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## PRESS RELEASE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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**Mark Stockman**

**Street & Transportation Superintendent**

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**DATE April 28, 2016**

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### **STREET DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

#### **STREET SWEEPING:**

**Supervisor: Harry Noble**

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Spring residential street sweeping began on April 4, 2016 with an anticipated completion date of June 1, 2016.

During the week of May 2, 2016, street sweepers will be operating in the following areas:

Kilburn Ave. East to the Rock River – W. State St. North to Auburn St.

Alpine Rd. East to Mulford Rd. – Spring Creek Rd. North to 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 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.



## CIP PRESS RELEASE

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***Harrison Avenue Reconstruction Project***  
***(Harrison Avenue between 9<sup>th</sup> Street and East of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street)***  
***(11<sup>th</sup> Street between Wills Avenue and South of 23<sup>d</sup> Avenue)***

On **Monday, May 2, 2016** full reconstruction work is scheduled to begin on Stage 1 of the Harrison Avenue Project. Stage 1 includes drainage channel reconstruction, box culvert reconstruction, road widening, new pavement, curb and gutter, medians, sidewalk, sanitary sewer construction, storm sewer installation, watermain replacement, new street lights, new traffic signals, and pavement markings in the westbound lanes of Harrison Avenue between Cannon Street and Hartman Street. Stage 1 construction is schedule to be completed in November 2016.

During the duration of Stage 1 construction, traffic will be shifted to the eastbound lanes of Harrison Avenue between Hanson Street and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, and 20<sup>th</sup> Street between Harrison Avenue and Center Street will be fully closed to traffic with a detour route in place. Additionally, during Stage 1 no access to Harrison Avenue will be allowed at the following intersections: Cannon Street, Sewell Street, Congress Drive, 17<sup>th</sup> Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Hartman Street, and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (south leg only).

Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

The Harrison Avenue Reconstruction Project consists of a full corridor reconstruction of Harrison Avenue between 9<sup>th</sup> Street and just east of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street as well as 11<sup>th</sup> Street between Wills Avenue and just south of 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, including drainage channel reconstruction, box culvert reconstruction, road widening, new PCC pavement, new

HMA pavement, curb and gutter, landscaped medians, multi-use path and sidewalk construction, sanitary sewer construction, watermain replacement, storm sewer installation, landscaping, street lighting, new traffic signals, and pavement markings. Full completion of the project is anticipated in late 2017.

### **Pierpont Avenue Bridge Deck Replacement**

On Monday, April 04, 2016 work started on the Pierpont Avenue Bridge Deck Replacement between Cunningham Street and Montague Road at Levings Lake. The project involves bridge deck replacement, some structural repairs, and guardrail repairs in order to lengthen the life of the bridge.

**DURING THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT THE PIERPONT AVENUE BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC. A DETOUR ROUTE WILL BE POSTED.**

It is anticipated that the project will be completed and the bridge reopened to traffic by the middle of June 2016.

### **Jefferson Street Bridge: Column and Beam Repairs** **Project Update**

On Thursday, March 17, 2016 work is scheduled to resume on the Jefferson Street Bridge between Madison Street and the Rock River. The project, which commenced in August 2015 before being put on winter hiatus in November 2015, involves completing structural repairs to the columns and beams in order to lengthen the life of the bridge.

**THE BRIDGE WILL REOPEN THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016.**

Thank you for your patience and we apologize for the inconvenience.

### **City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 1 – 2016** **(Residential)**

On Monday, April 6, 2016 construction work began on the City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 1 (Residential) project. The project includes full width resurfacing with curb and gutter repairs, sidewalk repairs, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, pavement striping, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Camella Court from Spring Creek Road to Cul-de-sac

- 2) Guard Street from Harlem Boulevard to North Main Street
- 3) Pelham Road from Westchester Drive to Winthrop Lane
- 4) Revell Avenue from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Adams Street
- 5) Starkweather Road from Whitehall Road to Old Orchard Road
- 6) Iris Avenue from End of Iris Avenue to Cul-de-sac
- 7) Ivy Terrace from Michigan Avenue to Bishop Washington Avenue
- 8) 17<sup>th</sup> Street from Pershing Avenue to Sawyer Road
- 9) Collins Street from Roosevelt Road to Sandy Hollow Road
- 10) Hampton Ridge Drive from Sandy Hollow Road to Lund Avenue
- 11) Holiday Drive from Sandy Hollow Road to Lund Avenue
- 12) Lund Avenue from Hampton Ridge Drive to Holiday Drive
- 13) Sewell Street from Wills Avenue to Reed Avenue
- 14) Eastmoreland Avenue from Florida Drive to Alpine Road
- 15) Thelma Street from Wisconsin Road to Colorado Avenue
- 16) Carla Circle from Charlotte Drive to Cul-de-sac
- 17) Carriage Green Way from Mulford Road to Cul-de-sac
- 18) Charlotte Court from Charlotte Drive to Cul-de-sac
- 19) David Drive from Charlotte Drive to Mondale Drive
- 20) Forest View Avenue from Claremont Road to Charlotte Drive
- 21) Sovereign Boulevard from Powderhorn Drive to City Limits
- 22) Stowmarket Drive from Wansford Way to Heaton Court
- 23) Villanova Drive from Dorchester Drive to Charles Street

Bituminous patching with curb and gutter repairs, sidewalk repairs, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, pavement striping, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Ohio Parkway Patching from Minnesota Drive to Oregon Avenue
- 2) Arnold Avenue Patching from East State Street to Elaine Drive
- 3) Phaeton Drive Patching from Mulford Road to Wagonette Drive

### **City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 2 – 2016** **(Residential)**

On Monday, April 25, 2016 construction work began on the City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 2 (Residential) project. Full width resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Blaisdell Street from Central Avenue to Sunset Avenue
- 2) Fairview Avenue from Sunset Avenue to Albert Avenue
- 3) Independence Avenue from School Street to Blaisdell Street

- 4) John Street from Garrison Avenue to Ridge Avenue
- 5) North Avenue from Napoleon Street to John Street
- 6) Sunset Avenue from Fairview Avenue to Blaisidell Street
- 7) Burton Street from Carney Avenue to Winnebago Street
- 8) Carney Avenue from Burton Street to Quincy Street
- 9) Carriage Lane from Packard Parkway to Fleetwood Drive
- 10) Fremont Street from Quincy Street to Brown Avenue
- 11) Tacoma Avenue from Auburn Street to Yonge Street
- 12) Buckeye Drive from Thames Way to Tallwood Avenue
- 13) Oxford Street from Auburn Street to Camlin Avenue
- 14) Van Wie Avenue from Douglas Street to Wallace Street
- 15) Van Wie Avenue from Church Street to Court Street
- 16) Foster Avenue from Berkley Street to Preston Avenue
- 17) Henrietta Avenue from Green Street to Anderson Street
- 18) Howard Avenue from East State Street to Elm Street
- 19) Independence Avenue from West Jefferson Street to Andrews Street
- 20) Overland Trail to School Street to Chisholm Trail
- 21) Stewart Avenue from East State Street to Green Street

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

- 1) Elva Lane Patching at the intersection of Elva Lane and Karen Drive
- 2) Barton Boulevard Patching from Latham Street to Huffman Boulevard
- 3) Pierce Avenue from North Main Street to Huffman Boulevard
- 4) Sun Valley Terrace Patching from Halsted Road to Cul-de-sac

### **City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #1 2016**

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2016 package #1 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 on the Southeast and Northeast side of Rockford. The necessary traffic control and signage will be posted.

### **City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #2 2016**

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2016 package #2 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 on the Southwest and Northwest side 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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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **City of Rockford to Begin Annual Hydrant Flushing Program**

**ROCKFORD, Ill.** – The City of Rockford will begin its annual hydrant flushing program on Monday, May 2, 2016. Hydrant flushing occurs Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The City of Rockford implements a flushing program every spring to maintain water quality. Flushing consists of opening hydrants in a specified neighborhood to flush out accumulated rust and sediment.

The City, with the use of computerized mapping, has developed a unidirectional flushing program that involves closing specific valves and directing the flow of water out of a hydrant in one direction. This method has proven to be more effective than conventional flushing because it increases the speed of the water flow through the pipes, more effectively removes even the most stubborn iron build up, uses 40 percent less water than conventional flushing, and lasts longer than conventional flushing methods. This flushing method also tests the water system's valves and hydrants, identifying those in need of repair.

Customers are advised that they may experience discolored water during hydrant flushing. 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.

An interactive flushing schedule is posted on the City website, [www.rockfordil.gov](http://www.rockfordil.gov), for customers to determine when crews will be working in their neighborhood. Customers will also receive an automated phone call prior to work starting in their area.

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

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