



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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DATE: May 21, 2020

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STREET DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

STREET SWEEPING:

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Rockford, IL- The Street Division has completed the first arterial street sweeping cycle, and contractor crews have shifted their focus on residential streets. Central Business District street sweeping will continue to be swept every other week throughout the summer.

During the week beginning May 26, 2020, the following residential areas are scheduled for sweeping:

- 7th St. east to S. Alpine Rd - Charles St. north to E. State St.
- N. Alpine Rd. east to N. Mulford Rd - E. State St. north to Spring Creek Rd

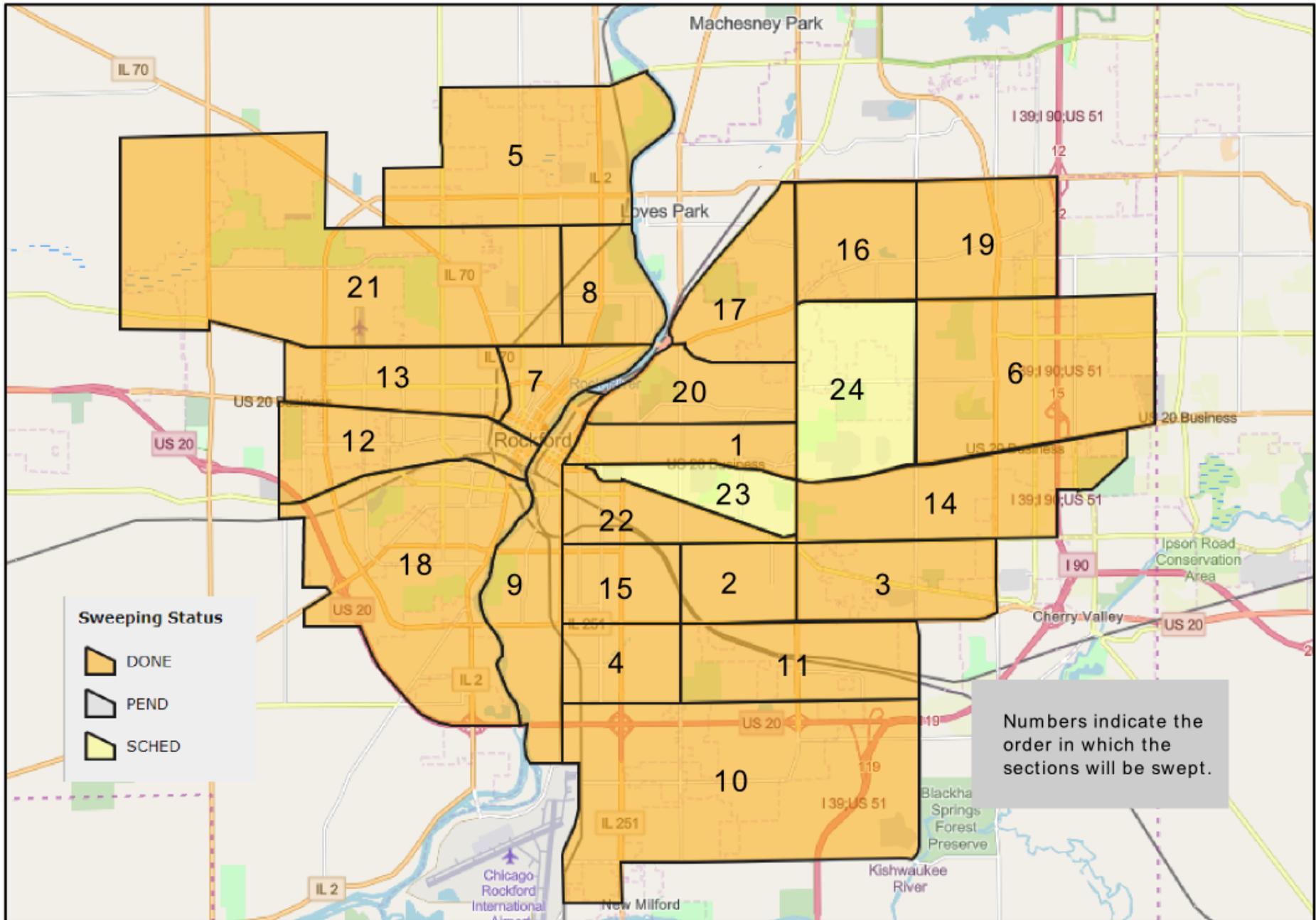
This will be the final week for the spring residential sweeping cycle. Crews will begin the 2nd Arterial cycle the first week in June. We expect the fall cycle to begin sometime in mid-September. At that time we will again provide weekly updates and maps.

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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2020 Spring Residential Sweeping





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WATER DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE

THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

Rockford, IL- The following is an update of the current City of Rockford Unidirectional Flushing Program for the 2020 flushing season.

UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING PROGRAM:

Water Superintendent: Jamie Rott	(779) 348-7654
Assistant Superintendent: Mike Norris	(779) 348-7359
Operations Supervisor: Devin Johnson	(779) 348-7362

UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING BOUNDARIES:

North – Newburg Road
South – Sandy Hollow Road
East – Perryville Road
West – Alpine Road

PROJECT UPDATE:

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 5/17/2020 to 5/23/2020:

Residential Streets Flushed:

Snowcloud Drive	Arnold Avenue	Carriage Green Way
Santa Monica Drive	Skokie Drive	Winnetka Drive
Mariposa Drive	Grassridge Road	Forestview Road

Projected Flushing Locations:

During the week of 5/24/2020 to 5/30/2020, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

Wansford Way	Sandhutton Avenue	Forestview Road
Eastrock Drive	Sockness Drive	Pyramid Drive
Dierks Drive	Azure Court	Florence Street

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.

PARK AVENUE AND WATER STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Rockford, IL - On April 30, 2020 East State Street between Madison Street and Wyman Street will be closed to traffic so that water main installation may occur and will remain closed until May 15. A detour will be posted (see attached).

Water main installation has started on N Water Street at the Riverview Icehouse and will continue south to East State Street. Please note that access to businesses will be maintained. The project is anticipated to be completed late-May 2020.

Businesses within the closure are open during construction. During these uncharted times, please call or check websites to verify hours of operation:

Carlyle Brewing Co.

LimaMar Restaurant

Rockford Register Star

Taco Betty's

Title Underwriters Agency

Waterside Center

Waterside Financial Advisors

The Water Street and Park Avenue water main replacement project consists of replacing nearly 120 year old high-risk water main with new zinc-coated ductile iron water main, water services, hydrants 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, Water Superintendent, at (779) 348-7654.



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ENGINEERING DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE **AUBURN STREET BRIDGE JOINT REPAIRS** **OVER THE ROCK RIVER**

Rockford, IL- Bridge Joint Repairs to the Auburn Street Bridge over the Rock River will begin on Monday May 11, 2020. There will be one lane of traffic maintained in each direction at all times. Traffic Lanes will be shifting on a day to day basis. There will also be temporary sidewalk closures during construction. The Auburn Street ramp from North Second Street and the South Second Street ramp from the bridge will be closed for 3 days each with a detour. The Contractor will be complete with the repairs on or before June 15, 2020 weather permitting. Drivers are reminded to use caution when driving through this area.

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

JUNCTION ROAD OVER DRAINAGE WAY BRIDGE REPAIRS

Rockford, IL- Bridge repairs on the Junction Road Bridge will begin on May 11, 2020. The Bridge will be closed to all traffic. There will be a marked detour until the Bridge is complete. The Contractor will be complete on or before June 30, 2020 weather permitting. Drivers are reminded to use caution when driving through this area and follow the detour during construction.

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

9th STREET RECONSTRUCTION –
6TH AVE TO NORTH OF CHARLES STREET

Rockford, IL- The reconstruction of 9th Street is underway with traffic control devices being put in place by Friday May 22nd. Actual construction will start on Tuesday May 26th after the Holiday weekend. This work will consist of pavement removal of the two east lanes and installation of water services. The west outside lane will remain open to traffic with periodic daily closures per block as needed to accommodate construction activities.

The project limits for 9th Street will be from Sixth Avenue to East State Street. Improvements include the installation of larger diameter storm sewer to help alleviate drainage capacity issues, water main replacement, sidewalk replacement, and new concrete curb and gutter. The reconstruction will include the narrowing of the roadway to accommodate more accessible pedestrian facilities as well as on-street bicycle accommodations. Motorists are advised to use caution when traveling near the work zone. Total completion for the project is scheduled for October 30th.

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

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