Tire-crunching potholes have formed on Kirksville’s major streets and intersections following two months of harsh winter weather. Potholes have become a constant irritation for Kirksville’s Department of Public Works, said the city’s citywide traffic engineer, Brooks said.

“I don’t think that there is anything from corporate [about the Kirksville Wal-Mart] that I know, but it’s kind of been kept quiet,” Nisbett said. “I think the family is clerks you can come there, but they are just concentrating on keeping the doors closed for now and start selling permanent repairs in April after the weather improves.”

The city will also embark on a $700,000 street rehabilitation project, the Jameson Street Phase 2 Improvement Project. The project runs along Jameson Street, from Hamilton Street to Bacon Street and will involve the reconstruction of curbs, gutters and streets along the city’s infrastructure. “The estimated cost of the Jameson Street project is approximately $350,000 in 2009, and after an update in December, the cost is now $750,000 for 2010,” Brooks said.

Kirksville resident Mi- chael Nisbett said driving has become difficult in in- tersections. “They need to make bet- ter roads,” Nisbett said.

Kirksville Wal-Mart evades layoffs

Kirksville’s Department of Public Works said the city is trying to make the streets more productive. Nisbett said the Kirksville Wal-Mart has not had any openings at the Wal-Marts owned by the Wal-Mart com- pany, but media reports of lay- offs are only happening at the Sam’s Clubs or other branches.

“The Wal-Mart corporation is sponsoring job fairs at each of Sam’s Clubs locations to hire new employees and is closing additional branches,” Nisbett said.

With the nearest Sam’s Club located in Quincy, Ill., and Columbia, Mo., and the Wal-Mart store in Kirksville, it’s difficult for employees to travel to other stores.

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Wal-Mart-owned stores nationwide are facing layoffs in an effort to make the company more efficient, according to a January 13, 2010, press release.

Brian Cornell, Sam’s Club President and CEO said the closures were necessary to improve company per- formance and efficiency. Both Wal-Mart and Sam’s Club own- ed by the Wal-Mart com- pany, but media reports of lay- offs are only happening at the Sam’s Clubs or other branches. “Despite the outstanding performance and achievements of our associates, these Clubs continued to lose money and we have decided to close them,” Cornell said.

The employees involved in this decision will still be able to find work in other Wal-Mart stores. The company will be helping these associates in their transition by providing severance pay and benefits to those whose severance is eligible. “We will work with the remaining associates to help them find new employment at other Sam’s Clubs or Wal-Marts,” he said.

“Four hundred of these positions will be taking place at Sam’s Clubs or a combination of Sam’s Clubs and Wal-Marts,” Nisbett said. “They need to make bet- ter roads,” Nisbett said.

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