



CITY OF BATAVIA

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Mayor

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**RE: UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION:
AREA 3 STORM SEWER & WATERMAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
MORTON ST, ALLEY BETWEEN MORTON & WALNUT JUST WEST OF
RT. 31**

Dear Resident,

As part of the City of Batavia's efforts to alleviate repeated drainage concerns and sewer back-ups in Area 3 of the combined sewer on City's west side, the City Council allocated funds in the 2016 fiscal year to conduct a drainage study. Subsequently WBK Engineering, LLC was selected to prepare final engineering plans and construction documents. This construction will provide a separate storm sewer system, completely removing the storm runoff flows from the sanitary sewer. In addition, the watermain will be replaced in the residential areas of Area 3 due to failing conditions of the watermain. The first phase of construction will start at the West Side cemetery and continue west through the cemetery, across Rt. 31 and from Rt. 31 to Jefferson on Morton Street.

Construction

Copenhaver Construction is the general contractor and the City's representative for construction inspection is Mark Pentz from WBK Engineering, LLC. ***Copenhaver anticipates setting up material and staging construction on Morton Street the week of April 23rd with construction to commence on watermain improvements on May 1st.*** You should have received notification last week from the City regarding the watermain improvements.

Storm sewer will be installed after the watermain is replaced and relocated on Morton Street, as there are some locations where watermain is on both sides of the street. During construction Morton will be closed to Local Traffic Only from Rt. 31 to Jefferson Street. Morton Street will not be accessible from Rt. 31 because barricades will be across the entire street; you will need to access Morton Street via Jefferson Street. This closure will last the duration of the construction since this area will be used for staging construction material and equipment. Construction equipment will be staged on the street and will be barricaded off every night. In addition, there is potential that some material will be staged in the parkway, between the back of curb to the sidewalk. The entire parkway will be restored with seed and blanket at the conclusion of the construction.

In addition to Morton Street being closed there will be lane closures on IL Rt. 31 to make the crossings of storm sewer, watermain and sanitary from the east side of the road to the west side. These lane closures will reduce traffic to one lane in each direction and move traffic to three different lane configurations to accommodate the construction. All detours will be posted with Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) approved signage.

Disruption to your driveway

Portions of curb and gutter, sidewalk and all driveway aprons on Morton Street will be replaced with like material during this project.

During the removal of the existing materials, access to your driveway will be restricted. The contractor will deliver door hangers to your door 24 hours in advance of removal asking you to remove your vehicle from your driveway by 7 a.m. the next morning. Please park your vehicles with the door hangers on any street not highlighted in the map. Once removal takes place your access will be restored temporarily using stone. This process will restrict access to your driveway for less than 2 days.

For permanent repair of your driveway you will receive another notice from the City to remove your vehicle. This time the concrete will need time to cure and you can expect to be out of your driveway for 10 to 14 days until the concrete is strong enough to withstand vehicular traffic. At that time, you will need the door hangers to be displayed on your vehicles that will remain on the street overnight. The police department will be notified of this project so you will not need to call it in yourself.



End Result

The new storm sewer will tie into the recently installed storm sewer system that was part of the outfall project last fall (Oct 2017) in the cemetery. As we continue to install new storm sewer through the neighborhood, (to the west) the sanitary will continue to be separated. As a result rain water will have its own designated sewer system to the Fox River and it will no longer share the sanitary sewer, which goes to the wastewater treatment plant. In the past the sharing of the sanitary sewer with stormwater runoff has lead to some sanitary backups in many residents' homes. At the end of all phases (2-3 years) this improvement should alleviate backups in residents' homes. This project will continue the construction of Area 3, and residents will now start to see a direct positive impact. The remaining phases of Area 3 are planned to continue for the next two years, with work continuing on Jefferson, Jackson & Blaine next year.

E-blasts & Contact Information

If you would like to be added to a weekly and key information e-blast updates during the project please send me an email at apodraza@cityofbatavia.net with your name, address, phone number and email. In addition you can follow project updates on the City website: <http://cityofbatavia.net/679/Area-3> The presentation from the March 1st neighborhood meeting and engineering plans for the improvements can be found on the project page.

If you have any questions regarding the overall operation and status of the project or questions related to the engineering plans please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (630) 454-2757. If your concern is regarding site operations and construction operations during the day please contact our resident engineer, Mark Pentz at (630) 248-1624.

The City looks forward to the end result of this project and would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation during the dust and construction. ***The anticipated end date of construction is August 10th, weather pending.***

Sincerely,



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