

# RAILROAD STREET IMPROVEMENT UPDATES

6/21/2024 Helm Group in the process of checking utilities. Work may start on water main replacement on Railroad Street between Washington Street to Franklin Street as soon as two weeks.

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6/19/2024

Dear Resident,

This letter is to notify you about upcoming construction in your neighborhood. This year's Street Improvements Program will include Railroad Street from Washington Street to Dayton Street. It is anticipated that this work will begin this week. All work is expected to be completed by the end of September 2024.

## What to Expect:

**Street Improvements will require several operations.** The Contractor will be working on the respective streets from ROW (Right of Way) to ROW (Right of Way). Residents will see new ditches being installed, combination curb & gutter, driveway culverts removed and replaced, portions of their driveways removed and replaced, along with the existing street surface being removed and replaced. A section of water main will be replaced between Washington Street and Franklin Street. After this work has taken place the parkway areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. All of these activities will create noise, dust, traffic delays, and temporary disruption of driveways, parkway areas, and the respective street sections.

Residents that live on these streets will have access to and from their residents during the construction process with minor disruptions. Barricades will be placed at numerous locations throughout the project. During the construction we ask that residents try to limit street parking as well as parking adjacent to the street. **We request you always drive slowly and refrain from cell phone use through the construction zones.** You will temporarily lose access to your driveway during the construction process. **A typed notice will be placed on your front door prior to your driveway entrance being removed with more specific information. Please regularly check your front door.**

## Resident's Responsibilities:

**Residents are responsible for marking lawn irrigation systems and electric dog fence wiring, etc. located within the Village right-of-way and any acquired temporary construction easements.** Please mark your irrigation system with paint and flags as this will assist the contractor in preventing damage. The contractor will not be held responsible for damage done to unmarked irrigation systems located within the Village right-of-way and temporary construction easements.

If you have a lawn irrigation system on your property, please turn the system off until the grassed areas have the topsoil replaced and seeded. This will prevent excessive water loss and a higher water bill in the event the system is damaged during construction. Additionally, sprinkling during construction can interfere with the work being performed.

**Additional information:**

We ask for your patience and cooperation during this project. Questions or concerns may be directed to Village Hall at 815-369-4016. Please see the enclosed list of frequently asked questions (FAQ).

**Location Map**



**Village of Lena**  
**Frequently Asked Questions about the 2024 Street Improvements**

- 1. How long will I be without water during the water main installation?** You should not lose water during the water main installation, unless a water main break occurs. Unfortunately this does happen on occasion, but will be avoided at all costs. When the contractor is looking to switch you from the existing water main to the new water main, you will be notified in advance.
- 2. How long will the work take?** The removal and replacement process will be on going for the later month of June and July and wrapping up at the end of August of 2024. The contractor will be working diligently to keep the roadway and respective driveways open to your resident during the construction process. Please understand that inclement weather may cause delays and extend the time being worked in front of your residence.
- 3. Utility Relocations.** In certain circumstances, there will need to be utility relocations completed prior to construction work. This may cause delays with the project as well.
- 4. How will I know when I am going to lose access to my driveway?** A notice will be hand delivered and placed on your front door. The notice will indicate when you have limited access to your driveway and provide specific instructions.
- 5. How long will I be out without driveway access?** Weather permitting, you will be without driveway access while the water main is being installed, during the culvert removal/replacement process and when the driveway removal/replacement takes place. This process will vary depending on the work being performed, for only a couple of hours, to multiple days depending on if concrete is being used. If concrete is being used, the disruption could be up to seven (7) days for the curing process.
- 6. I have a lawn sprinkler system and/or electric dog fence; how should I mark it?** Please use a combination of marking paint and flags. Circle your sprinkler heads with paint and put a flag at the location of each sprinkler head within two (2) feet of the edge of the pavement or driveway. If possible, trace out the sprinkler plumbing lines and/or electric dog fences (within two (2) feet of the edge of pavement or driveway) with spray paint and flags.
- 7. I have private improvements within the Village Right-of-way. What will happen to them?** Residents are encouraged if they have any landscaping items, landscape edging, railroad ties, fencing, flowers, shrubs, bushes, etc. located within the right-of-way, and if they would like to keep them, to relocate them outside of the village right-of-way. The contractor will make every effort to minimize any disturbance near these items.
- 8. What can be done to prevent this project from interfering with moving, deliveries, or home improvement projects?** Please contact Village Hall, at 815-369-4016. Reasonable efforts will be made to minimize the disruption.

- 9. My neighbor's driveway apron was replaced with concrete but mine was replaced with hot mix asphalt. Why is this?** If your existing driveway located in the village right-of-way is currently concrete your driveway will be replaced with concrete. If your existing driveway located in the village right-of-way is currently hot mix asphalt, your driveway will be replaced with hot mix asphalt. If your existing driveway located in the village right-of-way is currently aggregate, your driveway will be replaced with hot mix asphalt. There will be some driveways this will be slightly modified by a case-by-case scenario.
- 10. After driving down a street under construction, I notice material on my vehicle and driveway, what is this from and how can I remove it?** During the saw-cutting process, water is used to help cool the saw blade and help control the creation of dust. A water truck may spray water down the roadway to help control dust during the construction process as well. It is easiest to remove the material **immediately** after it accumulates on the vehicle and/or driveway as the material will harden and stick to surfaces. Use a garden hose with a sprayer nozzle to rinse the material off your vehicle and/or driveway while it is still wet.
- 11. What are the flags and paint on the street and parkway for?** Anyone, including homeowners, performing work that involves any kind of excavating or drilling in the ground/pavement, regardless of the depth, is required by law to contact J.U.L.I.E. (800-892-0123). In turn, members of J.U.L.I.E. contact the utility companies to mark (with paint and/or flags) all buried communications (orange), electric (red), gas (yellow), sewer (green), storm (green), and water (blue), utility lines. Please note that J.U.L.I.E. does not mark out sprinkler lines, electric dog fences, or other privately owned buried lines you have installed on your property or in the parkway.
- 12. I noticed there are wood stakes in the parkway. What are these for? Can I remove them?** The wood stakes are used as an elevation reference for the contractor to use for informational purposes. Please do not remove them. They will be removed after the construction project has been completed.
- 13. Will Garbage Pickup or Mail Services be disrupted?** These services will continue during construction. However, pickup/delivery schedules and operation may slightly vary due to the construction. Time-sensitive mailings should be dropped off at the post office.
- 14. I notice the tree located in the right-of-way or acquired temporary construction easement of my residence has a pink flagging around it. What does this mean?** This tree is scheduled to be taken down due to the tree conflicting with the street improvements project.

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