



Public Works & Engineering

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RESIDENT NOTICE – ALLEY CLOSURE/RECONSTRUCTION

Date: Monday, April 25, 2016

Attention: Residents on alley between Laurel & Graceland
(between Prairie & Marion)

Reference: 2016 Capital Improvement Project – Contract MFT 16-00000-01-GM
Concrete Improvements

Dear Resident:

Starting Monday, May 2, alley replacement work will begin on your alley. This alley will be closed to all vehicles for approximately seven weeks, weather permitting. The substantial completion date for this alley is Friday, June 17.

This project includes the removal of the existing alley and replacement with pervious concrete. The pervious concrete is utilized to allow water to flow through the concrete and seep into the ground below. This results in less storm water immediately flowing into nearby storm sewers and the Des Plaines River. Due to the presence of air voids in the concrete that allow water to flow through, this type of concrete takes at least four weeks to strengthen enough to handle vehicular traffic. In the coming years, regular maintenance will be performed by the Public Works department to ensure the open spaces in the concrete do not get clogged by organic material.

This project also includes removal & replacement of driveway aprons (Laurel residents only), asphalt patching, miscellaneous tree removal, and landscape restoration with sod, where necessary. The replacement limits will be marked with **white or orange** spray paint. If you have any questions regarding the spray paint markings, please contact me as soon as possible.

If your parking space is only accessible via the alley, you will need to park on side streets for the duration of the project. **I have coordinated with the Des Plaines Police Department to allow 24-hour parking on Marion Street (Laurel to Graceland), and on Laurel Avenue (Prairie to Thacker).** The existing 3-hour parking signs will be covered on Friday, April 29.

Due to the length of time that the alley will be closed to traffic, garbage containers will be required to be relocated and placed on either adjacent side streets or in a parking area accessible from Graceland.

1319 Prairie – place garbage, recycling, and yard waste bins on Prairie curb starting Wednesday, May 4.

1327 Prairie – dumpster will be relocated to Prairie Avenue, beginning Tuesday, April 26.

685-725 Laurel – place garbage, recycling, and yard waste on Laurel curb starting Wednesday, May 4.

700 Graceland – dumpsters will be relocated to north garage.

722 Graceland – dumpsters will be relocated to either inside the garage or along Marion Street.

Detailed project updates, scheduling, and information will be updated on a regular basis on the City's website at: <http://www.desplaines.org/>. Click on 'Residents', then 'Getting Around', then 'Construction & Traffic Updates' to find the postings for the 2016 Concrete Program.

Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated during construction. Please understand there will be several inconveniences, including dust, noise, and temporary road blockages. If you need special attention please contact me at **(847) 561-0720** or **eheiker@desplaines.org**. If I am not available, please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Eric Heiker, P.E.
City of Des Plaines
Civil Engineer