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I hope everyone is taking advantage of the beautiful weather we have had this past week and getting their outside fall chores completed before the temperature drops! Village personnel have been busy finishing up some projects while staying on top of the curbside leaf pickup that is done nearly every day during leaf season. Some of the projects being wrapped up include a short storm sewer line that was added in the Industrial Park to help alleviate some drainage issues, removal of the dead/dying Ash trees, completion of a couple building projects back at the street buildings and the seeding work around the new playground area. All-in all it has been a great fall and we appreciate the good weather to complete these projects.

One other project that should be wrapped up today is the seeding work that is associated with Combined Sewer Separation Project. The landscape company is set to finish the work today. Anyone that has issues or an area that was not taken care of properly should give me a call at the village office. We realize that the lateness of the seeding work may require some over-seeding and touch-up in the spring and we will plan to keep an eye on the areas to be sure they are repaired correctly.

Along with our ongoing leaf pickup that will continue through November, a reminder that our monthly brush pickup will be next Monday, November 3rd. We may or may not do a December pickup depending on the weather.

Speaking of the Playground Project that was completed this fall...what a great improvement to our parks and one that has gotten great reviews from everyone that has been enjoying this new play area. I want to take this opportunity to thank the groups and individuals that helped with funding and completing the work to achieve this wonderful project:

Funding was received and/or pledged by the following:

- Fort Recovery Community Foundation
- Fort Recovery Jubilee
- Cooper Farms Family Foundation
- Psi Iota Xi Sorority
- Fort Recovery Community Club
- Fort Recovery Men's Bowling Association
- MPS3 Fund – Nikki Kremer

Due to the great financial support we were able to install the rubberized surface which creates a cleaner and much nicer play area for everyone. Thank you!!!

Labor & assistance was provided by:

- Fort Recovery Community Club along with Cy Muhlenkamp– constructed the playground equipment
- Tom's Construction – assisted with cutting in the building pad
- Fort Recovery Village Personnel – Jerry Guggenbiller, Ryan Thien, Paul Rohrer, Mitch Leuthold, Brandon Wyerick, Randy Diller – completed all the concrete work and prep work for the playground area along with completing the dirt and seeding work around this new area.
- Amanda Wyerick & Mary Diller – served on the planning committee to work through the various options and activities to come up with a playground that can be enjoyed by all ages.

The work donated by community members along with the work completed by village personnel enabled us to utilize more money on the equipment and essentially saved us \$15-20,000 in paid labor. Again thank you to everyone who helped. We will have an official dedication sometime in the spring to publically thank everyone along with unveiling the plaque that will convey our appreciation to all those that made the project successful. Look for more park improvements coming up in the future which I will discuss in a future Tuesday Talk.