



## **BUILD MACHESNEY**

*A Blueprint for the Future*

---

### **Gilbert, Wilshire, Liberty, Marquette, Pershing, Erma and Leland Improvements Construction Update #5 June 12, 2015**

Weather permitting; the first curb pours are scheduled for the week of June 15<sup>th</sup> (more information on that below). In addition to the curb construction, the Contractor will have core out operations occurring concurrently on multiple streets, and will be finishing underground construction on multiple streets over the next few weeks. To add to all of that, NICOR crews will continue to be on site to complete the gas service work, and ComEd crews will continue to finish their work within the neighborhood. Finally, we expect that AT&T and Comcast crews will be on site in the next few weeks to relocate their facilities to the new ComEd poles. The good news is that construction has progressed very well, and a lot of activity is taking place over a rather short period of time. The bad news is that it is going to be very difficult to get around the construction site over the next few weeks as nearly all of the Contractor's construction activities will occupy the entire roadway, and there will be numerous utilities performing work at various locations within the construction zone. Remember, our #1 goal is for everyone who lives and works in the construction zone to safely make it home to their families at the end of the day. Please help make that goal a reality by continuing to be patient and exercising caution while driving through the construction zone.

#### **Week of June 15<sup>th</sup>:**

- There is no work planned for Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, so again take the opportunity to enjoy a peaceful weekend!
- The Contractor expects to finish the storm sewer work along the north side of Pershing between Victory and Leland. With the underground work complete, the Contractor will begin the process of building the new street on Pershing. The work is scheduled to begin mid week, and will start at Victory Lane and work its way east. The process of building the new road involves removing what is left of the existing pavement structure (i.e., the existing pavement and stone), and placing the new stone base in preparation for the curb and gutter improvements (this process is called "core out"). During the process, we will also test the existing materials under the new stone base (called a "subgrade") to make sure they are capable of supporting vehicle loads before the new stone is placed. The core out process temporarily lowers the grade of the street, and as a result the driveway approaches will be **MUCH** steeper until the new curb and gutter is poured. If the subgrade materials are found to be weak, those materials will be removed and replaced with new stone. There will undoubtedly be areas where we will encounter weak soils, so it is very hard for the Contractor to accurately predict when you will lose access to your driveway. (over)

The Contractor will provide a notice the day before they think they will be working in front of your house. However, if the subgrade materials are weak they may not make it to your driveway, so please keep an eye on progress as the Contractor is working. We expect that you will lose access to your driveway for approximately four (4) hours during the process; however, access to all driveways will be restored by the end of the day.

- On Tuesday, fire hydrant work will occur at the intersection of Erma/Marquette. It is necessary to take the watermains out of service to complete the work, and the North Park Public Water District will notice the affected residents 24 hours in advance of the main being taken out of service. We expect that main will be out of service for 4-6 hours. There will be limited access around the construction areas.
- The Contractor will continue to install the inlets, storm sewer laterals, water service insulation along Marquette. Again, we do not expect a loss of water service as a result of the insulation work, and the Contractor will work from east to west along the roadway. The construction will continue to occupy the entire roadway, and you will not be able to drive around the construction area. If things go well, the Contractor may begin core out operations on Marquette at the end of the week. Should that occur, core out will begin at Victory Lane and work its way east towards IL 251.
- The Contractor will finish main line storm sewer along Liberty between Erma and IL 251. Once the main line is in, the Contractor will begin to install the inlets, storm laterals to the inlets, and will install insulation over the water services. We do not expect a loss of water service as a result of the insulation work. The inlet/water service work will begin at the east end of Liberty, and the Contractor will work their way west. The construction will continue to occupy the entire roadway, and you will not be able to drive around the construction area.
- The Contractor will continue core out operations on Wilshire. Work will continue to progress east towards IL 251.
- Curb and gutter is scheduled to be poured on the south side of Gilbert between IL 251 and Victory, and the east side of Leland between Gilbert and Pershing. As we mentioned at the construction meeting, curb and gutter will be constructed on one side of the road at a time in order to facilitate parking during the construction process. Most of the curb and gutter for this project will be constructed via a machine that is guided by a "string line". Before the actual construction of the curb and gutter, the contractor will drive specialized stakes and set the string line that is used to guide the machine; and therefore you may lose access to your driveway for short periods of time while the contractor is initially positioning the string line. The Contractor has advised that curb crews will be on-site beginning Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> to set stakes and begin string line operations. The first curb pour is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting (rain is currently in the forecast for early next week, so we may be delayed in the event of inclement weather). We will issue a construction update to the affected residents the day ahead of the pour. The update will be delivered to your temporary mailbox (and will also be available on the Village's website), so please make it a point to check your mailbox in the afternoons. We ask that you please have your vehicle out of your driveway by 7:00 A.M the day of the pour. It typically takes 2-4 days for the concrete to cure to a sufficient strength to support traffic, so you will not have vehicular access to your driveways during that time. You will need to park on the opposite side of the road if you need access to your vehicle while the curb is curing. Parking and working space will be tight during the curb and gutter construction, and you might want to check to see if your neighbors on the opposite side of the street will allow you to park in their driveways. You will have the chance to return the favor when the curb construction shifts to the opposite side of the street. As a reminder, the Contractor will backfill a small portion (3-4 feet wide) of the new curb the day after is poured to make it easier to walk over. They will backfill the remainder of the curb once it has cured to sufficient strength to support traffic.

- NICOR advises that it has completed the installation of the new gas mains. NICOR crews will continue to be on site to construct new services. NICOR expects to finish the services on Pershing by early in the week, and crews will go to Gilbert Terrace once they are done on Pershing.
- ComEd crews will be on site to continue pole relocation along Erma. This work should be complete early in the week (in fact, ComEd has indicated that they may finish by 6/12).

Please do not hesitate to contact Jim Kroeplin, Nick Arps or Chris Dopkins of McMahon at 636-9590, or Brooke Anderson at (815) 282-3000 with any questions.