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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:	CONTACT INFORMATION:
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DATE August 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 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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HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE:

Week of August 21, 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 – Broadway Street
South – Sandy Hollow Road
East – S. Alpine Road
West – 20th Street

Project Update:

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 08/14/16 to 08/20/16:

Residential Streets Flushed:

Parmele Street	Woodruff Avenue	9th Street
College Avenue	Kishwaukee Street	10th Avenue
Bremer Street	4th Avenue	5th Street

Projected Flushing Locations:

During the week of 08/21/2016 to 08/27/2016, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

Minnesota Drive	Louisiana Road	Carolina Avenue
Tennessee Drive	Eastgate Parkway	Wesleyan Avenue
Constance Drive	Montana Avenue	Ohio Parkway

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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August 18, 2016

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 began on Location #1 with repairs to the bridge joints and structural steel painting. During the repairs the east lane will be closed to all traffic. The lane closure is expected to last until September 2, 2016. Please use caution when driving through the work zone.

Full removal of the bridge at Location #2 was completed on June 12, 2016.

Work is complete at Location #3 and Location #4.

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 September 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 was 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 September 2, 2016. The reopening date for the 11th Street intersection is subject to be extended due to utility conflicts or weather issues impacting the construction activities.

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.

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

On Monday, July 18th, 2016 construction work began 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

City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 5 – 2016 (Concrete)

On Monday, July 18th, 2016 construction work began on the City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 5 (Concrete) project. Full width resurfacing and Road Reconstruction with curb and gutter repairs, sidewalk repairs, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, drainage repairs, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

1) Hutchins Avenue – South Highland Avenue to Washington Street
2) South London Avenue – East State Street to 2nd Avenue
3) 10th Street – Brooke Road to Barnum Road
4) Custer Avenue – Rockton Avenue to Ridge Avenue
5) 10th Street – 5th Avenue to 6th Avenue
6) Belmont Boulevard – Riverside Street to Normandy Avenue

Full width resurfacing with structure repairs as need, partial reconstruction of roadway with new curb and gutter and installation of new dry wells to help improve drainage in the area at the following location:

1) 8th Street – Roosevelt Road to Sandy Hollow Road

Full width resurfacing with structure repairs as need, partial reconstruction of roadway with new curb and gutter to help improve drainage in the area at the following location:

1) Horton Street – Wills Avenue to Reed Avenue

Brick paver repairs, curb and gutter repairs, sidewalk repairs, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, drainage repairs, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

1) Alley 751 – 2000 Block of Rural Street to 2000 Block of Greenwood Avenue
2) 328 South First Street Sidewalk Repairs – Sidewalk along Grove Street
3) 319-327 South 3rd Street Sidewalk Repairs
4) 3300 Block of Burrmont Road Sidewalk Repairs
5) 629 Grove Street Sidewalk Repairs
6) 703 Grove Street Sidewalk Repairs
7) 914 Luther Avenue Sidewalk Repairs

8) 400 Block of Oak Street Sidewalk Repairs
9) 500 Block of Oak Street Sidewalk Repairs
10) 300 Block of Olive Street Sidewalk Repairs
11) 400 Block of Olive Street Sidewalk Repairs
12) South 2nd Street and Oak Street Intersection ADA and Crosswalk Repairs
13) Spring Brook Road Sidewalks – Summerfield Drive to McFarland Road
14) 3200 Block of Auburn Street Sidewalk Repairs
15) Central Avenue Sidewalk Repairs – Ashland Avenue to Fairview Avenue
16) 2006 Grenshaw Street Sidewalk Repairs – Sidewalk along Ridgeway Avenue
17) 700 Block of Reynolds Street Sidewalk Repairs
18) 35th Street and Linden Road Intersection Curb Island
19) Rockford Avenue and East State Street Sidewalk
20) 5100 Block of East State Street Sidewalk
21) 5700 Block of East State Street Sidewalk
22) Wyman Street and Jefferson Street Intersection ADA Ramps

Alley reconstruction with new concrete surface, curb and gutter repairs, sidewalk repairs, driveway approaches, drainage repairs, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

1) Alley 311 – 1000 Block of 11th Street to 100 Block of 12th Street

Concrete Patching and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

1) 9th Street P.C.C. Patching - South of 6th Avenue
2) Auburn Street P.C.C. Patching – West of Independence Avenue
3) Ridge Avenue P.C.C. Patching – North of Auburn Street

City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 6 – 2016 (Residential)

On Monday, August 20th, 2016 construction work is scheduled to begin on the City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 6 – 2016 (Residential) project. Full width resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

1) Bienterra Trail from Puri Parkway to Drainage Ponds
2) Brynwood Drive from Mulford Road to Woodmar Road
3) Dior Drive from Spring Creek Road to Lambeth Lane
4) Lambeth Lane from Shaw Woods Drive to Dior Drive
5) Stornway Drive from Brookview Road to Braewild Road
6) Sweetbriar Lane from Brookview Road to Jonquil Place
7) University Avenue from Rubicon Trail to Northern Avenue
8) Hanford Drive from Creekside Lane to Allerton Drive
9) Lizum Court from Innsbruck Drive to Cul-de-sac
10) Palmetto Road from Thomas Parkway to Sonoma Road

11) Palo Verde Drive from Calderwood Drive to Hampton Avenue
12) Robinswood Street from White Dove Lane to Cul-de-sac
13) Thomas Parkway from Trainer Road to Palmetto Road
14) Weaver Road from Trainer Road to Auto Park Drive
15) Weymouth Drive from Spring Lake Drive to Raintree Lane
16) White Dove Lane from Robinswood Street to Meadow Trace
17) 16th Avenue from 21st Street to 22nd Street
18) 16th Avenue from 23rd Street to 24th Street
19) 29th Street from East State Street to Oak Grove Lane
20) 23rd Street from Broadway to 16th Avenue
21) Chelsea Avenue from Cardinal Lane to Greenwood Avenue
22) Flintridge Drive from Turner Street to Flintridge Court
23) Jackson Street from Vale Avenue to Westchester Drive

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

1) 21st Street Patching at the Intersection of 21st Street and 11th Avenue
2) Flintridge Drive Patching from 150 Flintridge Drive to 209 Flintridge Drive
3) Medford Drive Patching at the Intersection of Medford Drive and Redbluff Drive
4) Oak Knolls Patching from East State Street to Jackson Street

Airport Drive and Falcon Road Roadway Reconstruction Project

As of Friday, July 8, 2016 Airport Drive is officially open to all traffic. Please be advised that crews may be working in isolated areas performing routine maintenance items until the landscaping is fully established. The City of Rockford would like to thank everyone for their patience during this massive reconstruction project. A recap of what was included for this project is below:

The Airport Drive and Falcon Road Reconstruction Project will include all roadway on Airport Drive from Kishwaukee Street to Illinois 251 (11th Street) and all roadway on Falcon Road from Airport Drive to New Milford School Road. This reconstruction project will consist 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 will be constructing a 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.

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #4 2016

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2016 package #4 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 #C 2016

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2016 package #C has begun. Construction activities may include but are not limited to replacing sidewalk and ADA ramps, parkway restoration and other related work at various locations on the Southeast and Northeast side of Rockford. The necessary traffic control and signage will be posted.

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ARTERIAL PAVEMENT STRIPING

ROCKFORD –Effective August 22, 2016

Beginning the week of 8/22/2016 through 8/26/2016, the Public Works Department will perform arterial pavement striping on the following roadways:

Bend Rd. from Condon Rd. to Friday Rd.
Condon Rd. from Bend Rd. to Wagon Wheel Ln.
Blackhawk Park Ave. from Christina to Seminary
Kishwaukee St. from 1st Ave. to Airport Dr.
Christina St. from 15th Ave. to Blackhawk Park
Louisiana Rd. from Eastmoreland to Log Cabin St.
Broadway from Kishwaukee to 11th St.
Phelps from Newburg to State St.
Arnold Ave. from Newburg to State St.
Seminary from Blackhawk to Division
20th St. from Sandyhollow to State St.
East Rock Dr. from Harrison to 28th St.
Madison from Lafayette to Grove
Market St. from Water St. to 4th St.
Broadway from Alpine to 20th St
Broadway from Kishwaukee to 11th St.
Newburg from Alpine to Mulford
Parkside from Charles to 1 Block North
9th St. from Harrison to Crosby St.
7th St. from 15th Ave. to 23rd Ave.
5th Ave. from 7th St. to 11th St.
23rd Ave. from Kishwaukee to 20th St.

N 2nd St. from Whitman Overpass to Loves Park
N 2nd St. from Y Blvd. to Walnut St.
N 2nd St. & Auburn All Ramps
N 3rd St. from Lafayette to Y Blvd.
Guilford Rd. from Alpine to Comanche Dr.
Forest Hills Rd. from Exits to Entrances
Division St. from Seminary St. to 1st St.
Dempster from State St. to East Lawn
East Lawn from Manhattan to Chalet Dr.
Mulford from Riverside to Harrison
18th St from Broadway to Charles
McFarland Rd. from Riverside to Spring Creek Rd
Lyford from E. State St. to Rote Rd.
Trainer from Newburg to Garret Ln.
Argus Rd. from Trainer to Bell School Rd.
Mill Rd. from Argus Rd. to Perryville
29th St. from E. State St. to 1 Block North
18th Ave. from Christina St. to 15th St.
15th St. from Broadway to 23rd Ave.
15th Ave. from Main St. to 15th St.
11th St. from Charles to Harrison Ave.
Rote Rd from Perryville to County Line
Court from Elm to Cedar
Lyford Rd. from Rote Rd. to Spring Creek Rd.
Safford Rd. from Meridian Rd. to Page Park School
Mill Rd. from Harrison to Newburg Rd.
Newburg Rd. from Mill Rd. County Line
Church from John St. to Cedar St.

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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