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Kingsley & Drexel Improvements Construction Update #10 September 1, 2016

Week of September 6th:

- Current weather forecasts are calling for rain on Wednesday and Thursday, so there may be weather delays for some of the activities for the week.
- On Wednesday, September 7th the Contractor will be lowering the water between 950 and 1002 Kingsley. This work will occupy the entire roadway so you will need to access your drive from a different direction during the construction. It is necessary to shut down portions of the water main in order for the Contractor to make the adjustment, and again the North Park Public Water District will notify the affected residents and provide instructions when the mains are returned to service.
- The Contractor will continue storm sewer work on Kingsley east towards Elm Avenue. The construction will continue to occupy the entire roadway, so you may need to access your drive from a different direction during this construction. Driveway access will be blocked when the Contractor is working directly in front of your home, and the Contractor will notify affected residents the day before the work blocks access to the driveway. The Contractor may also need to adjust the water service and sanitary sewer service that connects your home to the main pipes in the street. If this occurs, you will not have water/sewer service during the time that the Contractor is making the adjustments. Again, the Contractor will notify you the day before the work occurs.
- The Contractor will begin the “core out” process on 3rd and 4th Streets between Kingsley and Evans. 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 may 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, so please keep an eye on progress as the Contractor is working. We expect that you will lose
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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.

- The Contractor plans to pour curb and gutter on the south side of Drexel between Elkhorn and Elm Streets. 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 Tuesday, September 6th to set stakes and begin string line operations. The first curb pour is scheduled for Thursday, September 8th, 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 or website 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. The contractor will be prepping the stone for the curb and gutter early in the week, and again, your driveway approach will be **much steeper** until the new curbing is in place.
- The Contractor may pour curb and gutter back in the 600 Block of Drexel. If this work occurs and the pour will affect access to your home, the Contractor will notify you a day ahead of the pour.

There have been a few issues with the collection of garbage, recycling and yard waste over the past few weeks. The Village has been coordinating with the garbage collection service who has advised that collection will take place around 6:00 AM on collection days. You may wish to set your collectables out the night before the day of collection.

If you have any comments or questions feel free to contact:

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We thank you for your patience, and we remind you to please exercise caution while driving through the construction zone. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day Weekend!