



## **BUILD MACHESNEY**

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# **Gilbert, Wilshire, Liberty, Marquette, Pershing, Erma and Leland Improvements Construction Update #2 May 22, 2015**

### **Welcome to the Project!**

The Village is excited to realize the reconstruction of Gilbert, Wilshire, Liberty, Marquette, Pershing, Erma and Leland. We look forward to working with you through the duration of the project.

### **Scope of Work:**

Reconstruction will include new storm sewer, new curb/ gutter and pavement structure, new driveway approaches and associated restoration, and NICOR will also be replacing all of its gas mains and services. New sidewalks will be constructed along the south side of Marquette between IL 251 and Victory Lane, as well as along the south side of Pershing between Victory and Erma. New sidewalks are also planned along the east side of Erma between Marquette and Roosevelt Road. Finally, new sidewalk approaches will be constructed at the Victory Lane and IL 251 intersections.

### **During Construction:**

1. Under the contract, the Contractor is to set aside landscaping within the right of way that you wish to preserve. However, if the Contractor is unable to communicate with you, they will dispose of the landscaping. We therefore strongly recommend that you remove any landscaping that is located in the right of way that you wish to preserve ahead of the construction, or otherwise clearly mark the landscaping that you wish to preserve with white paint or flags.
2. If you have sprinkler head(s) and/or an underground sprinkler system within the Village right of way, please make provisions to relocate those items onto private property as soon as possible in order to prevent damage through construction. Additionally, we advise that you mark the sprinkler heads/system with white paint and/or flags until they can be relocated.
3. If you have an "invisible fence" within the right of way, please make provisions to relocate it either within your property or along the property line as soon as possible. If you have an "invisible fence" along the property line, please mark its location with white paint or white flags.

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4. Similarly, if you have fencing located within the Village right of way, please make provisions to relocate it to private property as soon as possible.
5. Your mailbox will be removed, and provided to you for storage during the construction period, and will be re-installed by the contractor at the end of construction. During construction, mail delivery will switch to temporary mailboxes that are located at the corner of Erma and Wilson. **The Post Office began delivering mail to the temporary mailboxes on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.**
6. We will distribute construction updates throughout the course of the project to help keep you informed of construction activities to help you plan appropriately. You will generally receive one update per week, but there may be times where you will receive 2-3 updates in the same week. Construction updates will be distributed to the temporary mailbox banks, so please check your mailbox frequently. Updates will also be available on the Village's website at <http://machesneypark.org/construction-alerts-updates/>.
7. The project involves numerous utility agencies, contractors and subcontractors. Needless to say, there will be a lot of construction activities occurring over the course of the next few months, and many of the activities will occur concurrently with each other at different locations within the project area. Please understand that it will be difficult to travel in the construction zone throughout the construction process, so please have patience and exercise caution when you are driving within the construction zone.
8. We will do our best to let you know 24 hours in advance of foreseeable issues that will affect you, such as loss of driveway access, loss of water service, etc., so that you may plan appropriately.
9. All residential property owners will lose access to their driveways from time to time through the course of construction. We estimate that most of you will not have direct access to your driveways for approximately 3-5 days throughout the construction period, with the single longest loss of access occurring during the construction curb and gutter improvements, and sidewalk improvements. Again, we will notify you before driveway access is disrupted. We have made provisions to maintain driveway access to the businesses through the construction period.
10. Your driveway approaches will be much steeper during the construction period due to the fact that the road is being lowered.
11. There are many things that can affect the construction schedule...weather being the most predominant. If we lose a day (or days) due to weather conditions, the schedule that we provide in the update will obviously shift by the same number of days lost to weather.
12. Traffic control will be in place during the course of construction, meaning that only those people who live, work or are doing business are allowed into the construction site. The Machesney Park Division of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Police will assist in enforcing the closure, if needed.
13. Construction materials and machines will be stored within the right of ways during construction.
14. Much of the construction activity will block the entire roadway, and therefore, you may only have one way into your home during the construction. We will stage construction activities to maintain access to your homes from one direction at all times.

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Contact for Marquette, Liberty and Leland/Erma in the vicinity of those streets: Nick Arps & Chris Dopkins

### **Work Completed to Date**

- Traffic control has been installed.
- Erosion control devices have been installed.
- The Contractor has mobilized machines and materials to the site.
- The Contractor has installed new valves and hydrants along Leland and installed the trunk storm sewer on Leland. Leland has also been cored out and stoned.
- The Contractor has begun installation of storm sewer along the north side of Pershing east of Leland.
- The Contractor has installed storm sewer along the north side of Gilbert Terrace, roughly from Leland to Rt 251. Water services have been insulated between Leland and Rt 251.
- The Contractor has begun installation of storm sewer along the north side of Liberty east of Leland.
- NICOR has begun installation of new gas mains along Pershing.
- ComEd has begun relocation of power poles along Leland

### **Week of May 25:**

- The Post Office will continue delivery of your mail to the temporary mailboxes located at the corner of Wilson and Erma throughout the project.
- The Contractor will continue to install storm sewer along the north side of Pershing Ave. between Leland and Rt 251. The construction will continue to occupy the entire roadway, and you will not be able to drive around the construction area.
- The Contractor will also lower sanitary sewer services in the 400 Block of Pershing.
- The Contractor will continue to install storm sewer along the north side of Liberty Boulevard between Leland and Rt 251. The work will occupy the entire roadway, and you will not be able to drive around the construction area.
- The Contractor will begin to install storm sewer along the north side of Wilshire Dr. between Leland and Rt 251. The work will occupy the entire roadway, and you will not be able to drive around the construction area.
- Work on the watermains will occur on Thursday May 28 at the intersection of Gilbert and Erma. Residents affected by the water shutdown will be notified 24 hours in advance. The intersection will be closed to traffic for this work.
- NICOR crews will be on site to continue work along Pershing and Wilshire. NICOR will be working on Pershing first, and then switching to Wilshire.
- ComEd crews will be on site to continue pole relocation. Work will continue along Leland to Pershing, Pershing between Victory and Leland and some relocation along Erma from Pershing to Wilson.
- Minimal work will be occurring on Gilbert Ave. and Marquette Rd.
- We are concerned that there may be conflicts between the new storm sewer and the existing gas mains and services. This may force the Contractor to begin the process of building the new street. The Contractor will provide a notice the day before they think they will be working in front of your house. Please keep an eye on progress as the Contractor is working. Access to all driveways will be restored by the end of the day.

**Please have a Safe and Happy Memorial Day Holiday!**