a positive first impression of the community, which may encourage them to stay longer and return more often. Businesses that are looking to relocate are drawn to communities that have sound sanitation principles.

HISTORY OF STREET SWEEPING

At the turn of the century, streets were in terrible condition. Most were unpaved, creating dust in dry season and mud in rainy seasons that harbored disease-producing bacteria. Gradually streets were paved with cobblestones and bricks. This decreased, but did not eliminate dust and mud.. Droppings from horses, garbage, paper, and other litter also needed to be removed. As populations grew so did this problem.

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As society changed, the demand for sweepers also changed. Parking lots and garages had replaced stables. Litter, dust, leaves, and grass still remained. Added to this were pieces of metal and rubber from automobiles and trucks.

By 1914 motorized vehicles were becoming more popular, displacing horse-drawn vehicles. That was the year Boise, Idaho received the first motorized street sweeper manufactured by Elgin Sweeper Company. Since then street sweepers have evolved to meet the needs of our changing world.

Although there are photos to support more , we are only able to produce records that there were Street Sweepers purchased by the City of Greensburg in 1964, 1968, 1972, 1978, 1985, 1995, and the newest machine a 2008 model. All of the sweepers purchased were manufactured by Elgin.