PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mitch Leatherby
Street & Transportation Superintendent

DATE:  May 9, 2019  Phone: (779) 348-7631

STREET DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

STREET SWEEPING

Rockford, IL– Arterial Sweeping was completed for the spring cycle on April 19, 2019. The Central Business District was swept again for the third cycle during the overnight hours ending Thursday, May 3, 2019.

The spring Residential Street Sweeping began on April 1, 2019, and will continue through an anticipated completion date of June 1, 2019.

During the week of May 13, 2019, street sweepers will be operating in the following areas:

Kishwaukee Street east to City Limits – Blackhawk Road north to Sandy Hollow Road
20th Street east to S Mulford Road – Sandy Hollow Road north to Harrison Avenue

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 that are completed, in progress, and to be completed.

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.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Harry Noble, Street Maintenance Supervisor, at (779) 348-7619.

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Spring 2019 Street Sweeping Detail

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

May 13 through May 17, 2019

*Sweeping operations are subject to weather conditions and may change without notice
Residential Street Sweeping
Spring 2019 Cycle Overview

Orange areas indicate where residential sweeping has been completed for this cycle. Yellow areas are scheduled for sweeping during the next week.

Blue numbers indicate the order in which the sections will be swept.

Date shows when the section was completed.

To Do 60%
Complete 40%
PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Water Superintendent

DATE: May 9, 2019

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WATER DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE

THE WEEK OF MAY 12, 2019

Rockford, IL- The following is an update of the current City of Rockford Unidirectional Flushing Program for the 2019 flushing season.

UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING PROGRAM:

Water Superintendent: Kyle Saunders (779) 348-7371
Assistant Superintendent: Mike Norris (779) 348-7359
Operations Supervisor: Devin Johnson (779) 348-7362

UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING BOUNDARIES:

North – Riverside Boulevard
South – Auburn Street
East – Rock River
West – Huffman Boulevard

PROJECT UPDATE:

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 5/5/2019 to 5/11/2019:

Residential Streets Flushed:

Summerdale Avenue N Winnebago Street Glenwood Avenue
Lawndale Avenue Fulton Avenue Ridge Avenue
Tacoma Avenue N Horace Avenue Knight Avenue

Projected Flushing Locations:

During the week of 5/12/2019 to 5/18/2019, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:
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](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.

**N Gardiner Avenue Water Main Replacement**

*(From Guilford Road to Rural Street)*

Rockford, IL - N Gardiner Avenue from Guilford Road to Rural Street continues to be closed to through traffic so that water main installation may occur. Please note that access to residential homes will be maintained. The project is anticipated to be completed mid-June 2019.

The N Gardiner Avenue Water Main Replacement Project consists of replacing a ninety year old six inch diameter water main with an eight inch diameter water main, water services, 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, Assistant Water Superintendent, at (779) 348-7654.
23rd Street Water Main Replacement
(FROM BROADWAY STREET TO 16th AVENUE)
Rockford, IL - 23rd Street from Broadway Street to 16th Avenue continues to be closed to through traffic so that water main installation may occur. Please note that access to residential homes will be maintained. The project is anticipated to be completed mid-June 2019.

The 23rd Street Water Main Replacement Project consists of replacing ninety year old six inch diameter water main with an eight inch diameter water main, water services, 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, Assistant Water Superintendent, at (779) 348-7654.

Wentworth Tower Rehabilitation
(2310 Wentworth Avenue)
Rockford, IL - Maintenance activities continue to progress to rehabilitate the water tower at 2310 Wentworth Avenue. The project is anticipated to be completed early December 2019.

The Wentworth Tower Rehabilitation Project consists of abrasive blasting and recoating of the interior wet, interior dry and exterior of the tank, ladder and catwalk improvements, as well as other various upgrades and improvements.

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, Assistant Water Superintendent, at (779) 348-7654.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: CONTACT INFORMATION:

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City Engineer

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ENGINEERING DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

IDOT PROJECT LANE CLOSURES AND UPDATE

N MAIN STREET (IL 2) – PIERCE AVENUE TO CAMPUS HILLS BOULEVARD

Rockford, IL- N Main Street continues to have a lane closure in the western southbound lane from the tracks near Pierce Avenue to W Riverside Boulevard. This lane closure is in effect so the contractor can work on remaining construction items. All business entrances on the west side of N Main Street will remain open during this closure. In addition, the entrance to Cliff Breakers remains closed to reconstruct the entrance, contingent on weather conditions. Please use alternate entrances for the North Town Mall complex for access to Cliff Breakers. The disruption to traffic flow will be minimal during these closures and lane reductions.

We ask that all drivers slow down and take extra precautions when traveling through the work zone to protect construction workers, emergency responders, other motorists, as well as themselves. Please expect delays throughout the construction zone and consider alternate routes for the duration of the project. Weather permitting, total completion for the project is scheduled for early summer 2019.

IDOT and the City will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project.

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

**S MAIN STREET (IL 2) AND US BYPASS 20 INTERCHANGE**

Rockford, IL - The Illinois Department of Transportation continues with the reconstruction of US 20 and Illinois Route 2 Interchange. Ramps in this area will be closed periodically until temporary ramps are installed. Please be aware of changes in traffic patterns.

To allow continued traffic movement, flaggers will be in place as needed for crossovers, detours, and lane reductions. This project is estimated to be completed by October 30, 2020. Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for travel through this area. When feasible, drivers are encouraged to consider alternate routes. Motorists are reminded to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices, as well as be alert for construction workers and equipment.

**PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK** - William Charles Construction will be reconstructing US 20 and IL 2 with new Portland Cement Concrete pavement and shoulders. The dual structures carrying US 20 over IL 2 will be removed and replaced. The existing cloverleaf interchange will be configured as a diamond interchange with new signal installations at the ramp intersections with IL 2. The cost of the project is $24 million.

For construction updates from IDOT District 2, follow @IDOTDistrict2 on Twitter or view construction details on IDOT’s [traveler information map](#) on GettingAroundIllinois.com. IDOT and the City will continue coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout this project.

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

**ROAD CLOSURE**

**KEITH CREEK BANK STABILIZATION AND BRIDGE REMOVAL**  

**PHASE 1 - CONSTRUCTION**

Rockford, IL - The Keith Creek Bank Stabilization Project continues to progress. Construction is on schedule to meet the completion deadline. The intersection of 5th Street and 7th Avenue remains closed to traffic for reconstruction.

The project limits are from 5th Street to 7th Street along Keith Creek. The project will consist of removing the bridge at 5th Street over the creek, reconstructing the 5th Street and 7th Avenue intersection, reinforcing the banks with sheet piling in certain areas, as well as reshaping and stabilizing the creek banks. Please be advised that the 5th Street Bridge will be removed permanently and will not be replaced.
The project is scheduled for completion by the end of June 2019. Please be aware of equipment and workers as well as follow all traffic control through the duration of this project.

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

**YALE DRIVE CULVERT REPLACEMENT**

Rockford, IL- Construction continues on the Yale Drive Culvert Pipe Replacement Project, which was laid over from last construction season. Yale Drive at the box culvert continues to be closed to complete the remaining scope of the project. Weather has delayed progress, and completion is anticipated during the week of May 13, 2019. Yale Drive should be opened to traffic at this time.

The traveling public is advised to use an alternate route at this time. All work is dependent on the proper weather conditions. The City of Rockford appreciates your continued patience and cooperation.

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

**HARTMAN STREET AND CENTER STREET RECONSTRUCTION**

Rockford, IL- The intersection of 20th Street and Center Street is now open to the public. The reconstruction at Hartman Street and Center Street continues to progress.

This project consists of a total reconstruction including water main, storm sewer, and underground service replacements. The roadway is being completely replaced with new concrete, curb and gutter, as well as driveway approaches. This project is expected to be completed by June 14, 2019. All work is dependent on the proper weather conditions.

Drivers should be aware of work zone speed limits and use caution when driving in the construction area. The City of Rockford appreciates your continued patience and cooperation.

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

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