



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mitch Leatherby
Street & Transportation Superintendent

DATE: May 28, 2020

Phone: (779) 348-7631

STREET DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

STREET SWEEPING:

Street Supervisor: Giovanni Giacomazzo

779-348-7675

Asst. Street Superintendent: Harry Noble

779 348-7619

Rockford, IL- The Street Division has completed the first arterial street sweeping cycle, and contractor crews have shifted their focus on residential streets. Central Business District street sweeping will continue to be swept every other week throughout the summer. Crews will begin the 2nd Arterial cycle the first week in June.

We expect the fall cycle to begin sometime in mid-September. At that time we will again provide weekly updates and maps.

All Street Division Operations are dependent on existing weather conditions and are subject to change accordingly. Citizens are urged to approach Public Works Crews with caution and at a reduced speed that is below posted speed limits.

The City of Rockford appreciates your continued patience and cooperation as we perform our Street Maintenance Activities.

###



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Jamie Rott

Water Superintendent

DATE: May 28, 2020

Phone: (779) 348-7654

WATER DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE

THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2020

Rockford, IL- The following is an update of the current City of Rockford Unidirectional Flushing Program for the 2020 flushing season.

UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING PROGRAM:

Water Superintendent: Jamie Rott	(779) 348-7654
Assistant Superintendent: Mike Norris	(779) 348-7359
Operations Supervisor: Devin Johnson	(779) 348-7362

UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING BOUNDARIES:

North – Riverside Blvd.

South – Spring Creek Road

East – Alpine Road

West – Forest Hills Road

PROJECT UPDATE:

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 5/24/2020 to 5/30/2020:

Residential Streets Flushed:

Wansford Way	Sandhutton Avenue	Forestview Road
Eastrock Drive	Sockness Drive	Pyramid Drive
Dierks Drive	Azure Court	Florence Street

Projected Flushing Locations:

During the week of 5/31/2020 to 6/6/2020, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

Northridge Drive	Terrace View Lane	Lisa Drive
Pepper Drive	Lyons Avenue	Martina Drive
Lori Drive	Pecan Street	Piper Court

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.

PARK AVENUE AND WATER STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Rockford, IL - On April 30, 2020 East State Street between Madison Street and Wyman Street will be closed to traffic so that water main installation may occur and will remain closed until May 15. A detour will be posted (see attached).

Water main installation has started on N Water Street at the Riverview Icehouse and will continue south to East State Street. Please note that access to businesses will be maintained. The project is anticipated to be completed late-May 2020.

Businesses within the closure are open during construction. During these uncharted times, please call or check websites to verify hours of operation:

Carlyle Brewing Co.

LimaMar Restaurant

Rockford Register Star

Taco Betty's

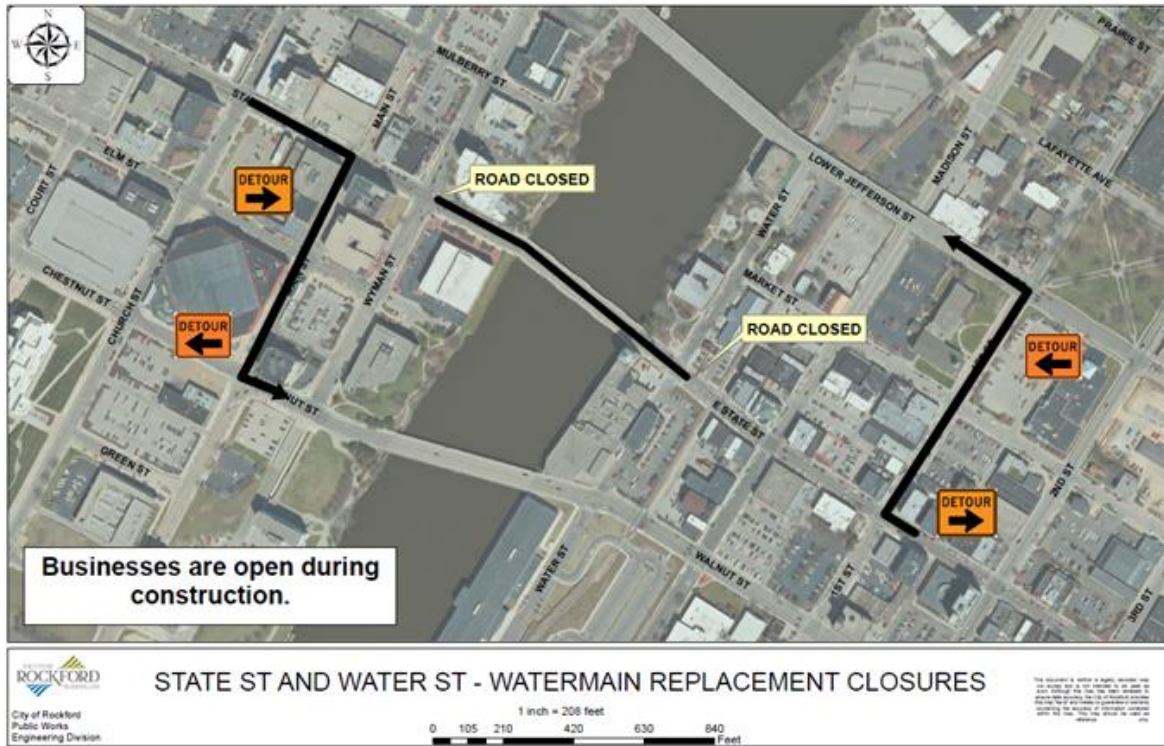
Title Underwriters Agency

Waterside Center

Waterside Financial Advisors

The Water Street and Park Avenue water main replacement project consists of replacing nearly 120 year old high-risk water main with new zinc-coated ductile iron water main, water services, hydrants 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 Jamie Rott, Water Superintendent, at (779) 348-7654.



###



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Timothy Hinkens

City Engineer

DATE: May 28, 2020

Phone: (779) 348-7647

ENGINEERING DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE
AUBURN STREET BRIDGE JOINT REPAIRS
OVER THE ROCK RIVER

Rockford, IL- Bridge Joint Repairs to the Auburn Street Bridge over the Rock River will begin on Monday May 11, 2020. There will be one lane of traffic maintained in each direction at all times. Traffic Lanes will be shifting on a day to day basis. There will also be temporary sidewalk closures during construction. The Auburn Street ramp from North Second Street and the South Second Street ramp from the bridge will be closed for 3 days each with a detour. The Contractor will be complete with the repairs on or before June 15, 2020 weather permitting. Drivers are reminded to use caution when driving through this area.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Marty Ruvolo, Sr. Project Manager, at (779) 348-7632.

JUNCTION ROAD OVER DRAINAGE WAY BRIDGE REPAIRS

Rockford, IL- Bridge repairs on the Junction Road Bridge will begin on May 11, 2020. The Bridge will be closed to all traffic. There will be a marked detour until the Bridge is complete. The Contractor will be complete on or before June 30, 2020 weather permitting. Drivers are reminded to use caution when driving through this area and follow the detour during construction.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Marty Ruvolo, Sr. Project Manager, at (779) 348-7632.

9th STREET RECONSTRUCTION –
6TH AVE TO NORTH OF CHARLES STREET

Rockford, IL- The reconstruction of 9th Street continues moving forward as scheduled. The contractor will continue working on pavement removal of the two east lanes and installation of water services through the end of the week and into next week. The west outside lane will remain open to traffic except for periodic daily lane closures within individual blocks. These closures will be limited to daily working hours and will be fully opened to the single lane after working hours.

The project limits for 9th Street will be from Sixth Avenue to East State Street. Improvements include the installation of larger diameter storm sewer to help alleviate drainage capacity issues, water main replacement, sidewalk replacement, and new concrete curb and gutter. The reconstruction will include the narrowing of the roadway to accommodate more accessible pedestrian facilities as well as on-street bicycle accommodations. Motorists are advised to use caution when traveling near the work zone. Total completion for the project is scheduled for October 30th.

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

CRISTINA STREET RECONSTRUCTION
(FROM BLACKHAWK PARK AVENUE TO 18TH AVENUE)

Rockford, IL - The reconstruction of Christina Street will begin May 28, 2020. Christina Street will be closed to traffic from Blackhawk Park Avenue north to 18th Avenue for removal of existing concrete roadway.

New asphalt pavement along with curb and gutter and sidewalk will be constructed. This roadwork is expected to take eight to ten weeks. All work is dependent on the proper weather conditions.

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