

2024 Street & Utility Improvements Construction Newsletter

July 31, 2024

Construction:

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

Construction schedule:

Tentative Start: May 1, 2024

Finish: October 25, 2024

Final Lift: June 30, 2025

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Project Status

Holtmeier's grading crew finished restoring Rice Street from 7th Street to 5th Street back to gravel. Holtmeier's underground crew is currently working in the Phase 2 area of Rice Street, from 5th Street to 2nd Street. Underground pipe installation in this area is expected to finish in a week, weather dependent.

Once Phase 2 underground is complete, Holtmeier will be moving to Phase 3. **Phase 3 will consist of reconstructing Rice Street from 2nd Street to 1st Street, and 1st Street from west dead end to Rice Street. As of now, this work is expected to start around Wednesday, August 7.** If this changes, an update will be provided. There will not be access to driveways once pavement removals and underground construction begins. In an effort to keep walking to a minimum, Holtmeier will provide parking along Rice Street from 2nd Street to the south side of the alley for as long as they can. An update will be provided when this parking will no longer be available. In preparation for underground work, Holtmeier has started to install temporary water in this area.

Once underground construction is finished in Phase 2, a separate grading crew will be back onsite to restore Rice Street from 5th Street to 2nd Street. The crew will begin cleaning up the site and subcutting excess clay material. Once the street is subcut, the crew will disc the clay back and forth to dry it out. Also at this time, the crew will install drain tile lines. The tile will be located 1 foot behind the new curb to aid in the 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 to the property line. Once the tile is installed, gravel will be placed, and access to driveways will be restored.

It is not yet known when watermain construction will occur on 10th Street. An update regarding this work will be provided once we have more information.

This is a friendly reminder to set out your garbage and recycling bins at the end of your driveway the evening before the scheduled pick up. This will allow the contractor time to move your bin to a side street.

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 Wade Bartz at the phone number and email address listed on the left side.



Project Website

Please remember to check the project website periodically for project updates and other information regarding the construction process! You can find the project website using the link below.

www.blueearthconstructionprojects.com