PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:        CONTACT INFORMATION:

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June 29, 2017

STREET DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

STREET SWEEPING:
Supervisor:  Harry Noble

Spring residential street sweeping began on April 10, 2017 and was completed on June 14, 2017.

Arterial and Central Business District sweeping cycles will continue throughout the summer months through Mid-September. The fall residential sweeping cycle will commence Mid-September, 2017.

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.
State of Illinois Funded Road Construction Projects
Potential Work Suspensions

The State of Illinois has issued a letter to the City of Rockford regarding the current status of their funding source. The letter states that if the State’s General Assembly fails to agree to a budget appropriating funds to the current road construction projects by June 30, 2017, work shall be suspended until an appropriations bill has passed.

The City of Rockford currently has two road construction projects underway that have joint funding with the State: Harrison Avenue Reconstruction and North Main Street (Yonge Street to Riverside Boulevard). The City and State have coordinated efforts to prepare for a potential work suspension. If a work suspension is to occur after July 1st, the work zones would be stabilized, thus minimizing roadside hazards, and traffic control devices would continue to be maintained throughout the suspension. Motorists should expect to continue to follow the same detours and traffic patterns.

Harrison Avenue Reconstruction Project
(Harrison Avenue between 9th Street and East of 22nd Street)
(11th Street between Wills Avenue and South of 23rd Avenue)

Road construction on Harrison Avenue between 9th Street and 20th Street continues for the 2017 season. Currently construction crews are concentrating on the installation of underground utilities along the south lanes of the road as work is now in Stage 2 of the Harrison Avenue project. Stage 2 includes box culvert extension, road widening, new pavement, curb and gutter, medians, sidewalk, sanitary sewer construction, storm sewer installation, water main replacement, new street lights, new traffic signals, and pavement markings. Stage 2 construction is scheduled to continue through the spring and summer of 2017.
During Stage 2, the north lanes of Harrison Avenue will remain open to one lane of traffic each way at this time, with short, intermittent side street closures as the underground work moves through those intersections at various times during this stage.

Crews will be working on the completion of the 20th Street intersection and temporary ramp for the side streets on the south side of Harrison Avenue from the box culvert to the east end of the project. They will also be prepping 11th street for concrete on the west side. Concrete is expected to be poured the week of July 10th, pending any work suspension. Please follow all detours. Temporary lane closures may occur during these periods. Please expect delays.

All work is dependent on the proper weather conditions. Drivers should be aware of work zone speed limits and use caution when driving in these areas.

**Lane Closures of North Main Street (IL-2) – Illinois Department of Transportation Roadway Project (Yonge Street to just north of Riverside Boulevard)**

During the week of July 3rd, 2017, roadway removal work is underway south of the railroad tracks and pavement removals are underway north of the railroad tracks. Curb work and bike path construction work will be starting behind edge of pavement on the west and east side of N Main. Please be alert for construction activities when driving/Biking/Walking through these areas in the coming weeks. **The scheduled traffic lane switch over is set for July 5th. Traffic will be staged on the newly paved west lanes for the duration of the 2017 construction season. This switchover will happen with or without a July 1st IDOT shut down of construction operations.**

The southbound lanes of North Main Street between Auburn Street and Pierce Avenue will continually be shut down for roadway milling and paving operations for the length of the project until further notice. Southbound and northbound traffic will be two lane traffic for the duration of this work. In addition, western legs of North Main intersections, including: Younge Street, Wagner Avenue, Burton Street, Custer Avenue, VanWie Avenue, Fulton Avenue, Ford Avenue and Eddy Avenue, will be closed for the duration of traffic staging 2A. This work is anticipated to be completed by the end of July. The northbound lanes of North Main Street between Pierce Avenue and River Bluff will be closed for pavement removal and underground utility relocation work. This closure is anticipated to last for the remainder of the 2017 construction season, unless otherwise notified.

**Please note that businesses are open during construction.**

On March 22nd, 2017 construction began on the IDOT N Main project. The North Main Street Roadway Project consists of pavement removal, excavation, roadway re-alignment,
PCC pavement, HMA pavement, curb and gutter, landscaped median, multi-use path and sidewalk construction, water main replacement, storm sewer installation, landscaping, street lighting, traffic signal modernization and interconnection, pavement markings, erosion control, maintenance of traffic and all other necessary items to complete the improvements.

The City of Rockford appreciates your continued patience and cooperation during this work.

**City-Wide Street Repairs 2017 Group No. 1 (Residential)**

Construction work began on the City-Wide Street Repairs 2017 Group No. 1 (Neighborhood) project. Full width resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, pavement striping and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

1) Hedge Cliff Court from Hedge Cliff Drive to Cul-de-sac
2) Hedge Cliff Drive from Hedge Cliff Court to Olde Creek Road
3) Knox Drive from Spring Creek Road to Barrick Drive
4) Old Hunters Run from Private Drive to Glen Devon Road
5) Perietta Lane from Red Oak Lane to Cul-de-sac
6) Ponderosa Drive from Jonquil Place to Cul-de-sac
7) Rubicon Trail from Grayling Drive to University Drive
8) Silverthorn Drive from Sweetbriar Lane to Honeysuckle Drive
9) Tulip Lane from Meander Drive to Centennial Trail
10) Wembly Place from Carrington Chase to Brigantine Lane
11) King Street from Latham Place to Church Street
12) North Madison Street from Y Boulevard to End of North Madison Street
13) Alta Vista Road from Kings Highway to Bradley Road
14) Cinnamon Court from Cinnamon Lane to Cul-de-sac
15) Cinnamon Lane from Pepper Drive to Burningtree Lane
16) Crawford Drive from Lisa Drive to Kimball Road
17) Crofton Drive from Laurelhurst Drive to Andover Drive
18) Deer Pointe from Hermitage Trail to Fox Pointe
19) Lisa Drive from Pepper Drive to Lori Drive
20) Weaver Road from Auto Park Drive to Perryville Road
21) Belden Street from Garfield Drive to Gladstone Avenue
22) Fairview Avenue from Day Avenue to Horace Avenue
23) Garfield Drive from Edgmont Street to Greshaw Street
24) Gladstone Avenue from Greshaw Street to Elmwood Street
25) Grant Avenue from Salem Street to John Street
26) Greshaw Street from Arcadia Terrace to Garfield Drive
27) Henry Street from Yonge Street to End of Henry Street
28) Horace Avenue from Arthur Avenue to Auburn Street
29) Knight Avenue from Rockton Avenue to Edgemont Street
30) Knight Avenue from Greshaw Street to Virginia Avenue
31) Carney Avenue from Lawndale Avenue to Van Wie Avenue
32) Chateau Lane from Chateau Court to Halsted Road
33) Court Street from Vernon Street to Yonge Street
34) Fremont Street from Burton Street to Quincy Street
35) Grace Street from Grant Avenue to Huffman Boulevard
36) Price Street from Vernon Street to Grace Street
37) Quail Run from Eagle Court to Shalck Drive
38) Tacoma Avenue from Yonge Street to Grace Street
39) Easton Drive from Dorset Drive to Thames Way
40) Lombard Street from Parkview Terrace to Sunnyside Drive
41) Oxford Street from Camlin Avenue to Harper Avenue
42) Regal Ridge Circle from Carefree Drive to Cul-de-sac
43) Sunnyside Drive from Lombard Street to North
44) Tallwood Avenue from Alpine Road to Bluebird Street
45) Thames Way from Buckeye Drive to Easton Drive
46) Rote Road from Perryville Road to Grandchester Place
47) Birch Avenue from Spring Brook Road to Hickory Avenue
48) Hickory Avenue from Spring Creek Road to Birch Avenue
49) Carrington Chase (Wembley Place to Brigantine Lane)
50) Crofton Drive (Burningtree Drive to Laurelhurst Drive)
51) Halsted Road (Huffman Boulevard to Ridge Avenue)
52) Rockton Avenue (Intersection of Rockton Avenue and Karen Drive)

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

1) Gladstone Avenue from Elmwood Street to Kilburn Avenue
2) Yonge Street from Pauline Avenue to Virginia Avenue
3) Bell Avenue from Huffman Boulevard to Ridge Avenue
4) Deborah Avenue/Church Street Intersection

Reconstruction of roadway with 12” aggregate base and 8” bituminous surface with curb and gutter, install 4” underdrain by inlet specials, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

1) Rote Road from Grandchester Place to Bell School Road

Construction for this project is expected to end on June 30th, 2017. Construction operations for these locations may require a parking restriction at some short periods.

**City-Wide Street Repairs 2017 Group No. 2**

*(Residential)*

Construction work began on the City-Wide Street Repairs 2017 Group No. 2 (Neighborhood) project. Full width resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, pavement striping and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:
1) 6th Avenue from 15th Street to 18th Street
2) 9th Avenue from 12th Street to 13th Street
3) 17th Avenue from Woodruff Avenue to 20th Street
4) 17th Street from 8th Avenue to 10th Avenue
5) Hillsdale Street from Greenwood Avenue to Rural Street
6) Woodruff Avenue from 13th Avenue to 16th Street
7) Indiana Avenue from South Main Street to West Street
8) Lincoln Avenue from South Main Street to Weldon Street
9) Regina Lane from Montague Street to End of Regina Lane
10) Rose Avenue from Blake Street to Morgan Street
11) West Street from Morgan Street to Hulin Street
12) 16th Street from Pershing Avenue to Sawyer Road
13) 18th Street from Harrison Avenue to Wills Avenue
14) 19th Street from Pershing Avenue to End of 19th Street
15) 42nd Avenue from 6th Street to 9th Street
16) Collins Road from Reed Avenue to Brooke Road
17) Marshall Street from Alton Avenue to Reed Avenue
18) Old Gate Road from 35th Street to North Port Drive
19) Sewell Street from Reed Avenue to Pershing Avenue
20) Wills Avenue from Sewell Street to Horton Street
21) Colorado Avenue from Harrison Avenue to Ashbrook Drive
22) Craig Hill Drive from Harrison Avenue to Ashbrook Drive
23) East Gate Parkway from Ohio Parkway to Oregon Avenue
24) Nevada Circle from Beach Street to Cul-de-sac
25) Oregon Avenue from Ohio Parkway to Carolina Avenue
26) Public Lane from Brownfield Road to Raismore Road
27) Seward Avenue from Colorado Avenue to Montana Avenue
28) 5th Avenue from 9th Street to 11th Street
29) 15th Avenue from 12th Street to 13th Street
30) 16th Avenue from 16th Street to 17th Street
31) 17th Avenue from 10th Street to 11th Street
32) 17th Street from 16th Avenue to 17th Avenue
33) Fieldcrest Drive from Carol Court to Valentine Place
34) Governors Drive from Trevor Circle to Hampshire Close
35) Greenleaf Way from Castlewood Court to Dorchester Drive
36) Longmeadow Lane from Alpine Road to Beckett Place
37) Orchard Avenue from Diane Drive to Esmond Drive
38) Sulkey Lane from Carriage Green Way to Cul-de-sac
39) Buttercup Lane from Bellworth Drive to Bittersweet Row
40) Charlotte Drive from Newburg Road to Forest View Avenue
41) Cindy Drive from South End of Cindy Drive to Village of New Milford Limits
42) Marion Avenue from Warren Road to Hillcrest Road
43) Montmorency Drive from End of Montmorency Drive to Laurel Cherry Drive
44) Ralph Drive from South Bend Road to End of Ralph Drive
45) Suffolk Drive from End of Suffolk Drive to Newburg Road
46) Warren Road from Forest View Avenue to Charles Street
47) White Swan Lane from Mill Road to End of White Swan Lane
Bituminous Patching with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

1) East Gate Parkway from Colorado Avenue to Louisiana Road  
2) Seward Avenue from Wisconsin Road to Colorado Avenue  
3) 16th Avenue Patching at the Intersection of 16th Avenue and 8th Street

Construction for this project is expected to end on July 21st, 2017. Construction operations for these locations may require a parking restriction at some short periods.

**City-Wide Street Repairs 2017 Group No. 3 (Alleys)**

Construction work began on the City-Wide Street Repairs 2017 Group No. 3 (Alleys) project. Repairs may include, but are not limited to, pavement patching, full width mill and overlay, curb repairs, sidewalk, ADA ramps, structure adjustments, and apron repairs. at the following locations:

1) 2nd Ward – Alley 740 from the 0600 Block of Smith Avenue to the 0600 Block of Bohm Avenue  
2) 2nd Ward – Alley 745 from the 0600 Block of Smith Avenue to the 0600 Block of Bohm Avenue  
3) 2nd Ward – Alley 757 from the 2600 Block of Greenwood Avenue to the 2600 Block of Rural Street  
4) 3rd Ward – Alley 759 from the 0900 Block of Luther Avenue to the 0900 Block of Winthrop Lane  
5) 3rd Ward – Alley 791 from the 0400 Block of Mulberry Street to the 0400 Block of West Jefferson Street  
6) 3rd Ward – Alley 793 from the 0300 Block of Park Avenue to the 0300 Block of West Jefferson Street  
7) 3rd Ward – Alley 844 from the 1400 Block of Myott Avenue to the 1100 Block of Auburn Street  
8) 5th Ward – 2900 Block of Kling Street from South Avenue to the End of Kling Street (South)  
9) 7th Ward – Alley 361 from the 0700 Block of John Street to the South  
10) 7th Ward – Alley 379 from the 1100 Block of Irving Avenue to the 1100 Block of Furman Street  
11) 7th Ward – Alley 814 from the 0500 Block of Whitman Street to the 0500 Block of Napoleon Street  
12) 7th Ward – Alley 847 from the 1600 Block of Auburn Street to the 0500 Block of King Street  
13) 7th Ward – Alley 1081 from the 2000 Block of Elmwood Street to the 2000 Block of Greshaw Street  
14) 7th Ward – Alley 1082 from the 2000 Block of Greshaw Street to the 2000 Block of Edgemont Street  
15) 11th Ward – Alley 771 from the 0100 Block of North 2nd Street to the East
16) 12th Ward – Alley 520 from the 0400 Block of Ellis Avenue to the 0400 Block of Camlin Avenue
17) 12th Ward – Alley 525 from the 500 Block of Camlin Avenue to the 0500 Block of Cottage Grove Avenue
18) 12th Ward – Alley 535 from the 0700 Block of Harper Avenue to the 0700 Block of Brown Avenue
19) 12th Ward – Alley 551 from the 0600 Block of Brown Avenue to the 0600 Block of Van Wie Avenue
20) 12th Ward – Alley 552 from the 0500 Block of Brown Avenue to the 0500 Block of Van Wie Avenue
21) 12th Ward – Alley 561 from the 0900 Block of Van Wie Avenue to the 0900 Block of Fulton Avenue
22) 12th Ward – Alley 589 from the 3300 Block of Louise Street to the 3300 Block of Ruth Street
23) 12th Ward – Alley 590 from the 1200 Block of Deborah Avenue to Alley 589

Alleyway Reconstruction with 6” stone base and 1.5” of binder mix and 1.5” of surface mix with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

1) 2nd Ward – Alley 657 from the 1800 Block of 9th Avenue to the 1800 Block of 10th Avenue
2) 2nd Ward – Alley 746 from Alley 740 to Alley 745
3) 3rd Ward – Alley 809 from the 0200 Block of Franklin Place to Alley 810
4) 3rd Ward – Alley 810 from the 1000 Block of Harlem Boulevard to the 1000 Block of Franklin Place
5) 3rd Ward – Alley 822 from the 0300 Block of Churchill Street to the West
6) 7th Ward – Alley 378 from the 1400 Block of Arthur Avenue to Alley 379
7) 7th Ward – Alley 1077 from the 2000 Block of Richmond Street to the 2000 Block of Vermont Street
8) 11th Ward – Alley 221 from the 1000 Block of 23rd Avenue to Alley 222
9) 11th Ward – Alley 222 from the 2300 Block of 6th Street to the 2300 Block of 7th Street
10) 13th Ward – Alley 890 from the 0700 Block of Green Street to the 0700 Block of Cedar Street
11) 13th Ward – Alley 912 from the 2100 Block of Green Street to the 2100 Block of Berkley Street
12) 13th Ward – Alley 978 from the 0100 Block of Victory Street to the 0100 Block of Woodrow Street

City-Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2017 Package #3, A & B
City-Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2017 packages #3, A and B have begun. Construction activities may include but are not limited to replacing sidewalk and ADA ramps, parkway restoration and other related work throughout the city at various locations throughout the City of Rockford. The necessary traffic control and signage will be posted.

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PRESS RELEASE

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HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE:

Week of July 2, 2017

ROCKFORD – The following is an update of the current City of Rockford Unidirectional Flushing Program for the 2017 flushing season.

UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING PROGRAM:

Water Superintendent:  Kyle Saunders  779.348.7371

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Unidirectional Flushing Boundaries:

North – Morgan Street
South – City Limits
East – Rock River
West – Springfield Avenue

Project Update:

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 06/25/17 to 07/01/17:

Residential Streets Flushed:

Clover Avenue  Salter Avenue  West Street
Montague Road  S. Central Avenue  Rose Avenue
Illinois Avenue  Wisconsin Avenue  Ogilby Road
**Projected Flushing Locations:**

During the week of 07/02/2017 to 07/08/2017, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

- Indiana Avenue
- Marchesano Drive
- Clover Avenue
- Holland Street
- Rose Avenue
- Blackhawk Avenue
- Clifton Avenue
- S. Main Street
- Pond Street

**WATER QUALITY CONTACTS:**

**Water Quality Group:** 779.348.7151

If discolored water occurs, it is not a health hazard. However, during any flushing procedures, iron (red water) and manganese (black water) may become stirred up within the water main, which can create staining on the porcelain and laundry. This work may result in the disturbance of sediment, possibly containing lead. It is advised that you flush your water lines for 1 – 2 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. If there are any Water Quality questions, please contact water quality at the number listed.

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](http://rockfordil.gov/public-works/water-division/hydrant-flushing).

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PAVEMENT STRIPING

ROCKFORD – Effective July 3rd, 2017

Beginning the week of 7/3/2017 through 7/9/2017, city-wide pavement striping for lane lines will be performed on the following roadways:

South Main Street from Chestnut to Clifton
South Main Street from Turn Lanes for Clifton to Turn Lanes for Clifton
East State Street from Wyman Street to Water Street
Elm Street from Winnebago Street to Wyman Street
Bennington Road from Latham Street to North Main Street
Campus Hills Drive from N. Main Street to Latham Street
Muldoon Drive from Campus Hills Drive to Riverside Boulevard
Central Avenue from Preston Street to Morgan Street
Custer Avenue from Kilburn Avenue to North Main Street
Cumberland Street from Auburn Street to Fulton Avenue
Harlem Avenue from West of Cumberland to Auburn Street
Harlem Avenue from Auburn Street to Fulton Avenue
Edson Street from Eddy Avenue to Fulton Avenue
Eddy Avenue from Edson Street to End
Wallace Street from Fulton Avenue to Willoughby Avenue
Elmwood Street from North Main Street to Browns Beach Road
Fulton Avenue from Harlem Street to Huffman Boulevard
Glenwood Avenue from East of Rockton Avenue to Kilburn Avenue
Halsted Road from Central Avenue to Robey Avenue
Huffman Boulevard from Riverside Boulevard to Bell Avenue
Huffman Boulevard from South of Auburn Street to North of Auburn Street
Johnston Street from Auburn Street to Elm Street
Light Street from North Main Street to 1 Block East
North Main Street from Chestnut Street to Park Street
Mulberry Street from Kilburn Avenue to Winnebago Street
Mulberry Street from Avon Street to Central Avenue
Myott Avenue from Latham Street to Sherman Avenue
Ridge Avenue from Halsted Street to Whitman Street
Riverbluff Avenue from West of Main Street to Robey Avenue
Rockton Avenue from Elmwood Street to West State Street
Rockton Avenue from Cedar Street to Chestnut Street
School Street from Springfield Avenue to North Main Street
Shepherd Trail from North Main Street to 1 Block East
Riverside Boulevard from Bridge to Central Avenue
Willoughby Avenue from North Main Street to Oxford Street
Kilcen Road from Kilburn Avenue to South of Kilburn Ave
Williams Avenue from Kilburn Avenue to East of Kilburn Ave
Collins Avenue from Kilburn Avenue to South of Kilburn Ave
Vermont Street from Collins Avenue to Summerdale Avenue
Summerdale Avenue from Glenwood Avenue to East of Glenwood Avenue
Midway Drive from Rockton Avenue to East of Rockton Ave
Safford Road from Page Park School to Kilburn Avenue
Winnebago Street from Rockton Avenue to Winnebago Street
Green Street from Rockton Avenue to Winnebago Street
Green Street from Church Street to Main Street

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 stripper 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.

Any questions contact:
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