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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**Street & Transportation Superintendent**

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**DATE June 2, 2016**

**Phone: 779 348-7631**

### **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 17, 2016.

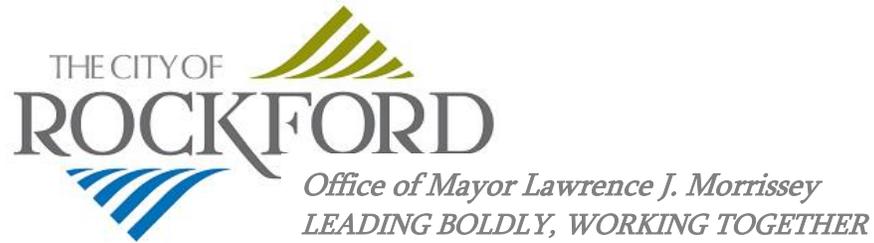
During the week of June 13, 2016, street sweepers will be operating in the following areas:

Alpine Rd. East to Mulford Rd. – E. State St. North to Spring Creek Rd.  
3<sup>rd</sup> St. East to Alpine Rd. – E. State St. North to Rural 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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June 9, 2016

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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>rd</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, 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.

### **Bridge and Roadway Removal and Repairs – 2016**

During the 2016 construction season the City of Rockford will perform the following removals or repairs to these City-owned bridges:

Location #1: North 3rd Street Bridge over the Whitman Street Ramp

- Repairs will be made to the deck joint at the north abutment, structural concrete repair, and painting steel superstructure.

Location #2: North 3rd Street Bridge over the Southbound 6th Street Ramp

- Full removal of this structure, which has been closed since March 2015 due to advanced deterioration. The removal will result in a reconfiguration of the off-ramp in order to completely close off access.

Location #3: 10th Street Bridge over Keith Creek

- Full removal of this structure with associated pavement removal and sidewalk improvements.

Location #4: 12th Street Bridge over Keith Creek

- Full removal of this structure with associated pavement removal and sidewalk improvements.

THE PROJECT WILL START ON JUNE 10, 2016 WITH THE FULL REMOVAL OF THE NORTH 3RD STREET BRIDGE OVER THE SOUTHBOUND 6TH STREET RAMP (LOCATION #2 LISTED ABOVE). IN ORDER TO SAFELY REMOVE THIS BRIDGE AND NOT ENDANGER THE TRAVELING PUBLIC, THE EXITS TO 6TH STREET FROM NORTH 2ND STREET AND WHITMAN STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC WHILE THE DEMOLITION WORK IS OCCURRING. THE EXITS WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY JUNE 10, 2016 AT 8:00 PM, AND REOPENED TO TRAFFIC NO LATER THAN 7:00 AM ON MONDAY JUNE 13, 2016, WHEN ALL DEMOLITION WORK WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. PLEASE CHOOSE AN ALTERNATE ROUTE DURING THIS PERIOD.

Further updates regarding the schedule of construction activities at the other locations will be sent in the coming weeks. Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zones. Full completion of the project is anticipated by the end of August 2016.

## *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 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 Blaisdell 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 Street Repairs Group No. 3 – 2016**  
**(Alley)**

On Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 construction work began on the City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 3 (Alley) project. The project includes alleyway resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward – Alley 327 from the 2200 Block of Augusta Avenue to the 2200 Block of Louisa Avenue
- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward – Alley 661 from the 1800 Block of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the 1800 Block of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 3) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward – Alley 667 from the 1800 Block of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the 1800 Block of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 4) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward – Alley 670 from the 0600 Block of 17<sup>th</sup> Street to the 2100 Block of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 5) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – Alley 784 from the 0300 Block of Lafayette Avenue to the 0300 Block of Prairie Avenue
- 6) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – Alley 785 from the 0300 Block of West State Street to the 0300 Block of Mulberry Street
- 7) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – Alley 796 from the 1400 Block of Fuller Street to the 1400 Block of Rural Street
- 8) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – Alley 800 from the 1800 Block of Rural Street to the 1800 Block of Guilford Road
- 9) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – Alley 804 from the 0300 Block of Olive Street to the 0300 Block of Whitman Street
- 10) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 169 from the 1300 Block of Rose Avenue to the 1300 Block of Holland Street
- 11) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 176 from the 1200 Block of Rose Avenue to the 1200 Block of Holland Street
- 12) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 185 from Alley 176 to Alley 186
- 13) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 186 from the 1200 Block of Rose Avenue to the 1200 Block of Holland Street
- 14) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 196 from the 0400 Block of Morgan Street to the 0400 Block of Loomis Street
- 15) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 299 from the 1600 Block of Rose Avenue to the 1600 Block of Central Avenue

- 16) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 858 from the 0700 Block of Kent Street to the 0700 Block of Morgan Street
- 17) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 862 from the 0600 Block of Blake Street to the 0600 Block of Kent Street
- 18) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 864 from the 0700 Block of Blake Street to the 0700 Block of Kent Street
- 19) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 869 from the 0800 Block of West Street to the 0800 Block of Winnebago Street
- 20) 5<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 872 from the 0700 Block of Cunningham Street to the 0700 Block of Blake Street
- 21) 7<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 1044 from the 0900 Block of Ashland Avenue to the 0900 Block of Bruce Street
- 22) 7<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 1059 from the 1800 Block of Vermont Street to the West
- 23) 7<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 1067 from the 3000 Block of Kenmore Avenue to the South
- 24) 7<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 1075 from the 3000 Block of Kenmore Avenue to the 3000 Block of Ridgeway Avenue
- 25) 7<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 1080 from the 2000 Block of Elmwood Street to Alley 1085
- 26) 12<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 550 from the 0700 Block of Brown Avenue to the 0700 Block of Van Wie Avenue
- 27) 13<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 933 from the 0200 Block of Hinkley Avenue to the 0200 Block of Tay Street
- 28) 13<sup>th</sup> Ward – Alley 934 from the 0200 Block of Waldo Street to the 0200 Block of Hinkley Street

Alleyway Reconstruction with 10” stone base and 1.5” of binder mix and 1.5” of surface mix with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

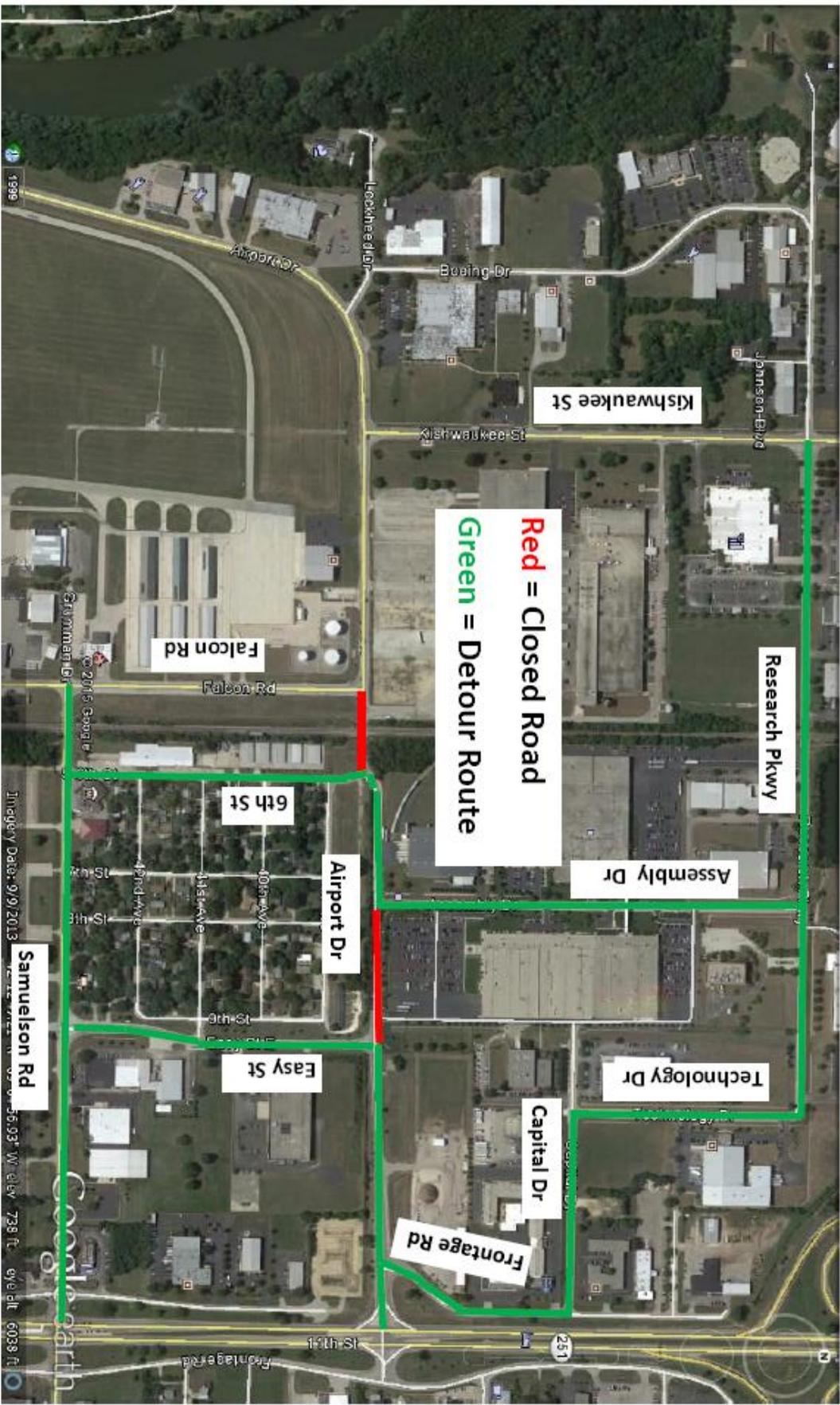
- 1) Alley 31 from the 1300 Block of Wills Avenue to the 1200 Block of Reed Avenue

## *Airport Drive*

On Monday, June 20, 2016 a section of Airport Drive will be closed from Assembly Drive to Easy Street for roadway and restoration work. In addition to this closure, another Airport Drive section will remain closed from Falcon Road to South Sixth Street for Railroad Crossing Replacement. The railroad crossing replacement project will consist of reconstructing the bumpy & uneven crossings and replacing with a smooth & level surface while traveling over the railroad tracks. A detour route will be posted for drivers traveling in the area. Drivers are recommended to utilize Samuelson Rd just south of Airport Drive until the railroad crossing is complete. Please note that there will also be final restoration and landscaping being done along Airport Drive between South Sixth Street and IL 251 (11<sup>th</sup> Street) in conjunction with the railroad closure. It is anticipated that all of Airport Drive will be opened on Friday, July 1, 2016 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. A detour map has been attached for everyone's reference.

The Airport Drive reconstruction Project includes all roadway from Kishwaukee Street to Illinois 251 (11<sup>th</sup> Street). This reconstruction project consisted of pavement removal, excavation, concrete pavement, curb and gutter, median, landscaping, storm sewer installation, street lighting, traffic signal modernization, erosion control and new concrete pavement. Some notable improvements to the project is the newly constructed roundabout at the intersection of Kishwaukee Street and Airport Drive, rail road crossing reconstruction and straightening out the road way east of the rail road crossing.

Kishwaukee Street, Falcon Road and the majority of Airport Drive is complete and open to all traffic. The City of Rockford thanks all drivers and pedestrians for their continuous patience during the final segments of this massive reconstruction project. Questions regarding this project should be directed to Austin Crull in the Public Works Department at (779)-348-7610. Thank you for your consideration.



**AIRPORT DRIVE DETOUR ROUTE—IN EFFECT FROM 6/20—7/1**



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June 9, 2016

**Public Works Water Division**

**Phone: 779.348.7300**

### **HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE:**

*Week of June 12, 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 – Newburg Road

South – City Limits

East – Perryville Road

West – Alpine Road

### **Project Update:**

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 06/05/16 to 06/11/16:

### **Residential Streets Flushed:**

Tivoli Drive

Stoney Creek Way

Phelps Avenue

Alma Drive

Walton Street

S. Trainer Road

Wild Flower Bend

Arnold Avenue

Hillcrest Road

**Projected Flushing Locations:**

During the week of 06/12/2016 to 06/18/2016, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

Sulkey Lane  
Wansford Way  
Eastrock Drive

Meadowlark Lane  
Forest View Lane  
Columbia Parkway

Santa Monica Drive  
Skokie Drive  
Eggleston Road

**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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