



PRESS RELEASE

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WATER DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE
HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE
THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2019

Rockford, IL- The following is an update of the current City of Rockford Unidirectional Flushing Program for the 2019 flushing season.

UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING PROGRAM:

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Operations Supervisor: Devin Johnson	(779) 348-7362

UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING BOUNDARIES:

North – Riverside Blvd.
South – Sringbrook Road
East – City Limits
West – Alpine Road

PROJECT UPDATE:

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 12/1/2019 to 12/7/2019:

Residential Streets Flushed:

Brookview Road	Silverthorn Drive	Vistagreen Way
Sentinel Road	Thoren Lane	Jonquil Place
Williamsburg Road	Springbrook Avenue	Featherstone Road

Projected Flushing Locations:

During the week of 12/8/2019 to 12/14/2019, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

Forest Glen Drive	Kaiser Lane	Hampton Avenue
Tasselbury Close	N. Trainer Road	Windsong Road
Modesto Drive	Fawnridge Drive	Pepper Drive

WATER QUALITY CONTACTS:

Water Quality Group:

(779) 348-7151

Customers are advised that they may experience discolored water during hydrant flushing. While not a health hazard, iron (red water) or manganese (black water) may become stirred up within the main while flushing which may create staining on porcelain and laundry. This may result in the disturbance of sediment, possibly containing lead. It is advised that you flush your water lines for one to two minutes once work is completed in your area, including removing and cleaning faucet aerator screens to remove sediment. For this reason, it is vital that the public be aware of the time and area that will be affected.

For a detailed map of hydrant flushing locations and when staff will be working in specific neighborhoods, please visit the City's web site at: <http://rockfordil.gov/public-works/water-division/hydrant-flushing>.

Water quality questions and concerns may be directed to the Water Quality Section at (779) 348-7151.

WENTWORTH TOWER REHABILITATION **(2310 WENTWORTH AVENUE)**

Rockford, IL- Maintenance activities continue to progress to rehabilitate the water tower at 2310 Wentworth Avenue. The project is anticipated to be completed early December 2019. The Wentworth Tower Rehabilitation Project consists of abrasive blasting and recoating of the interior wet, interior dry and exterior of the tank, ladder and catwalk improvements, as well as other various upgrades and improvements.

All work is dependent on the proper weather conditions. Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Jamie Rott, Assistant Water Superintendent, at (779) 348-7654.

BRUCE STREET AND LAPP COURT WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
(FROM KILBURN AVENUE TO N HORSEMAN STREET)

Rockford, IL- Bruce Street and Lapp Court are open to traffic from Kilburn Avenue to N Horsman Street. The Bruce Street and Lapp Court Water main project consisted of replacing a one hundred five year old, six inch diameter water main with an eight inch diameter water main, water services, and all associated appurtenances. This replacement project is in the process of being completed in conjunction with the Neighborhood Program – 2018 City Wide Group. No. 3.

All work is dependent on the proper weather conditions. Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Devin Johnson, Water Operations Supervisor, at (779) 348-7362.

MICHIGAN AND WEST – ILLINOIS AND INDIANA WATERMAIN
REPLACEMENT

Rockford, IL- The Michigan and West – Illinois and Indiana Watermain Replacement project started the week of October 14, 2019. Please note that access to residential home will be maintained. Work is expected to be completed on Michigan and West Streets by November 2019. The Michigan & West – Illinois & Indiana Watermain Project consists of replacing watermain, water services, and all associated appurtenances.

All work is dependent on the proper weather conditions. Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Devin Johnson, Water Operations Supervisor, at (779)348-7362.

22ND AVENUE AND 7TH STREET WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT

Rockford, IL- The 22nd Avenue and 7th Street Watermain Replacement project began the week of September 16, 2019. Work is expected to be completed by November 2019. The 22nd Avenue & 7th Street Watermain Project consists of replacing watermain, water services, and all associated appurentices.

All work is dependent on the proper weather conditions. Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Devin Johnson, Water Operations Supervisor, at (779)348-7362.

2019 NEIGHBORHOOD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
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Rockford, IL- The 2019 Neighborhood Water Main Replacement project began week of July 22, 2019. Traffic is open to all streets throughout the project. The water main project is anticipated to be completed by November 2019.

The 2019 Neighborhood Water Main Replacement project consists of replacing ninety to one hundred twenty-five year old four inch and six inch diameter water main with eight inch diameter water main, water services, and all associated appurentices.

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ENGINEERING DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Mulford Rd and Strathmoor Dr Intersection Improvements

Rockford, IL – Work continues for the intersection improvements at Mulford Road and Strathmoor Drive. The northbound outside driving lane of Mulford Road will be closed to traffic beginning November 18, 2019 until Saturday, November 27, 2019, weather dependent.

The scope of work includes the installation of new traffic signals and sidewalk improvements. Substantial completion of underground work is to be completed by November 30, 2019. Please use **caution** when driving in this area.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Ryan Lundberg, Project Manager, at (779) 348-7644.

Roxbury Rd. Street Lighting Improvements

Rockford, IL - Work continues along Roxbury Road from East State Street north to Parliament Place. Both lanes of travel will be open to traffic, however, some section of lane widths will be reduced to allow for construction equipment.

The scope of work includes the installation of new lighting system on Roxbury Road. Substantial completion of underground work to be completed by November 30, 2019. Please use **caution** when driving in this area.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Ryan Lundberg, Project Manager, at (779) 348-7644.

IDOT PROJECT UPDATE
S MAIN STREET (IL 2) AND US BYPASS 20 INTERCHANGE

Rockford, IL- The Illinois Department of Transportation continues with the reconstruction of US 20 and Illinois Route 2 Interchange. Please be aware of the continued detour routes for S. Main (IL 2) / US 20 interchange that are now in place. Eastbound US 20 traffic wanting to travel to IL 2 will have to use Montague Road exit detour. Traffic wanting to travel east on US 20 from IL 2 will need to use Airport drive detour route. Signs will be posted to get traffic through these detours. We apologize for any inconvenience these detours may cause but they are crucial component to keeping the project on schedule to meet its completion date.

To allow continued traffic movement as needed, flaggers will be in place as needed for crossovers, detours, and lane reductions. This project is estimated to be completed by October 30, 2020. Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for travel through this area. When feasible, drivers are encouraged to consider alternate routes. Motorists are reminded to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices, as well as be alert for construction workers and equipment.

PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK- William Charles Construction will be reconstructing US 20 and IL 2 with new Portland Cement Concrete pavement and shoulders. The dual structures carrying US 20 over IL 2 will be removed and replaced. The existing cloverleaf interchange will be configured as a diamond interchange with new signal installations at the ramp intersections with IL 2. The cost of the project is \$24 million.

For construction updates from IDOT District 2, follow [@IDOTDistrict2](#) on Twitter or view construction details on IDOT's [traveler information map](#) on GettingAroundIllinois.com. IDOT and the City will continue coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout this project.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Rick Rundblade, Senior Project Manager, at (779) 348-7642.

KEITH CREEK BANK STABILIZATION AND BRIDGE REMOVAL

PHASE II - CONSTRUCTION

Rockford, IL- Work continues along the Keith Creek between 8th Street and Railroad Avenue. Completion for Phase II is scheduled for the end of October. Please be aware of trucks, equipment, and workers entering and leaving the area around 8th Street and Railroad ave.

Phase II project limits are from 7th Street to Railroad Avenue along Keith Creek. The scope of work is to reshape and stabilize the creek banks to help prevent erosion. The bridge at 8th Avenue has been permanently removed during this phase.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Rick Rundblade, Senior Project Manager, at (779) 348-7642.

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