



President's Corner

June 2019

Each year and as the budget permits, the Village undertakes a number of capital improvement projects, and 2019 is no exception. Listed below are some of the many projects that are already, or soon will be, underway. For updates and more detailed information, please visit each project's dedicated page on the Village website. Thank you in advance for your patience as you may experience some temporary inconvenience with street closures and/or reduced parking.

Well #5: After thorough vetting by the Infrastructure Commission and the Board's Public Works and Water Committee, the Village Board approved the construction of a new deep well, Well #5. This Well will be located on the Ellington Avenue right-of-way in Field Park, and new transmission water main will be installed from Field Park to the Water Treatment Plant, along the south side of Hillgrove Avenue. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-July. Drilling the Well is expected to take about 4 months to complete, and the new transmission main should take approximately 3-4 weeks. The majority of the parking from Johnson Avenue to Howard, on the south side of Hillgrove Avenue will be inaccessible during this construction period. For more information, and for project updates, go to: wsprings.com/well5.

Standpipe: Required maintenance on the Garden Market standpipe is a major undertaking requiring repainting of both the interior and exterior of the standpipe. This project is scheduled to tentatively begin the week of August 16. The contractor has approximately 2-3 weeks of welding and other repair work before the Village drains the tank and takes it offline, around September 3. The remainder of the interior/exterior work should take an additional 5-6 weeks to complete. For more information, and project updates, go to: wsprings.com/standpipe.

Water Plant Improvements: The Village's water is purified through a state-of-the-art low pressure reverse osmosis process that uses semi-permeable membranes to remove larger particles from drinking water. The water treatment plant is equipped with two reverse osmosis membrane skids - one for each deep well. Each skid is designed for the pressure and water flow/rate that are unique to each of the wells. This month, the existing membranes were replaced in the reverse osmosis water purification system. Replacement of the high-service pump is currently underway. This pump is critical to maintaining water pressure and services distribution throughout the Village.

Roadway improvements: In 2019 the Village will be resurfacing 39th Street (Johnson to Franklin), Maple Street (Hampton to Forest), Grand Avenue (Maple to Chestnut), Johnson Avenue (48th to cul-de-sac), Howard Avenue (Caroline to 52nd), and Dierks Drive (Harvey to Ellington). These projects include grinding and resurfacing of current pavement, replacement and adjustment of manholes and drainage structures, concrete patching, and partial curb/gutter replacement. For more information, and for project updates, go to: <https://wsprings.com/535/2019-Roadway-Resurfacing-Program>.

As part of the Roadway Referendum Program, two streets will undergo complete concrete reconstruction in 2019: Clausen Avenue, from Ogden to 41st, and Lawn Avenue, from Elm to 47th. The Clausen Avenue project will also include replacing the street's aging water mains. For more information, and for project updates, go to: <https://wsprings.com/534/2019-Roadway-Referendum-Project>

Downtown Streetscape Improvements

Lawn Ave

Restoration is ongoing. The contractor is currently installing brick pavers, pre-cast curbs, and trees. Portions of the dyed concrete installed outside of TruValue Hardware did not meet our standards and the contractor will be replacing it.

East Train Platform

The East Train Platform was a major 2018 project that enhanced the commuter platforms east of the train station, enhanced the area's streetscape, and improved pedestrian accessibility and safety. Final landscaping and punch-list items are expected to be completed by the end of June.

West Suburban Mass Transit District Grant Phase II

This project will include two electric vehicle charging stations and a new bike canopy near Grand and Burlington Avenues, and should be underway this summer. Brick pavers will be installed at the base of the bike racks.

Foxford Condominium Development

The Foxford Condominium facade is substantially complete, and the developer is currently installing sidewalk and landscaping around the building. The construction fencing will come down shortly, and that section of Burlington and Wolf will once again be open to pedestrians.

Annual improvements and their associated inconvenience are a necessary evil during the construction season, and are part of a long-term plan to maintain and improve the Village's critical infrastructure. Your cooperation and understanding are appreciated as these projects are underway, to enhance the Village for the benefit of all who live, work, and play in Western Springs.