



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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September 21, 2017

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STREET DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

STREET SWEEPING:

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The fall arterial sweeping cycle began Tuesday, September 5, 2015, and should be completed by the end of this week. Weather permitting, the fall residential sweeping cycle will commence on Monday, September 25, 2017.

Areas to be swept the week beginning September 25, 2017 are as follows:

- City Limits east to the River – Halsted Road north to City Limits
- City Limits east to Kilburn Ave – W. State St north to Auburn St.
- N. Mulford Road east to City Limits – E. State Street north to Spring Creek Road

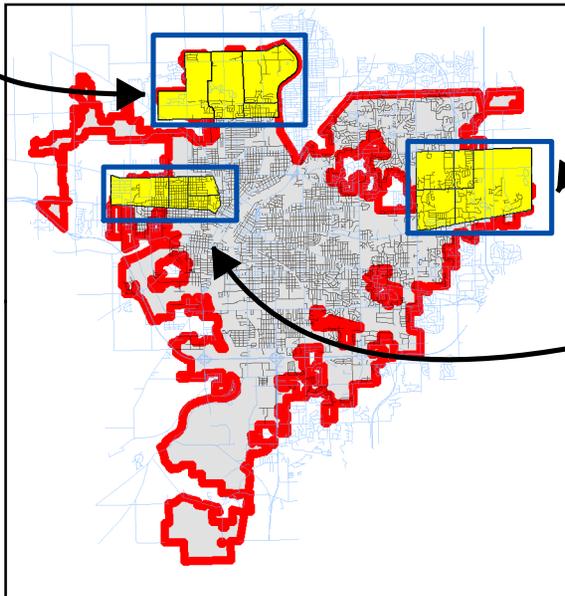
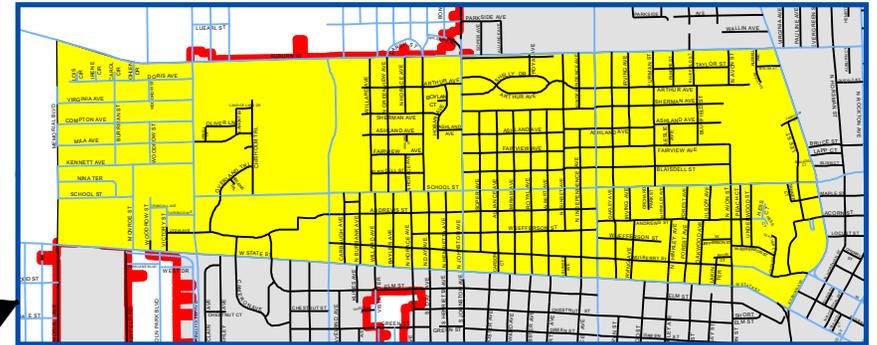
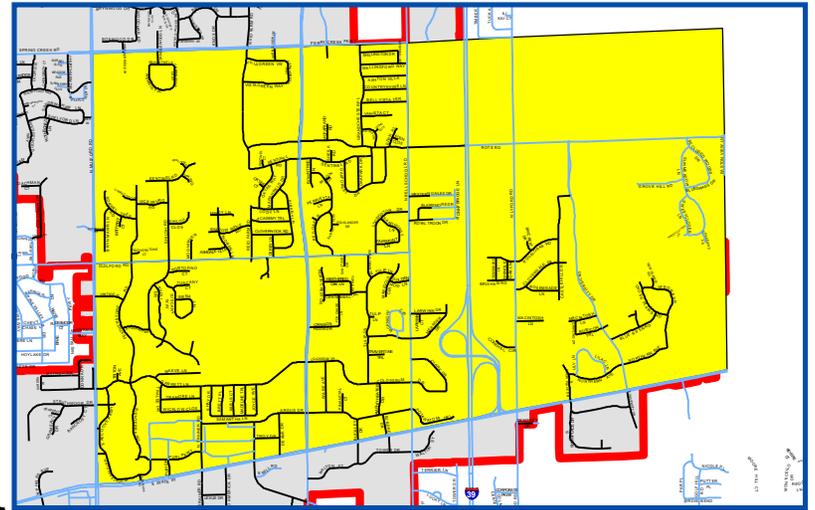
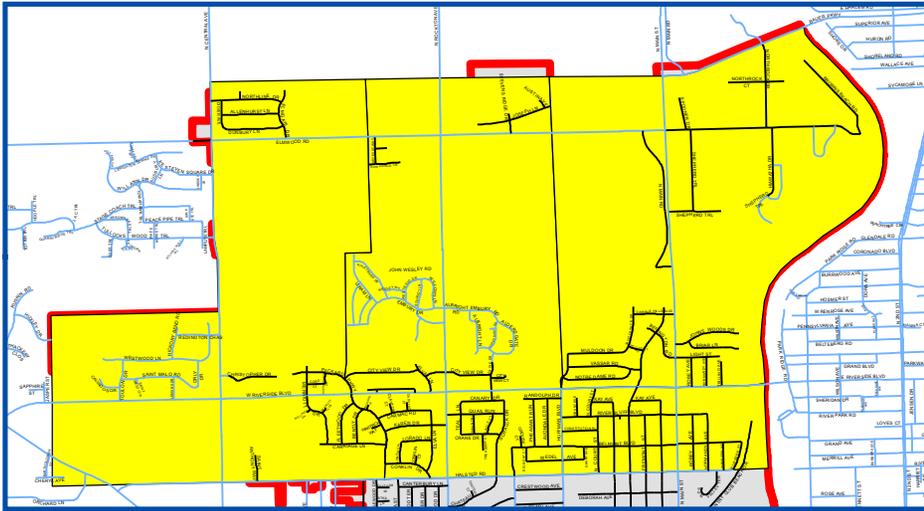
Each Thursday throughout the sweeping season, weekly updates will be provided to highlight the areas of the city in which street sweepers will be working. Maps will also be included to provide a visual of areas completed, not completed and those in progress.

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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Spring 2017 Street Sweeping Detail



Residential streets in the indicated areas are scheduled* for sweeping the week of:

September 25 through September 29, 2017

*Sweeping operations are subject to weather conditions and may change without notice



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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 through the 2017 season. As work is now in Stage 2 of the Harrison Avenue project, the current focus of construction crews are concrete paving along the south lanes of the road. Stage 2 progression 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. All streets south of Harrison should be open to traffic by the first week of October.

Crews will be working on the completion of the 20th Street intersection. The intersection is reopened to traffic with one lane of traffic on all four legs. The 11th Street traffic pattern has changed to the west side of the road as work has switched to paving the east side of the roadway. 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 25th, 2017, intermittent lane closures and intersection closures will occur for utility relocation. 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 the 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, and walking through these areas in the upcoming weeks.

The northbound lanes of North Main Street between Auburn Street and Pierce Avenue will be closed for roadway milling and paving operations for the length of the project until further notice. Southbound and northbound traffic will be two way traffic for the duration of this work. In addition, intermittent western 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) began 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.

Spring Creek Road Resurfacing

Road construction for the Spring Creek Road Resurfacing project will begin this week. The work consists of full width resurfacing with major curb and gutter repairs, sidewalk repairs, ADA Ramps, driveway approaches, drainage repairs, and structural repairs as need on Spring Creek Road from Parkview Avenue to Spring Brook Road. Work is expected to last until the end of the year.

The project is currently in Stage 1. This stage includes work along the Anderson Gardens entrances and will move eastward to remove and replace curb and gutter along the north side of the road, utilizing the current traffic control that is set up as part of the Sanitary District's project.

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

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

Construction work began on the City-Wide Street Repairs 2017 Group No. 4 (Concrete) project. 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 the 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 Marieme 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 Street Repairs 2017 Group No. 5
(Arterial/Residential)

Construction work began on the City-Wide Street Repairs 2017 Group No. 5 (Arterial/Residential) project. 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 with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) 31st Street from Charles Street to Broadway
- 2) Greenwood Avenue from Calvin Park Boulevard to Vale Avenue
- 3) Hawthorne Avenue from Harney Court to Wind Point Drive
- 4) Larson Avenue from Glendale Avenue to Peter Avenue
- 5) Larson Avenue from Woodland Drive to Parkside Drive
- 6) Manheim Road from Dempster Road to End of Manheim Road
- 7) Alliance Avenue from Mulberry Street to West Jefferson Street
- 8) Andrews Street from North Johnston Avenue to North Henrietta Avenue
- 9) Chisholm Trail from School Street to Overland Trail
- 10) Mulberry Street from North Day Avenue to North Horace Avenue
- 11) Central Avenue Patching from Arthur Street to Auburn Street
- 12) Halsted Road from Central Avenue to Hazel Street
- 13) North Bell School Road from Spring Creek Road to Spring Brook Road
- 14) North Johnston Avenue Patching from School Street to Auburn Street
- 15) North Rockton Avenue from Paradise Boulevard to Halsted Road
- 16) Ogilby Road from Montague Road to Forsythia Drive
- 17) Roxbury Road from East State Street to Regents Park Road
- 18) Assembly Drive from Airport Road to Research Parkway
- 19) East Rock Drive from 27th Avenue to Wansford Way
- 20) Merchandise Drive from Sandy Hollow Road to End of Merchandise Drive

City-Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2017 Package #4

City-Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2017 package #4 has 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.

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

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HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE:

Week of September 24, 2017

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

UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING PROGRAM:

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Assistant Superintendent: Mike Norris

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Unidirectional Flushing Boundaries:

North – Crosby Street

South – Broadway Street

East – Alpine Road

West – 20th Street

Project Update:

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 09/17/17 to 09/23/17:

Residential Streets Flushed:

Palm Avenue

Catalpa Court

Shirley Road

Hilton Avenue

Somerset Lane

Harney Court

Warren Avenue

S. Rockford Avenue

Oak Knolls Avenue

Projected Flushing Locations:

During the week of 09/24/2017 to 09/30/2017, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

Wind Point Drive	Peter Avenue	27 th Avenue
California Road	Louisiana Road	Lexington Way
24 th Street	30 th Street	Peter Avenue

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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City of Rockford to Begin Annual Fire Flow Testing Program

ROCKFORD, Ill. – The City of Rockford will begin its annual fire flow testing program on Monday, September 25, 2017. Flow testing occurs Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The City of Rockford implements a fire flow testing program annually to ensure that our fire hydrants flow with adequate pressure in the event of a fire.

Customers are advised that they may experience discolored water during flow testing. While not a health hazard, flushing iron (red water) or manganese (black water) may become stirred up within the main which may create staining on porcelain and laundry.

This work may result in the disturbance of sediment, possibly containing lead. It is recommended that customers flush their water lines for 1 – 2 minutes once work is completed in their area including removing and cleaning faucet aerator screens to remove sediment.

We anticipate that this program will last for approximately 6 weeks.

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

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