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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Mark Stockman**  
**Street & Transportation Superintendent**

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**DATE May 18, 2016**

**Phone: 779 348-7631**

### **STREET DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

#### **STREET SWEEPING:**

**Supervisor: Harry Noble**

**779 348-7619**

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

During the week of May 23, 2016, street sweepers will be operating in the following areas:

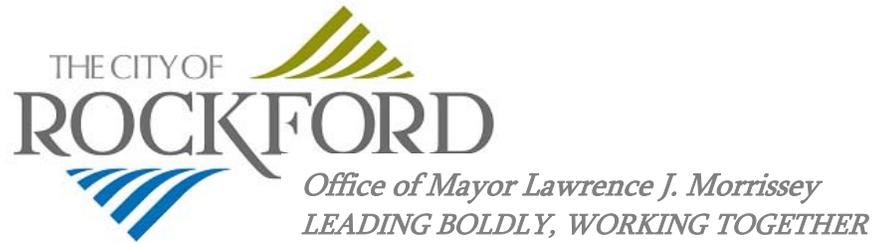
9<sup>th</sup> St. East to Alpine Rd. – Charles St. North to E. State St.

Alpine Rd. East to City Limits – Newburg Rd. North to E. State St.

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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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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Interim Director / City Engineer**

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**May 19, 2016**

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## WEEKLY CIP UPDATE

### *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.

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

**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 began 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 scheduled 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, water main replacement, storm sewer installation, landscaping, street lighting, new traffic signals, and pavement markings. Full completion of the project is anticipated in late 2017.

**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 Blasidell 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.

### **City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #3 2016**

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2016 package #3 has begun. Construction activities may include but are not limited to replacing sidewalk and ADA ramps, parkway restoration and other related work throughout downtown Rockford in the southeast area near Madison Street and Walnut Street. 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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**Public Works Water Division**

**May 19, 2016**

**Phone: 779.348.7300**

### HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE:

*Week of May 22, 2016*

ROCKFORD – The following is an update of the current City of Rockford Unidirectional Flushing Program for the 2016 flushing season.

#### UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING PROGRAM:

**Water Superintendent: Kyle Saunders**

**779.348.7371**

**Assistant Superintendent: Greg Cassaro**

**779.348.7359**

#### *Unidirectional Flushing Boundaries:*

North – Spring Brook Road

South – Guilford Road

East – Perryville Road

West – Alpine Road

#### *Project Update:*

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 05/15/16 to 05/21/16:

#### *Residential Streets Flushed:*

Hedgecliffe Drive

Allerton Drive

Albany Lane

Guilford Road

Rowntree Lane

Oxtail Way

Shiloh Road

Livingston Drive

Featherstone Road

**Projected Flushing Locations:**

During the week of 05/22/2016 to 05/28/2016, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

|              |                   |               |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Welsh Road   | Delcy Drive       | Madron Road   |
| Illini Drive | Mohawk Road       | Thoren Lane   |
| Cayuga Road  | Silverthorn Drive | Potomac Drive |

**FIRE FLOW TESTING PROGRAM:**

The Rockford Fire Department will be conducting fire flow testing exercises from 5/15/16 to 5/28/16 in the areas below:

**Fire Flow Testing Boundaries:**

|                                    |                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| North – Elmwood Road               | North – Auburn Street     |
| South – Auburn Street              | South – Cunningham Street |
| East – Rock River                  | East – N. Central Avenue  |
| West – N. Central/Owen Center Road | West – Springfield Avenue |

**WATER QUALITY CONTACTS:**

Water Quality Group: **779.348.7151**

If discolored water occurs, it is not a health hazard. However, during any flushing procedures, iron (red water) and manganese (black water) may become stirred up within the water main, which can create staining on the porcelain and laundry. For this reason it is vital that the public be aware of the time and area that will be affected. If there are any Water Quality questions, please contact water quality at the number listed.

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.aspx>

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