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*A Blueprint for the Future*

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**Hawksview Improvements  
Construction Update #1  
August 28, 2020**

**Welcome to the Project!**

First and foremost, all of us at the Village of Machesney Park, McMahon Associates (Village Engineers) and Northern Illinois Service Company (Contractor) sincerely hope that this finds you and your families in good health and spirit. These are truly unprecedented times that we find ourselves in. Under “normal” circumstances, the Village would conduct a pre-construction presentation to the residents who live within the work zone. Unfortunately, we are not able to do so due to the COVID-19 pandemic so this update contains much of the information that we would normally convey to you during the presentation.

Perhaps the single most important item that we do throughout the construction process is that of communication. While construction is not necessarily pleasant, all of us want you to be aware of the construction activities that will impact you and your neighborhood so that you are able to plan accordingly. Communication has become a bit more challenging, but we will still let you know when construction will impact your residence. All of us involved with the project will practice social distancing when communicating with you. If you wish to be contacted by phone, please simply hang a “post it” note (or something similar) with your name and phone number on the door. The Village is excited to begin work in your neighborhood, and we look forward to working with you through the duration of the project.

**Scope of Work:**

The project affects Plats #1 and #2 of Hawksview Subdivision as shown on the map at the back of the update. The work generally includes:

- Cleaning and televising of storm sewer, and repairs to storm sewer as needed.
- Cleaning, repairing and replacing inlets.
- Installation of a new inlet and storm sewer at the corner between Hawksview and Redtail.
- Re-grading of the ditches along Forest Hills Road at the intersections of Hawkeye and Redtail.
- Complete removal and replacement of curbing and pavement.
- Removal & replacement of driveway aprons as needed to accommodate the replacement of curbing. Most driveways will have a 10' wide area (as measured off of the back of curb) removed and replaced, some more, some less.
- Regrading and restoration of yards behind the new curbing.

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## **During Construction:**

1. It will be necessary to temporarily remove your mailbox through construction in order to have enough room to remove/replace the curbing. Two (2) temporary mailbox banks will be set up for use during construction. We are currently working with the Postal Service to determine the location of the mailbox banks, and to determine when mail delivery will switch over to the banks. At the time of this update, we estimate that delivery to the temporary mailboxes will begin on or about September 4<sup>th</sup>. Early to middle of next week, we will let you know the locations and service areas of each of the mailbox banks, as well as the exact date when delivery will switch over. Your mailbox will be removed and provided to you for storage during construction, and they will be re-installed by the contractor at the end of construction.
2. 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). Updates will be delivered to your temporary mailbox, and updates will also be available on the Village's website at <http://machesneypark.org/construction-alerts-updates/>. There will be times where you will receive multiple updates during the week, especially during the construction of the new curb and gutter.
3. Under the contract, the Contractor is to set aside landscaping within the right of way that you wish to preserve, and you will then need to relocate or replant the landscaping after construction is complete. 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. The Contractor will then set the landscaping off to the side and you will need to make necessary provisions for its relocation and/or replanting.
4. 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.
5. 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.
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 couple of 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, etc., so that you may plan appropriately.
8. As previously mentioned, nearly all of the curb and gutter in the construction area will be removed and replaced. There will be a period of 3-5 days where you will not have access to your driveway while the curbing is under construction. If you have a medical condition and are concerned about access to your drive please contact the Village Engineer so that we can discuss special arrangements for access during curb construction.

9. 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. Additionally, it often can take a day or two after a rainstorm for things to dry out to point where work can resume, so again the schedule may shift by more than a day lost to rain.
10. 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.
11. Construction materials and machines will be stored within the right of ways during construction.
12. We anticipate that throughout the duration, much of the construction activity will block at least one lane of the roadway. There will be times where the entire roadway will be blocked 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 at least one direction at all times.
13. We beg of you to **PLEASE** be careful and exercise caution when driving through the construction zone. We want everyone to go home to their families at the end of the work day and we strive to maintain a safe working environment for all who are impacted by the construction. You can do your part simply by driving slowly and with extreme caution through the construction zone.

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Overall Schedule: August 31<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>

General Sequence: The Contractor will essentially split the project area into northern and southern "halves", and with some exceptions, work will generally start at the south end of the project area and work its way north.

General Schedule: Clean & Televiser Storm Sewers – Week of August 31<sup>st</sup>  
Pavement and Curb Removal – through the month of September  
Inlet and Storm Sewer Repairs – through the month of September  
Curb and Gutter Construction – Mid September through mid-October  
Paving – mid October  
Restoration – Late October

### **Work Completed to Date**

- None

### **August 31<sup>st</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup> (there will no work on September 4<sup>th</sup>):**

- The Contractor will begin to mobilize equipment, materials, and traffic control barricades to the site.
- Temporary mailbox banks will be constructed.

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- Cleaning & Televising of Storm Sewer, which is scheduled to begin on August 31<sup>st</sup> and will start near the intersection of Forest Hills Road and Hawkeye Trail.
- Pavement and curb removal will begin on September 1st at the south end of Coopers Hawk Trail and will continue north. There will be a short period of time (approximately an hour) where you will not have access to your driveway while the pavement and curb is being removed. Once the pavement is removed, the Contractor will place a temporary stone driving surface so that you have access to your driveway.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation, and again we look forward to the completion of construction!

