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IL 251 Service Drive Improvements Construction Update #2 July 14, 2017

Ongoing Work, and Work Completed to Date

- New valves have been installed at the Harlem Ct and Darr Intersections
- New water services have been installed along the Service Drive between Darr and Harlem Court.
- Storm sewer is being installed along Harlem Court.

July 17th thru July 21st :

- On Monday, the Contractor will have two crews on site to install water services between Darr Avenue and the CVS Pharmacy Entrance. The services will be installed under a “no pressure” condition, meaning that the water main along the Service Drive between Darr Avenue and the CVS Entrance will be shut down for this construction, and water will be temporarily out of service. The North Park Public Water District (NPPWD) will provide handouts with additional information for those who are affected by the loss of water service. The Contractor expects to complete the water service work on Monday.
- On Tuesday, the Contractor will begin to install storm sewer along Darr Avenue. Work will begin at the east end of Darr Avenue and proceed west towards the Service Drive. The work will consume the entire width of the street, so you will not be able to drive around the work zone.
- Weather permitting, we expect the storm sewer work to progress to the intersection of Darr/IL 251 Service Drive either Wednesday or Thursday. The storm sewer will cross a water main at the Service Drive, and therefore it is necessary to remove and replace a section of water main....meaning that the main will be out of service for those who live between Darr Avenue and Harlem Court one last time. Again, the NPPWD will provide handouts and additional information to those affected by loss of service. We do expect that water service will be out for most of the day. The intersection will be closed during the construction.
- Time allowing, the Contractor may complete a number of exploratory digs throughout the construction site in order to determine the exact depth of existing utilities.
- The Contractor is planning to remove trees on the north side of Darr Avenue next week

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It was discovered that the Post Office had made the decision on its own to begin delivery to the temporary mailbox bank, and unfortunately, they did not let us know prior so that we could pass on the information to you. We have requested the Post Office to continue delivery to the permanent mailboxes through Saturday the 15th; but at the time of this update we do not know if the Post Office will honor the request. We would therefore suggest checking your temporary mailbox for mail. The temporary mailboxes are located along the west side of the Service Drive immediately north of Harlem Court. We do apologize for any inconvenience.

During Construction:

1. We will distribute construction updates throughout the course of the project to (1) keep you informed of construction activities and, (2) to help you plan appropriately. You will generally receive one update per week (typically Fridays), 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/>.
2. 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.
3. 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 during construction. Additionally, we advise that you mark the sprinkler heads/system with white paint and/or flags until they can be relocated.
4. 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. 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. Mail will be delivered to a temporary mailbox once the construction activity begins to interfere with day to day delivery. We are currently working with the Postal Service to determine that date, but we estimate that delivery to the temporary mailboxes will begin on or about July 18th. We will let you know the exact date when delivery will switch in a future construction update. The temporary mailbox bank will be located along the west side of the IL 251 Service Drive immediately north of Harlem Court. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

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8. 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 5-7 days throughout the construction period, with the single longest loss of access occurring during the construction of curb and gutter improvements, and sidewalk improvements. Again, we will notify you before driveway access is disrupted.
9. If you have a medical condition and are concerned about access to your drive please contact our office so that we can discuss special arrangements for access during construction.
10. Your driveway approaches will be **much** steeper during the construction period due to the fact that the existing road is being lowered to accommodate the new curb and gutter profile.
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. We anticipate that throughout the duration, 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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Project Schedule: July 11th through October 1st