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The Honorable Mayor Dan Devine
and Members of the Common Council
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Mayor Devine and Common Council Members:

Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company (CVMIC), the City's insurance company, sponsors an annual Significant Awards Program for the cities and villages they insure. Since 1999, CVMIC has used this program to recognize members' developed programs, products, safety and risk management related materials, videos, etc. that address risk management concerns, reduce loss exposures, or improve the safety of operations. If the submission is chosen as a winner, the winner receives a \$1000.00 award which then must be used to purchase a product or service related to risk management, safety or loss control.

In 2016, the City of West Allis was presented three awards for the following programs:

All Tube Dolly Helper –Scott Travers – Public Works Maintenance Repairer

A Dolly Helper allows the Vac-All tubes to slide into, so the boom can be lowered down below wires and tree branches while traveling from catch basin to catch basin. The biggest advantage to the Dolly Helper is the operators no longer have to remove the vacuum tube each time they move from basin to basin.

Grease Catcher - Scott Travers – Public Works Maintenance Repairer

Due to the placement of the tubes on our Vac-All (the vehicle is manufactured this way) after routine greasing of the fittings, grease would drop onto the windshield causing visibility problems for operators. The grease would also drop into the surrounding work zone and caused housekeeping problems in the vehicle and facility. To alleviate this, one of the operators of the Vac-All, in conjunction of a Fleet Services Fabricator, fashioned a Grease Catcher that could be used to eliminate these problems.

Sanitary Sewer Magnetic Lid Remover - Randy Weishar – Public Works Sewer Maintainer

The Sanitary Sewer Magnetic Lid Remover is being submitted as a way to safely lift sanitary sewer lids, a job that must be done on a daily basis. Without the use of the magnet, a hook (27" or 36" long) is used to remove the lid, which puts undo strain on the lower back, neck and shoulders. There is also an increased chance of the lid slipping off the hook and landing on the employee's foot.

Thank you to Scott and Randy for their innovation and creativity which allows for completion of their job duties in a safer and improved manner. Further thanks for the teamwork exhibited by Scott, Randy and Linda Huske for working as a team to facilitate the successful submission of the projects to the award program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca N. Grill".

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cc: Public Works, Human Resources