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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:	CONTACT INFORMATION:
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DATE July 7, 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 and was completed on June 29, 2016.

Arterial and Central Business District sweeping cycles will continue throughout the summer months through Mid - September. The fall residential sweeping cycle will commence on or about September 19, 2016.

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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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:	CONTACT INFORMATION:
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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 Bouelvard
4) Sun Valley Terrace Patching from Halsted Road to Cul-de-sac

City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 3 – 2016 (Alley)

On Tuesday, May 31st, 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) 2nd Ward – Alley 327 from the 2200 Block of Augusta Avenue to the 2200 Block of Louisa Avenue
2) 2nd Ward – Alley 661 from the 1800 Block of 8th Avenue to the 1800 Block of 9th Avenue
3) 2nd Ward – Alley 667 from the 1800 Block of 7th Avenue to the 1800 Block of 8th Avenue
4) 2nd Ward – Alley 670 from the 0600 Block of 17th Street to the 2100 Block of 6th Avenue
5) 3rd Ward – Alley 784 from the 0300 Block of Lafayette Avenue to the 0300 Block of Prairie Avenue
6) 3rd Ward – Alley 785 from the 0300 Block of West State Street to the 0300 Block of Mulberry Street
7) 3rd Ward – Alley 796 from the 1400 Block of Fuller Street to the 1400 Block of Rural Street
8) 3rd Ward – Alley 800 from the 1800 Block of Rural Street to the 1800 Block of Guilford Road
9) 3rd Ward – Alley 804 from the 0300 Block of Olive Street to the 0300 Block of Whitman Street
10) 5th Ward – Alley 169 from the 1300 Block of Rose Avenue to the 1300 Block of Holland Street
11) 5th Ward – Alley 176 from the 1200 Block of Rose Avenue to the 1200 Block of Holland Street

12) 5th Ward – Alley 185 from Alley 176 to Alley 186
13) 5th Ward – Alley 186 from the 1200 Block of Rose Avenue to the 1200 Block of Holland Street
14) 5th Ward – Alley 196 from the 0400 Block of Morgan Street to the 0400 Block of Loomis Street
15) 5th Ward – Alley 299 from the 1600 Block of Rose Avenue to the 1600 Block of Central Avenue
16) 5th Ward – Alley 858 from the 0700 Block of Kent Street to the 0700 Block of Morgan Street
17) 5th Ward – Alley 862 from the 0600 Block of Blake Street to the 0600 Block of Kent Street
18) 5th Ward – Alley 864 from the 0700 Block of Blake Street to the 0700 Block of Kent Street
19) 5th Ward – Alley 869 from the 0800 Block of West Street to the 0800 Block of Winnebago Street
20) 5th Ward – Alley 872 from the 0700 Block of Cunningham Street to the
    0700 Block of Blake Street
21) 7th Ward – Alley 1044 from the 0900 Block of Ashland Avenue to the 0900 Block of Bruce Street
22) 7th Ward – Alley 1059 from the 1800 Block of Vermont Street to the West
23) 7th Ward – Alley 1067 from the 3000 Block of Kenmore Avenue to the South
24) 7th Ward – Alley 1075 from the 3000 Block of Kenmore Avenue to the
    3000 Block of Ridgeway Avenue
25) 7th Ward – Alley 1080 from the 2000 Block of Elmwood Street to Alley 1085
26) 12th Ward – Alley 550 from the 0700 Block of Brown Avenue to the 0700 Block of Van Wie Avenue
27) 13th Ward – Alley 933 from the 0200 Block of Hinkley Avenue to the 0200 Block of Tay Street
28) 13th 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

City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 4 – 2016 (Arterial)

On Tuesday, July 5, 2016 construction work is scheduled to begin on the City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 4 (Arterial) project. Full width resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, pavement striping, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

1) 11th Street – 15th Avenue to 18th Avenue
2) East State Street – Madison Street to Railroad Tracks
3) Grove Street – May Street to Kishwuakee Street
4) Kilburn Avenue/Auburn Street Intersection
5) South Alpine Road – East State Street to Larson Avenue
6) South Madison Street – East State Street to Grove Street
7) West State Street – Wyman Street to Church Street

Walking School Bus Sidewalk Repairs

The Walking School Bus Repairs sidewalk project has begun. The project consists of repairing sidewalks and intersection curb ramps to current ADA standards along the Lewis Lemon Elementary School Walking School Bus Route, which traverses the south side of Andrews Street (between North Avon Street and North Central Avenue), the east side of North Central Avenue (between Andrews Street and Mulberry Street), and the north side of Mulberry Street (between North Central Avenue and North Independence Avenue). It is anticipated the project will be completed in mid-July.

The City of Rockford appreciates your continued patience and cooperation during this work.

Questions regarding these projects should be directed to Charles Englund (779-348-7614) at the Public Works Department. Thank you for your consideration.

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.

On July 18, 2016 work will begin on Location #1 with repairs to the bridge joints and structural steel painting. During the repairs the west lane will be closed to all traffic. The lane closure is expected to last until August 15, 2016. Please use caution when driving through the work zone.

Full removal of the bridge at Location #2 was completed on June 12, 2016. Further work, including a reconfiguration of the existing off-ramp, will be scheduled to start in July 2016.

Work began on Location #3 and Location #4 on Tuesday June 14, 2016 with removal of the existing roadway pavement. 10th Street and 12th Street are closed to all traffic between 6th Avenue and 7th Avenue as the project will result in the full removal of the bridges.

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.

Harrison Avenue Reconstruction Project
(Harrison Avenue between 9th Street and East of 22nd Street)
(11th Street between Wills Avenue and South of 23rd Avenue)

On July 18, 2016 the intersection of 11th Street and Harrison Avenue will be closed for complete reconstruction. During the extent of the closure, the intersection of 20th Street and Harrison Avenue will be reopened to traffic. It is anticipated that the 11th Street intersection will be reopened to traffic on August 15, 2016, at which time the 20th Street intersection will once again be closed.

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, water main 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 22nd Street, and 20th 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, 17th Street, 18th Street, 19th Street, Hartman Street, and 22nd 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 9th Street and just east of 22nd Street as well as 11th Street between Wills Avenue and just south of 23rd 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.

Airport Drive Reconstruction Project
(Airport Drive between Kishwaukee Street and 11th Street)

Airport Drive is now open to all traffic. The City of Rockford appreciates the public's patience exhibited during the duration of this project.

Motorists are still advised to use caution when driving through the project area as there may be periodic lane closures to complete landscaping restoration.

The Airport Drive reconstruction Project includes all roadway from Kishwaukee Street to Illinois 251 (11th 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.

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Austin Crull in the Public Works Department at (779)-348-7610. Thank you for your consideration.

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HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE:

Week of July 10, 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 Creek Road
South – Crosby Street
East – Alpine Road
West – Rock River

Project Update:

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 07/03/16 to 07/09/16:

Residential Streets Flushed:

Forest Hills Road	Harwood Lane	Lyons Avenue
Carefree Drive	Pecan Street	Thames Way
Cushman Road	Landstrom Road	Shady Lane

Projected Flushing Locations:

During the week of 07/10/2016 to 07/16/2016, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

Highcrest Road	Crabapple Lane	Glenview Road
Kings Highway	Gorham Place	Westchester Drive
Cynthia Drive	Parkview Avenue	Pelham 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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DATE July 7th, 2016	Phone: 779-348-7608

ARTERIAL PAVEMENT STRIPING

ROCKFORD –Effective July 11th, 2016

Beginning the week of 7/11/2016 through 7/15/2016, the Public Works Department will perform arterial pavement striping on the following roadways:

Preston St. from Avon St. to Springfield Ave.
Elm St. from Horace Ave. to Chestnut St.
Horace Ave. from Preston St. to State St.
Morgan St. from Central Ave. to Corbin St.
Cunningham St. from Central Ave. to Cunningham Rd.
Clifton Ave. from Main St. to Montague St.
Montague St. from Main St. to Montague Rd.
Montague Rd. from Montague St. to Pierpont Ave.
Pierpont Ave. from Auburn St. to Montague Rd.
School St. from Springfield Ave. to Avon St.
Avon St. from Elm St. to Curve St.
Curve St. from Avon St. to Cunningham Rd.
Winnebago St. from Montague St. to Green St.
Michigan Ave. from Central Ave. to Clifton St.
Green St. from Winnebago St. to Main St.
Mulberry St. from Avon St. to Central Ave.
Central Ave. from Preston St. to Morgan St.
Reynolds St. from Main St. to 1 Block West
Cherry St. from Rockton Ave. to Court St.
Bennington Rd. from Latham St. to Main St.
Campus Hills Blvd. from Latham St. to Main St.
Court St. from John St. to State St.

Custer Ave. from Kilburn Ave. to Main St.
Elmwood Rd. from Main St. to 2 Blocks East
Fulton St. from Harlem Blvd. to Huffman Blvd.
Glenwood Ave. from Kilburn Ave. to Rockton Ave.
Halsted Rd. from Central Ave. to Main St.
Huffman Blvd. from Bell Ave. to Riverside Blvd.
Johnston St. from Auburn St. to Elm St.
Light St. from Main St. to 1 Block East
Locust St. from Court St. to Main St.
Myott Rd. from Main St. to Sherman Ave.
Ridge Ave. from Halsted St. to Whitman St.
River Bluff Blvd. from Main St. to Normandy Ave.
Shephard Trail from Main St. to 1 Block East
Willoughby St. from Main St. to Harlem Blvd.
20th St. from Sandyhollow to State St.
15th St. from Broadway to 23rd Ave.
18th St. from Charles St. to Broadway
35th St. from Courtland to Linden Rd
Linden Rd. from Alpine to 35th St.
Samuelson from Falcon Rd. to Trevor Cir.

The operation is dependent on existing weather conditions and is subject to change accordingly.

Arterial pavement striping will continue during the months of July thru September.

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 striper 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. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Any questions contact:

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