



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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DATE: May 30, 2019

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STREET DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

STREET SWEEPING

Rockford, IL- Arterial Sweeping was completed for the spring cycle on April 19, 2019. The Central Business District will swept again for the fifth cycle on May 30, 2019, during the overnight hours.

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

During the week of June 3, 2019, street sweepers will be operating in the following areas:

N 2nd St/Forest Hills Rd east to N Alpine Rd – Highcrest Rd north to E Riverside Blvd
S Alpine Rd east to the City Limits – Spring Creek Rd north to E Riverside Blvd

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.

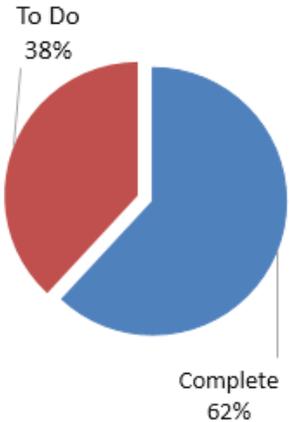
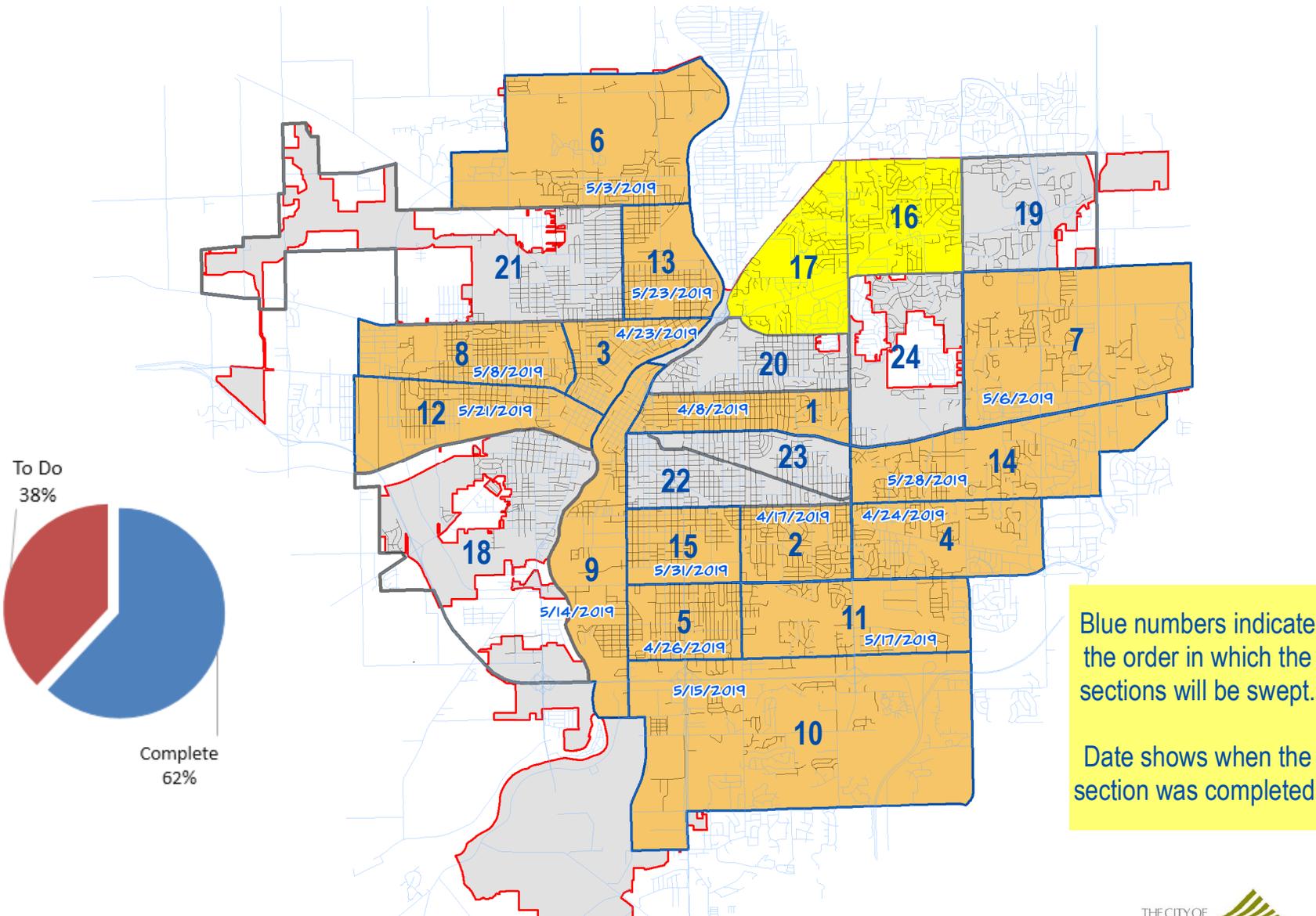
All Street Division Operations are dependent on existing weather conditions and are subject to change accordingly. Citizens are urged to approach Public Works Crews with caution and at a reduced speed that is below posted speed limits. The City of Rockford appreciates your continued patience and cooperation 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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Residential Street Sweeping

Spring 2019 Cycle Overview



Blue numbers indicate the order in which the sections will be swept.
Date shows when the section was completed.

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





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CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Water Superintendent

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WATER DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE

THE WEEK OF JUNE 2, 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 – Auburn Street

South – Morgan Street

East – Central Avenue

West – Springfield Avenue

PROJECT UPDATE:

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 5/26/2019 to 6/01/2019:

Residential Streets Flushed:

Arthur Avenue

School Street

N Johnston Avenue

Fairview Avenue

N Day Avenue

Mulberry Street

Royal Avenue

W Jefferson Street

Soper Avenue

Projected Flushing Locations:

During the week of 6/02/2019 to 6/08/2019, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

Preston Street

S Horace Avenue

S Independence Avenue

Chestnut Street

Rose Avenue

Clover Avenue

Blake Street

Waveland Avenue

Concord Avenue

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.

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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ENGINEERING DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

IDOT PROJECT LANE CLOSURES AND UPDATE

N MAIN STREET (IL 2) –

PIERCE AVENUE TO CAMPUS HILLS BOULEVARD

Rockford, IL- There continues to be a lane closures near the intersection of N Main Street (IL 2) and Halsted Road in both directions for pavement repair. Please be aware of other traffic control changes within the project limits. These changes happen periodically to accommodate finishing items in different work areas for project completion. The outside lanes in both directions on N Main Street (IL 2) remain closed. These closures are in place for the landscape contractor to complete landscape restoration behind the curb and sidewalk. Unfortunately, inclement weather has been an issue in scheduling this work with the contractor. IDOT apologizes for the delay and is working with the contractor to complete the remaining construction items as soon as possible.

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. Please be aware of changes in traffic patterns as work progresses throughout the construction season.

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 reconstruction of Keith Creek Phase I continues to progress. Construction is on schedule to meet the completion deadline for Phase I of the project. The intersection of 5th Street and 7th Avenue is now open to local traffic until further notice. There are a few remaining items for completion of Phase I. As of Tuesday May 28, 2019, construction on the second phase of the Keith Creek Project has begun. All work is anticipated to be completed within Keith Creek; therefore, traffic through this area should not be affected. The completion date for Phase II is anticipated for August 2, 2019.

The scope of Phase I is from 5th Street to 7th Street along Keith Creek. The project consists 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 has been permanently removed. Phase I is scheduled for completion by the end of June 2019. Phase II project limits are from 7th Street to Railroad Avenue along Keith Creek. The scope of work is the same as Phase I with some minor changes. The bridge at 8th Avenue will be permanently removed during this phase.

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.

HARTMAN STREET AND CENTER STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Rockford, IL- Hartman Street and Center Street curb and gutter as well as concrete approaches are complete. The contractor is sealing the joints completing blacktop driveways and finishing up with parkway restoration. Hartman Street and Center Street is closed to all traffic through Friday, May 31, 2019.

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 anticipated 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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