



## **BUILD MACHESNEY**

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### **Copper/Emerald/Ruby Reconstruction Construction Update #8 July 24, 2015**

#### **Week of July 27<sup>th</sup>:**

The Contractor will continue to “core out” the roadway on Copper Drive and Ruby Lane. 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 (we call this process “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 lowers the grade of the temporary driving surface, 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 soils will need to 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. 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 as planned, so please keep an eye on progress as the Contractor is working. Access to all driveways will be restored by the end of the day. The Contractor plans to core out on Copper from west to east towards the intersection with Emerald. At that point, the Contractor will move core out operations to Ruby Lane. The contractor plans to be working on core out on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.

- In the event of wet weather, the Contractor may insulate water services at various locations throughout the project area. We do not expect a loss of water service during the insulation process, however, the work will occupy the entire roadway.
- NICOR crews may be onsite to begin the installation of new gas mains and services. The majority of the work will be outside of the roadway but construction equipment will be in the roadway at times.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jim Kroeplin or Chris Dopkins of McMahon at 636-9590, or Paul Munson of Northern Illinois Service Company at (815) 874-4422 with any questions.

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