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STREET DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

STREET SWEEPING:

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

The fall arterial sweeping cycle will commence on Tuesday, September 5, 2015. Weather permitting, the fall residential sweeping cycle will commence on or about the week beginning September 25, 2017. When the residential sweeping begins, maps will be attached for reference.

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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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 concrete paving 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 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. The intersection is scheduled to be reopened to traffic with one lane of traffic on all four legs. They will also be switching the paving of 11th Street to the east side, and traffic will be switched to the west side. 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 September 4th, 2017, roadway paving operations will be underway south of the railroad tracks. Concrete curb and gutter placement will occur south of the railroad tracks as well as driveway placement. Landscaping and topsoil placement will be continued behind edge of pavement on the west and east side of N Main. Utility relocations will also be underway along Riverside Blvd. Please be alert for construction activities when driving/biking/walking through these areas in the coming weeks.

Southbound and northbound traffic will be two lane traffic for the duration of this work as paving operations will occur on the northbound lanes between Auburn Street and Pierce Avenue. In addition, many eastern legs of North Main intersections will be closed for the duration of traffic staging 2B. This work is anticipated to be completed by the end of October.

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.

North Alpine Box Culvert over Keith Creek (North Branch)

Road construction on the North Alpine Box Culvert over Keith Creek (North Branch) will begin this week. This project includes the complete replacement of the box culvert structure on North Alpine Road, north of Maray Drive. This work is similar to the box culvert replacement on South Alpine Road two years ago. Work is expected to last until the end of the year.

The project is currently in Stage 1. This stage includes the closure of the east half of Alpine Drive. During this stage, lanes along Alpine Road will be reduced to one lane in each direction. This lane configuration will be in place throughout most of October. When complete with the east half of the culvert replacement, traffic will be switched to the east half of the road, continuing with one lane in each direction during Stage 2.

Drivers should be aware of their speeds in the work zone area and expect delays.

City-Wide Street Repairs 2017 Group No. 2 **(Residential)**

Construction work is completed for this project.

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

Construction work is completed for this project.

City-Wide Street Repairs 2017 Group No. 4 **(Concrete)**

Construction work began on the City-Wide Street Repairs 2017 Group No. 4 (Concrete) project. Repairs may include, but are not limited to, This project consists of various pavement repairs throughout the city. 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.

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

- 1) Oak Lawn Avenue – Parkview Avenue to Rockford Avenue
- 2) Post Avenue – Churchill Street to Ellsworth Street
- 3) Salter Avenue – South Main Street to West Street
- 4) Ed Vera Drive – Sandy Hollow Road to Jamestown Drive
- 5) Arline Avenue – Richmond Street to Vermont Street
- 6) Lynwood Street – Sovereign Boulevard to Forest View Avenue
- 7) 4th Avenue – Kishwaukee Street to 4th Street
- 8) 10th Street – 12th Avenue to Broadway
- 9) North Independence Avenue – Andrews Street to School Street
- 10) Lydia Avenue – North Springfield Avenue to Victory Street
- 11) West Jefferson Street – Underwood Street to Avon Street

Reconstruction of roadway with new curb and gutter and structure repairs as need at the following locations:

- 1) Barnum Road – Bildahl Street to 9th Street

Curb and gutter repairs, sidewalk repairs, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, drainage repairs, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) North Church Street Sidewalk – Sidewalk at 220 North Church Street
- 2) 6th Street Sidewalk – Benton Street to Chamberlain Street

- 3) North Church Street Sidewalk – Sidewalk at 1003 North Church Street
- 4) South First Street Sidewalk – Sidewalk at 322-328 South First Street
- 5) Guilford Road Sidewalk – Sidewalk at 3124 Guilford Street
- 6) Liberty Drive Sidewalk – Sidewalk at 3104 Liberty Drive
- 7) North Avenue Sidewalk – Napoleon Street to Ridge Avenue
- 8) Parkside Avenue Curb and Gutter – Soper Avenue to Johnston Avenue
- 9) Richmond Street Curb and Gutter and Sidewalk – Arline Avenue to Parkside Avenue
- 10) Constance Drive Sidewalk – Sidewalk at 3212 Constance Drive
- 11) Bell Avenue Approach – Approach at St. Bernadette's
- 12) Carriage Lane Sidewalk – Sidewalk at 2923 Carriage Lane
- 13) Latham Street Sidewalk – Wagner Avenue to Brown Avenue (Various Locations)
- 14) Marriott Drive Sidewalk – Carriage Lane to Riverside Boulevard
- 15) Ridge Avenue Sidewalk – Intersection of Ridge Avenue and Grace Street
- 16) Ridge Avenue Sidewalk – Intersection of Ridge Avenue and Quincy Street
- 17) 4th Street Sidewalk – 3rd Avenue to 5th Avenue
- 18) 17th Avenue Sidewalk – Sidewalk at 1924 17th Avenue (15th Street Sidewalk)
- 19) Charles Street Sidewalk – East State Street to 1st Avenue
- 20) Alley 565 – Approach repairs at Fulton Avenue
- 21) Elm Street Sidewalk – South Hinkley Avenue to Waldo Street
- 22) 3rd Avenue Sidewalk – 7th Street to 8th Street
- 23) East State Street Sidewalk – Intersection of East State Street and Prospect Street
- 24) Police Station No. 1 Sidewalk – Sidewalk around the project limits of Police Station 1

Alley reconstruction with new concrete surface, curb and gutter repairs, sidewalk repairs, driveway approaches, drainage repairs, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Alley 450 – N0100 Block of North First Street to Alley 774

Concrete Patching and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Marieme Drive Patching – Shirley Road to End of Merieme Drive
- 2) Central Avenue Patching – Intersection of Central Avenue and Preston Street
- 3) Harney Court Patching – Intersection of Harney Court and Morningside Drive
- 4) Larson Avenue Patching – Kenmore Road to Shenandoah Avenue
- 5) School Street Patching – Jilson Avenue to Forest Avenue

City-Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2017 Package A & B

City-Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2017 packages 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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HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE:

Week of September 3, 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

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Assistant Superintendent: Jamie Rott

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Unidirectional Flushing Boundaries:

North – Crosby Street

South – Broadway Street

East – 20th Street

West – Rock River

Project Update:

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 08/27/17 to 09/02/17:

Residential Streets Flushed:

Balsam Court

New England Drive

Jacqueline Drive

Amherst Lane

Constance Drive

Wyoming Drive

Beach Street

25th Street

Colorado Avenue

Projected Flushing Locations:

During the week of 09/03/2017 to 09/09/2017, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

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|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Crosby Street | Regan Street | N. Gardiner Avenue |
| N. Chicago Avenue | N. 5 th Street | Paris Avenue |
| 3 rd Avenue | Shaw Street | Market Street |

WATER QUALITY CONTACTS:

Water Quality Group:

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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>.

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