



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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DATE: July 16, 2020

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STREET DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

STREET SWEEPING:

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Rockford, IL- The Street Division has completed the first rounds of Arterial and Residential sweeping this season. By the end of June, contractor crews will again focus on Arterial streets for a second time this season. The Central Business District will continue to be swept every other week throughout the summer.

We expect the fall Residential 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

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Water Superintendent

DATE: July 16, 2020

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WATER DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE

THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 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

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Assistant Superintendent: Mike Norris

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Operations Supervisor: Devin Johnson

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UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING BOUNDARIES:

North – Crosby Street

South – Broadway

East – 20TH Street

West – Rock River

PROJECT UPDATE:

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 7/12/2020 to 7/18/2020:

Residential Streets Flushed:

S. London Avenue

S. Highland Avenue

Revell Avenue

N. 4th Street

S. 6th Street

S. Prospect Street

Shaw Street

5th Avenue

11th Street

Projected Flushing Locations:

During the week of 7/19/2020 to 7/25/2020, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

9th Street

16th Street

Woodruff Avenue

Buckbee Street

Parmele Street

12th Avenue

S. 3rd Street

13th Street

Gregory Street

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 - Park Avenue from N Main Street to N Wyman Street has closed to traffic and will remain closed for up to one week so that water main installation and street restoration may occur. A detour has been posted.

Businesses within the closure are open during construction.

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.

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ENGINEERING DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

PAVEMENT STRIPING

ROCKFORD, IL – Effective July 16th, 2020

Beginning 7/20/2020 through 7/26/2020, city-wide pavement striping for lane lines will be performed on the following roadways:

Park Street from Court Street to Wyman Street
Chelsea Avenue from Highcrest Road to Guilford Road
Clifton Avenue from East of Main Street to Montague Street
Michigan Street from Central Avenue to Clifton Street
Marchesano Drive from Clifton Street to South Main Street
West Street from Marchesano Drive to Montague Street
Mill Street from South Main Street to Rock River
Ogilby Road from Montague Street to South Main Street
Southrock Avenue from South Main Street to Dawes Road
Simpson Street from Dawes Road to Overpass
South Main Street from Chestnut Street to Harrison Avenue
South Main Street from Turn Lanes for Clifton to Turn Lanes for Clifton
Park Avenue from Wyman Street to North Main Street
Cedar Street from Church Street to South Main Street
Alpine Road from Newburg Road to Harrison Avenue
Harrison Avenue from Kishwaukee Street to 11th Street
Kishwaukee Street from Walnut Street to Harrison Avenue
Harrison Avenue from Kishwaukee Street to 11th Street
Blackhawk Road from 11th Street to 20th Street
Baxter / Bend Road from Beltline Road to Kishwaukee Road
Condon Road from Bend Road to Kishwaukee Street
Prairie Road from Harrison Avenue to South Main Street
Rotary Road from Skyview Center to Valentine Lane

Centerville Road from Cunningham Road to Simpson Road
Daisyfield Road from Cunningham Road to Ingersoll Park
Simpson Road from Meridian Road to Hwy 20 Overpass
Chelsea Avenue from Highcrest Road to Guilford Road
Parkside Drive from Charles Street to Broadway
Eastmoreland Avenue from Broadway to Florida Drive
Larson Avenue from Alpine Street to 1 Block West
Shirley Street from Fairview Avenue to Hawthorne Avenue
31st Street from Broadway to 1 Block North
11th Street from Charles Street to Harrison Avenue
11th Street Service Rd. From Blackhawk Road to Samuelson Road
15th Avenue from South Main Street to 15th Street
15th Street from Broadway to 23rd Avenue
18th Avenue from Christina Avenue to 15th Street
18th Street from Charles Street to Broadway
7th Avenue from 20th Street to 1 Block West
20th/Rockford Street from Lookout Drive to East State Street
23rd Avenue from West of Kishwaukee St to 20th Street
35th Street from Courtland Terrace to Linden Road
5th Avenue/College Avenue/Morgan Street from Cunningham Road to 11th Street
7th Street from Charles Street to 23rd Avenue
9th Street from Harrison Avenue to Crosby Street
Airport Drive from South Main Street to Assembly Drive
Falcon Road from Airport Drive to Beltline Road
New Milford School Road from Falcon Road to 10th Street
Alpine Road from US Bypass 20 to Samuelson Road
American Road from Alpine Road to East of Alpine Road
Brooke Road from Kishwaukee Street to 11th Street
Arnold Avenue from South of Newburg Road to East State Street
Blackhawk Park Avenue from Christina Avenue to Kishwaukee Street
Blackhawk Road from 11th Street to Falcon Road
Broadway from Alpine Road to 20th Street
Cessna Drive from Beltline Road to the End
Charles Street from East State Street to Alpine Road
Christina Street from 15th Avenue to Blackhawk Park Avenue
Division Street from Seminary Street to 1st Street
Dempster Avenue from East State Street to East Lawn Drive
East Lawn Drive from Manhattan Drive to Chalet Drive
Chalet Court from East Lawn Drive to Alpine Park Drive
Alpine Park Drive from Chalet Court to Easton Parkway
Easton Parkway from Alpine Park Drive to Edgewood Hills Drive
Eastrock Drive from Harrison Avenue to 28th Street
Fairview Avenue from East State Street to Charles Street
Fincham Road from Perryville Road to Trainer Road
Harrison Avenue from Alpine Road to South Main Street

Harrison Avenue from Alpine Road to Mulford Road
Kishwaukee Street from 1st Avenue to Airport Drive
Linden Road from Alpine Road to 35th Street
Louisiana Road from Eastmoreland Road to Log Cabin Street
Madison Street from Y Boulevard to Grove Street
Mulford Road from East State Street to Harrison Avenue
Phelps Drive from Newburg Road to North of E. State Street
Samuelson Road from Falcon Road to Trevor Circle
Sandy Hollow Road from Kishwaukee Street to Mulford Road
Seminary Street from Harrison Avenue to Division Street
Wesleyan Avenue from 20th Street to Ohio Parkway
Logistics Avenue from Airport Drive to South of Samuelson Road
Cedar Street from Avon Street to Church Street
Newburg Road from Alpine Road to Mulford Road
Mid-America Drive from East State Street to Fincham Drive
Stowmarket Avenue from Cherryleaf Lane to Heaton Court
Wansford Way from Sandhutton Avenue to Stowmarket Avenue
Sandhutton Avenue from Harrison Avenue to South of Wansford Way
Forest View Road from Harrison Avenue to South of Forest View
Manchester Drive from Harrison Avenue to Alpine Road
Ohio Parkway from Harrison Avenue to Eastgate Parkway
29th Street from East State Street to Oak Grove Lane
24th Street from Charles Street to 9th Avenue
Hunter Avenue from Charles Street to Broadmoor Drive
2nd Avenue from 8th Street to Charles Street
6th Avenue from 6th Street to 7th Street
Woodruff Avenue from 11th Street to Broadway
Colorado Avenue from East Gate Parkway to Harrison Avenue

The operation is dependent on existing weather conditions and is subject to change accordingly. City-wide pavement striping for lane lines will continue during the months of May thru August.

Citizens are urged to approach striping crews at a reduced speed that is below posted speed limits. Proceed with caution traveling into the lane adjacent to the pavement striper and maintain a safe distance. Changing lanes in close proximity to the pavement striping crew is not recommended. Recent changes in EPA Regulations have mandated that manufacturers remove solvent-based driers from striping paint, thus creating extended drying times. Your cooperation is appreciated.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Jeremy Carter, Traffic Engineer, at (779) 348-7656 or Kyle Saunders, Director of Public Works, at (779) 348-7371.

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

Rockford, IL - The reconstruction of Christina Street is ongoing and moving forward as scheduled. Christina Street is 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.

STRATHMOOR DRIVE EXTENSION
(FROM MULFORD ROAD TO ROXBURY ROAD)

Rockford, IL- Strathmoor Dr just east of Roxbury will be under construction beginning July 20, 2020. The emergency access to the hospital will continue to be open at all times. There may be times flaggers will be on site to control traffic around construction activities.

The Strathmoor Drive Extension is underway and continuing as scheduled. Strathmoor Drive between Mulford Road and the new Strathmoor Extension will be closed to through traffic. Strathmoor Drive will be open to local traffic, public bus and emergency services only.

New asphalt pavement along with storm sewer, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and street lighting will be constructed. This project is anticipated to be completed by the end of November 2020. All work is dependent on the proper weather conditions. Drivers are encouraged to use the Roxbury entrances to access OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center. Drivers are reminded to drive slow and use caution when driving through work zones.

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

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

Rockford, IL - The reconstruction of 9th Street continues moving forward as scheduled. On Friday, July 17th, there will be daily lane closures on Charles between 1st avenue and 9th Street. The contractor will be working on installing a storm sewer manhole close to the intersection of 9th and Charles Street. Beginning on Monday, July 20th, Charles Street will be closed from 1st Avenue going east bound for two days to work on storm sewer installation in the intersection. West bound traffic on Charles will be down to one lane near the intersection of 9th and Charles Street for two days also starting on July 20th. Please follow the detour route for the east bound Charles Street closure. Work will continue on 9th St with the contractor working on sidewalk and prepping the roadway for pavement. The west outside lane of 9th street will remain open to traffic except for periodic daily lane closures within individual blocks so the contractor can safely perform their work. These closures will be limited to daily working hours and will be fully opened to the single lane at the end of each working day.

The project limits for 9th Street will be from 6th 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.

City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 2 – 2020 (Residential)

Rockford, IL - This project consists of various pavement repairs throughout the City. Work is scheduled to be completed by Friday, August 14th, 2020. Repairs may include but not limited to pavement patching, full width mill and overlay, curb and gutter repairs, sidewalk repairs, ADA ramp repairs, driveway approach repairs, drainage repairs, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

Full width resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, drainage repairs, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) 17th Street from 12th Avenue to Broadway
- 2) 18th Street from Charles Street to 7th Avenue
- 3) Greenwood Avenue from Welty Avenue to James Avenue
- 4) Jackson Street from Dawson Avenue to James Avenue
- 5) Kings Highway from Highcrest Road to Alta Vista Road
- 6) South 3rd Street from Oak Street to Grove Street
- 7) Sprucewood Drive from Birchwood Drive to Cul-de-sac
- 8) Aragona Drive from Montague Street to End of Aragona Drive
- 9) Genoa Strete from South Sunset Avenue to Webster Avenue
- 10) Loomis Street from Webster Avenue to Hulin Street
- 11) Bildahl Street from Sawyer Road to Roosevelt Road
- 12) Arthur Avenue from North Central Avenue to North Independence Avenue
- 13) Belden Street from Gladstone Avenue to Summerdale Avenue
- 14) Fairview Avenue from North Independence Avenue to North Sunset Avenue
- 15) Grenshaw Street from Kenmore Avenue to Ridgeway Avenue
- 16) Lawndale Avenue from Elmwood Street to Kilburn Avenue
- 17) Montrose Avenue from Richmond Street to Vermont Street
- 18) Sherman Avenue from North Central Avenue to Royal Avenue
- 19) Alliance Avenue from West Jefferson Street to School Street
- 20) Webster Avenue from Hudson Street to Preston Street
- 21) South Pierpont Avenue from Hudson Street to Liberty Street
- 22) Campus Hills Boulevard from North Main Street to St. Francis Drive
- 23) Safford Road from Franz Drive to North Springfield Avenue

Bituminous Patching with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Buckingham Drive Patching from Westchester Drive to Scottswood Road
- 2) Overlook Road Patching from Greenmount Street to Ridgewood Road
- 3) Ridgewood Road from Greenmount Street to Cospers Avenue
- 4) Westchester Drive Patching from Guilford Road to Buckingham Drive
- 5) Broadway Patching at the Intersection of Broadway and Orange Street

- 6) Loomis Street Patching from Clover Avenue to South Independence Avenue
- 7) Nelson Boulevard Patching from Orange Street to Christina Street
- 8) South Sunset Avenue Patching from Loomis Street to Genoa Street
- 9) Ashland Avenue Patching from North Central Avenue to North Sunset Avenue
- 10) Grenshaw Street Patching from Knight Avenue to Kenmore Avenue
- 11) King Street Patching from North Court Street to Garrison Avenue
- 12) Napoleon Street Patching from North Court Street to Grant Avenue
- 13) Oakley Avenue Patching from Sherman Avenue to Arthur Avenue
- 14) 6th Street Patching from Keith Creek to 11th Avenue

For questions regarding this projects, please contact Steve Sumner, Senior Project Manager, at (779)348-7645.

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