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Office of Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey
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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:	CONTACT INFORMATION:
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DATE October 13, 2016	Phone: 779 348-7631

STREET DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

STREET SWEEPING:
Supervisor: Harry Noble **779 348-7619**

Fall residential street sweeping began on September 26, 2016 and will continue thru completion or until weather conditions dictates that operations be suspended.

During the week of October 17, 2016, street sweepers will be operating in the following areas:

Kilburn Ave. East to 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.

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October 13, 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)

The intersection of Harrison Avenue and 9th Street is currently closed to all traffic for the installation of new watermain and storm sewer. The work duration is expected to be approximately 3 weeks, weather permitting. A detour route will be in place for the duration of the closure. Please use caution when driving in the area.

The intersection of 11th Street and Harrison Avenue is open to one lane of traffic each way, with the exception of Harrison Avenue which remains closed between 9th Street to 11th Street. A detour route is in place for westbound Harrison Avenue. Please use caution when driving in the area.

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. 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 began 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

City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 7 – 2016 (Arterial)

On Thursday, October 13th, 2016 pavement milling operations will begin on 20th Street. Milling operations will occur on 7th Street on Friday, October 14th and on 6th Street on Monday, October 17th. Drivers are reminded to stay alert for workers when driving through these work zones on those days.

On Monday, September 26th, 2016 construction work began on the City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 7 (Arterial) project. 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) 6th Street from 1st Avenue to 5th Avenue
2) 7th Street from Charles Street to 6th Avenue
3) 20th Street from Sandy Hollow Road to Lookout Drive

Reconstruction of roadway with 10" aggregate base and 8" bituminous surface with curb and gutter and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

1) 7th Street – South Half of Block between Charles Street and 1st Avenue

Full width resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

1) Alta Vista Drive from Bradley Road to Kings Highway
2) Parmele Street from 20th Avenue to 21st Avenue
3) Ruth Street from Midway Drive to Pierce Avenue
4) Dorchester Drive from Homewood Drive to Greenleaf Way

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

1) 2nd Ward – Alley 638 from the 2500 Block of 2nd Avenue to Alley 639
2) 2nd Ward – Alley 639 from the 0200 Block of Rockford Avenue to the 0200 Block of Hollister Avenue
3) 2nd Ward – Alley 706 from the 1500 Block of Crosby Street to the 1500 Block of Benton Street
4) 3rd Ward – Alley 777 from the 0500 Block of LaFayette Avenue to the 0500 Block of East Jefferson Street
5) 3rd Ward – Alley 827 from Alley 838 to Alley 832
6) 3rd Ward – Alley 832 from the 1300 Block of Boilvin Avenue to the 1300 Block of Post Avenue
7) 5th Ward – Alley 176 from the 1200 Block of Rose Avenue to the 1200 Block of Clover Avenue
8) 5th Ward – Alley 188 from the 1200 Block of Loomis Street to Alley 176

Bike Patch construction 2" Hot-Mix Asphalt bike path with 10" aggregate base and shaping and overlaying existing aggregate path with 2: Hot-Mix Asphalt:

1) Morgan Street Bridge Bike Path from Existing Bike Path Along Rock River to Concrete Sidewalk along College Avenue.

Reconstruction of the parking lot for Fire Station #6 at 3329 West State Street. The project will include the removal of the existing pavement structure, widening the parking lot footprint for a larger drive aisle, concrete curb and gutter, concrete driveway replacement, concrete sidewalk, inlet adjustments, striping, light pole relocation and fence and gate removal and replacement.

Sidewalk Repairs Near Swedish American Hospital

During the week of October 17, 2016 – October 21, 2016 work will begin on sidewalk repairs adjacent to Swedish American Hospital on 9th Street and East State Street. During the work there will be periodic lane closures to the easternmost lane of 9th Street and the southernmost lane of East State Street. Motorists are urged to exercise caution when driving through the work area.

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

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HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE:

Week of October 16, 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 – Morgan Street
South – City Limits
East – Rock River
West – Springfield Avenue

Project Update:

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 10/09/16 to 10/15/16:

Residential Streets Flushed:

20th Street	Grand Cape Road	Valley Pines Drive
Bainburg Drive	Bluffside Drive	Logistics Pkwy
42nd Avenue	Falcon Road	Samuelson Road

Projected Flushing Locations:

During the week of 10/16/2016 to 10/22/2016, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

Knowlton Street	Heath Street	Weldon Street
Hopkins Court	Rose Avenue	Victoria Avenue
Regina Lane	Clifton Avenue	Illinois Avenue

FIRE FLOW TESTING PROJECT UPDATE:

Week of October 16, 2016

The Rockford Fire Department will be conducting fire flow testing exercises over the next week in the area outlined below:

FIRE FLOW TESTING PROGRAM:

Fire Flow Testing Boundaries:

North – City Limits
South – Crosby Street
East – Alpine Road
West – Rock River

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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