PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  CONTACT INFORMATION:

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STREET DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

STREET SWEEPING

Rockford, IL- The Spring Residential Sweeping cycle is complete as of Friday, June 21, 2019. Crews began the second Arterial Sweeping cycle on Monday, June 24, 2019. The Central Business District and City parking lots will continue to be swept regularly during the overnight hours throughout the summer.

The Fall Residential cycle is scheduled to begin around the first week of September, 2019. During the Fall Residential Sweeping Cycle, we will again provide weekly updates to highlight the areas of the city where 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.

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

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  CONTACT INFORMATION:

Jamie Rott
Interim Water Superintendent

DATE:  August 15, 2019  Phone: (779) 348-7654

WATER DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE
HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE
THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 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 – Broadway
South – Sandy Hollow Road
East – Alpine Road
West – 20th Street

PROJECT UPDATE:
The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 8/11/2019 to 8/17/2019:

Residential Streets Flushed:
Peoples Avenue  Seminary Street  23rd Avenue
11th Street  Parmele Street  10th Street
19th Avenue  Christine Street  Lucille Street

Projected Flushing Locations:
During the week of 8/18/2019 to 8/24/2019, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:
Eastgate Parkway  Oregon Avenue  Eastmoreland Avenue
Log Cabin Avenue  Utah Place  Heritage Court
Wesleyan Avenue  Colorado Avenue  Dakota Lane
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.

CITY OF ROCKFORD FIRE FLOW TESTING UPDATE

Rockford, IL- The City of Rockford began annual fire flow testing program on Tuesday, July 23, 2019. Flow testing occurs Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The City of Rockford implements 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 one to two 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.

You may refer to the attached map to view progress. The boxed area represents the area where the crew is currently concentrating efforts.

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

BRUCE STREET AND LAPP COURT WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
(FROM KILBURN AVENUE TO N HORSEMAN STREET)

Rockford, IL- Lapp Court from Kilburn Avenue to N Horseman Street is closed to through traffic so that water main installation may occur. Please note that access to residential homes will be maintained. This water main project is anticipated to be completed by August 2019. The Bruce Street and Lapp Court Water Main Replacement project consists of replacing a one hundred five year old, six inch diameter water main with an eight inch diameter water main, water services, and all associated appurtenances. This replacement project is being completed in conjunction with the Neighborhood Program – 2018 City Wide No. 3.

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.

2019 NEIGHBORHOOD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
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Rockford, IL- The 2019 Neighborhood Water Main Replacement project began week of July 22, 2019. Please note that access to residential homes will be maintained. The water main project is anticipated to be completed late September 2019.

The 2019 Neighborhood Water Main Replacement project consists of replacing ninety to one hundred twenty-five year old four inch and six inch diameter water main with 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.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
CONTACT INFORMATION:

Timothy Hinkens  
City Engineer  

DATE: August 15, 2019  
Phone: (779) 348-7647

ENGINEERING DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE  
PAVEMENT STRIPING

Rockford, IL- Beginning the week of August 19, 2019, city-wide pavement striping for lane lines will be performed on the following roadways:

Harlem Avenue from West of Cumberland to Auburn Street  
Safford Road from Page Park School to Kilburn  
Clifton Avenue from East of Main Street to Montague Street  
Cunningham Street from South Main Street to Cunningham Road  
Corbin Street from Cunningham Street to Morgan Street  
Elm Street from Waldo Street to Avon Street  
Elm Street from Central Avenue to Horace Avenue  
Horace Avenue from West State Street to Cunningham Road  
Michigan Street from Central Avenue to Clifton Street  
Marchesano Drive from Clifton Street to South Main Street  
West Street from Marchesano Drive to Montague Street  
Mill Street from South Main Street to Rock River  
Montague Road from Montague Street to Pierpont Avenue  
Montague Street from Main Street to Montague Road  
Ogilby Road from Montague Street to South Main Street  
Pierpont Avenue from Auburn Street to Montague Road  
Preston Street from Avon Street to Springfield Avenue  
Winnebago Street from Montague Street to North of Whitman Street  
Southrock Avenue from South Main Street to Dawes Road  
Simpson Street from Dawes Road to Overpass  
Central Ave from Preston Street to just North of Auburn (Just South of Bridge)  
South Main Street from Chestnut Street to Harrison Avenue  
South Main Street from Turn Lanes for Clifton to Turn Lanes for Clifton  
Harrison Avenue from Kishwaukee Street to 11th Street  
Kishwaukee Street from Walnut Street to Harrison Avenue  
North Main Street from Turn Lanes for Eddy Ave to Turn Lanes for Eddy Ave  
Safford Road from Meridian Road to Page Park School
Blackhawk Road from 11th Street to 20th Street
Mill Road from Harrison Avenue to Newburg
Baxter / Bend Road from Beltline Road to Kishwaukee Road
Condon Road from Bend Road to Kishwaukee Street
Newburg Road from Mill Road to County Line
Prairie Road from Harrison Avenue to South Main Street
Rotary Road from Skyview Center to Valentine Lane
Centerville Road from Cunningham Road to Simpson Road
Daisyfield Road from Cunningham Road to Ingersoll Park
Simpson Road from Meridian Road to Hwy 20 Overpass
Pierpont Street from Cunningham Road to RR Tracks

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 through August 2019.

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. The City of Rockford appreciates your continued cooperation.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Jeremy Carter, Traffic Engineer, at (779) 348-7656 or Kyle Saunders, Director of Public Works, at (779) 348-7631.

**IDOT PROJECT LANE CLOSURES AND UPDATE**

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

Rockford, IL- There will be temporary lane closures north of the roundabout set up for tree planting along the east side of N. Main (IL 2). Also there will be a temporary lane closure set up near the intersection of Riverside Blvd and Robey Ave to finish irrigation lines and put in plants in the median island near the intersection. This work should not take long to complete. Please be aware of these lane reductions and look for workers while driving through the area.

On behalf of IDOT and the City of Rockford we would like to thank the public for their patience throughout this project.

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 new detour routes for S. Main (IL 2) / US 20 interchange scheduled to be put in place late this week or early next week. Eastbound US 20 traffic wanting to travel to IL 2 will have to use Montague Rd exit detour. Traffic wanting to travel east on US 20 from IL 2 will need to use Airport drive detour route. Signs will be posted to get traffic through these detours. We apologize for any inconvenience these detours may cause but they are crucial component to keeping the project on schedule to meet its completion date.

To allow continued traffic movement as needed, 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.

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**KEITH CREEK BANK STABILIZATION AND BRIDGE REMOVAL**

**PHASE II - CONSTRUCTION**

Rockford, IL- Construction work continues to progress along the Keith Creek between 7th Street and Railroad Avenue. Completion for Phase II has been pushed back due to unforeseen circumstances. Please be aware of construction workers and equipment coming and going from the construction site through the duration of this project.

Phase II project limits are from 7th Street to Railroad Avenue along Keith Creek. The scope of work is to reshape and stabilize the creek banks to help prevent erosion. The bridge at 8th Avenue will be permanently removed during this phase.

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

**Rockford, IL**- Starting Monday, July 15, 2019, the City of Rockford’s bridge inspection contractor began inspecting the bridges throughout the city. The contractor will begin inspecting the bridges over the Rick River.

Please be aware of lane closures in place for each inspection. Drivers are reminded to use caution when driving through these areas.

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

**CITY WIDE STREET REPAIRS GROUP NO. 2 – 2019 (RESIDENTIAL)**

**Rockford, IL**- Construction work has begun on the City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 2 – 2019 (Residential) Project. This project consists of various pavement repairs throughout the city.

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

1) 8th Avenue from 15th Street to 17th Street  
2) 11th Avenue from 18th Street to 20th Street  
3) Greenwood Avenue from Rome Avenue to Rockford Avenue  
4) Jackson Street from Rockford Avenue to Dawson Avenue  
5) Rome Court from Rural Street to Oaklawn Avenue  
6) Clayshire Lane from Jacoby Place to Cul-de-sac  
7) Crabapple Lane from Jacoby Place to Parkview Avenue  
8) Grenham Place from Buckingham Drive to Highcrest Road  
9) Jacoby Place from Birchwood Lane to Birchwood Drive  
10) James Avenue from Guilford Road to Lundvall Avenue  
11) Napoleon Street from North Main Street to North Church Street  
12) Oakland Avenue from Greenmount Street to Cul-de-sac  
13) Winthrop Lane from Buckingham Drive to Highcrest Road  
14) Corbin Street from Morgan Street to Montague Street  
15) West Street from Salter Avenue to Linden Avenue  
16) Auburn Court from Alley 371 to Auburn Street  
17) Calvin Park Boulevard from 2nd Avenue to Somerset Lane  
18) Crosby Street from Warren Avenue to Hilton Avenue  
19) Monticello Lane from Williamsburg Road to Norwich Drive  
20) North Mulford Road (Frontage Road) from Garrett Lane to End of Frontage Road  
21) Parkside Drive from Shirley Road to Belle Meade Lane  
22) Shirley Road from Emerson Drive to Parkside Drive  
23) Somerset Lane from Hunter Avenue to Calvin Park Boulevard  
24) Stonegate Place from Dempster Road to End of Stonegate Place  
25) Wind Point Drive from Peter Avenue to Jordan Place  
26) 6th Avenue from 9th Street to 10th Street  
27) Alliance Avenue from West Jefferson Street to School Street
28) Andrews Street from Sunset Avenue to North Johnston Avenue
29) Mulberry Street from North Johnston Avenue to North Henrietta Avenue
30) North Johnston Avenue from Mulberry Street to West Jefferson Street
31) Rockton Avenue from Locust Street to Maple Street
32) Sunset Avenue from Andrews Street to School Street
33) South Pierpont Avenue from Montague Street to Railroad Tracks

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

1) North London Avenue Patching from Crosby Street to Jackson Street
2) Arden Avenue Patching from Buckingham Drive to Highcrest Road
3) Roncevalles Avenue Patching from Buckingham Drive to Highcrest Road
4) Stratford Avenue Patching from Buckingham Drive to Highcrest Road
5) Stratford Lane Patching from Highcrest Road to Cul-de-sac
6) West Street Patching from Montague Street to Knowlton Street
7) Brighton Road Patching from Hunter Avenue to Calvin Park Boulevard
8) Easton Parkway from Alpine Park Drive to Eastwood Lane
9) Flintridge Drive Patching from Cul-de-sac to 167 Flintridge Drive
10) Lanewood Court Patching from Edgewood Hills Drive to Cul-de-sac
11) Lanewood Drive Patching at the Intersection of Lanewood Drive and Hillcrest Road
12) Saratoga Lane Patching at the Intersection of Saratoga Lane and Potomac
13) Raven Street Patching from Alder Avenue to Ridgeview Avenue
14) South Rockford Avenue Patching from East State Street to 2nd Avenue
15) Morgan Street Patching from Corbin Street to Central Avenue
16) Rural Street Patching from Chapin Court to Bohm Avenue
17) Rural Street Patching from Calvin Park Boulevard to Hilton Avenue
18) West Riverside Boulevard Patching from Latham Street to Rockton Avenue

Construction for this project is anticipated to be complete by October 11th, 2019. Construction operations for these locations may require a parking restriction at some short periods.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Steve Sumner, Senior Project Manager, at (779)348-7645.
Rockford, IL—Construction work began on the City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 3—2019 (Concrete) project. This project consists of various pavement repairs throughout the city.

Full width resurfacing with curb and gutter repairs, sidewalk repairs, ADA Ramps, driveway approaches, drainage repairs, and structure repairs will occur as needed at the following locations:

1) 3rd Street from College Avenue to Catlin Street
2) S Church Street from Morgan Street to Loomis Street
3) S Court Street from Morgan Street to Loomis Street
4) Michigan Avenue from S Main Street to West Street
5) 4th Street from 20th Avenue to 21st Avenue
6) 7th Street from 22nd Avenue to 23rd Avenue
7) Esmond Drive from Arnold Avenue to cul-de-sac
8) 22nd Avenue from 6th Street to 7th Street

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

1) 12th Street sidewalk – 1102 12th Street sidewalk
2) 13th Avenue sidewalk – 1919 13th Avenue sidewalk
3) 14th Street sidewalk – 1215 14th Street sidewalk
4) 15th Street sidewalk – 904-912 15th Street sidewalk
5) 16th Street sidewalk from Charles Street to 6th Avenue
6) 17th Street sidewalk – intersection of 17th Street and Broadway
7) Alley approach – Alley 756 approach (Rural Street side)
8) Dawson Avenue sidewalk – 506 Dawson Avenue sidewalk
9) E State Street sidewalk – 2203-2209 E State Street sidewalk
10) Jackson Street sidewalk from Chicago Avenue to London Avenue
11) Larkfield Circle curb and gutter – 708 Larkfield Circle curb and gutter
12) N London Avenue sidewalk – 401-405 N London Avenue sidewalk
13) N Rockford Avenue sidewalk – 225 N Rockford Avenue sidewalk
14) Rome Avenue sidewalk – 633 Rome Avenue sidewalk
15) Woodruff Avenue sidewalk from 14th Street to 16th Street
16) 3rd Ward sidewalk – miscellaneous locations throughout the 3rd Ward
17) Brendenwood Road sidewalk – 2321-2327 Brendenwood Road sidewalk
18) Pelham Road sidewalk – 2616-2622 Pelham Road sidewalk
19) 35th Street sidewalk from Samuelson Road to Linden Road
20) Samuelson Road sidewalk from 20th Street to 35th Street
21) Blaisdell Street sidewalk – 1420-1434 Blaisdell Street sidewalk
22) Evelyn Street sidewalk – 1319 Evelyn Street sidewalk
23) John Street sidewalk – 614 John Street sidewalk
24) Shelley Drive sidewalk – 2204-2212 Shelley Drive sidewalk
25) Ohio Parkway sidewalk from Constance Drive to Harrison Avenue
26) Burner Street approach – 1815 Bruner Street approach
27) Bruner Street sidewalk – 1911 Bruner Street sidewalk
28) Ridge Avenue sidewalk from Barton Boulevard to Pierce Avenue
29) 5th Avenue sidewalk – 1015-1019 5th Avenue sidewalk
30) 6th Street sidewalk – 1303 6th Street sidewalk
31) 7th Street sidewalk – 626 7th Street sidewalk
32) E State Street sidewalk – 805 E State Street sidewalk
33) Brown Avenue sidewalk – 1709 Brown Avenue sidewalk
34) Camlin Avenue sidewalk – 610 Camlin Avenue sidewalk
35) Clinton Place sidewalk – 2220 Clinton Place sidewalk
36) Oxford Street sidewalk – 1725 Oxford Street sidewalk
37) Cedar Street sidewalk from S Avon Street to Stanley Street
38) Cleveland Avenue curb and gutter – 4803 Cleveland Avenue curb and gutter
39) Holmes Street curb and gutter – 2433 Holmes Street curb and gutter
40) International Drive curb and gutter – 5560 International Drive curb and gutter
41) Alida Street from Alida Street to drainage ditch

Construction for this project is anticipated to be complete by October 25th, 2019. Construction operations for these locations may require a parking restriction at some short periods.

For questions regarding this projects, please contact Steve Sumner, Senior Project Manager, at (779)348-7645.

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