

North Sailor Street Improvements - 2019 Construction Newsletter

September 6, 2019

Construction:

- Bituminous Streets
- Sanitary Sewer
- Watermain
- Water & Sewer Services
- Storm Sewer

Construction schedule:

Start: June 26, 2019
Finish: October 31, 2019

Final Lift: June 30, 2020

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Project Status

Construction progress has been moving along nicely on the Sailor Street project. Holtmeier Construction will be done with the underground utilities in Phase 2 and Phase 3 by the middle of next week. In preparation of Phase 4, Holtmeier Construction installed temporary watermain along 2nd Street. Holtmeier has a few more homes that still need to be connected to this temporary water. The contractor will dig down at the existing curb stop and connect the temp water to the existing water service. This work will be done either the end of next week or the beginning of the following week.

As noted in last week's email, we found out we will not be able to line the existing sanitary sewer main in the backyards, east of Sailor Street between 1st and 2nd Street. We have gone through the different options for addressing this sanitary sewer line. It was decided that the best solution is to dig and replace the existing sanitary sewer main. This work will occur towards the end of next week. We will still line the existing sanitary sewer main from the backyards to Sailor Street.

Holtmeier's grading crew will be onsite towards the middle of next week to subcut and shape the streets disturbed in Phase 2 and Phase 3. Once the street is subcut, the crew will install drain tile lines. The tile will be located 1 foot behind the new curb to aid in removal of subsurface moisture. Each home will have a sump pump service outlet tied into the new drain tile. The sump pump line will be stubbed out 5 feet from back of curb. Ben Rosol with Bolton & Menk will be coming around next week to talk with the homeowners to decide where to put these sump pump service outlets. Once the tile is installed, gravel base will be placed over the clay subgrade. After the gravel base is placed, access will be restored to your driveways and the street will be reopened to local traffic only. These streets will remain at the gravel base stage until the rest of the project is prepared. This work will take a few weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Starting Monday, September 16, Holtmeier's underground crew will begin removals on Phase 4. Following removals, the crew will start installing underground utilities. This work will take a couple weeks to complete, weather permitting.

As always, we appreciate your patience during construction and we will do our best to keep you up to date with the construction progress and changes. Should any questions or concerns arise during the construction process, please contact Ben Rosol with Bolton & Menk at the phone number listed.

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Water Shutdowns

Occasional water shut-downs will be required for the crews to make connections to the existing water lines. We ask for your patience and understanding, as the Contractor will do their best to provide reasonable notice and reduce the length of any water shut downs required. Typically, we will try to ensure at least a one-day notice is given for shutdowns and the outage limited between 2 to 8 hours long.



Access

As the project moves forward, parking and access to your property will continue to change. When construction is being conducted adjacent to your property you may have to park in the alley, at a neighbor's house or on a side street, where your vehicle is safe and out of the way. Access will be intermittent during underground construction and for longer periods during street grading, curb and pavement construction. Rain will also have an impact on property access. We realize access will be difficult and thank you for your patience. We will communicate access restrictions on a regular basis throughout the project. You may contact Ben Rosol to discuss your needs and concerns.



Garbage, Recycling & Mail

Until further notice, continue to place your garbage and recycling bins where you normally place them for each scheduled pick-up. We ask that you please have your garbage or recycling bins at the end of your driveway by 7:00 a.m. the day it is supposed to be picked up. This will help the contractor know that garbage and recycling bins need to be moved to side streets. The contractor will contact and coordinate with the pick-up companies. Please write or display your house number prominently on your bins so that it can be returned to you.

The contractor will contact and coordinate with the postal service on how mail will be delivered during the project. Temporary mailboxes will be installed where needed.



Safety

It is very common on these types of projects that area residents (especially children) become quite curious about the work the contractor is performing. We ask that you please be respectful of and stay well clear of construction zones, including construction equipment and materials. Many hazards and dangers exist from heavy machinery, trenches, loose material, confined spaces, etc. and often are not recognizable by the general public.

