



River Street Improvements Construction Newsletter

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Construction:

- Street Removals
- New Watermain and Forcemain

Construction schedule:

River Street: Begin June 14, 2023

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Overview

As you know, the City of Jackson is undertaking construction projects to improve the city streets and utilities in a number of locations. The projects include the reconstruction of sewer, water and storm sewer utilities as well as new pavement and curb and gutter on Emily Street, Riverside Drive and River Street. The city is also completing an overlay on Northridge and Westridge Drive.

You are receiving this notice as a property owner along River Street. River Street is a county road, but the utilities in the street are owned by the City of Jackson. The county and city are partnering on this project, so it will be completed in two blocks at a time. The city will be replacing the underground utilities including watermain, forcemain, and water services this summer. The existing street pavement will be recycled, graded, and compacted to provide a temporary aggregate driving surface for the winter of 2023-2024. Jackson County will then take over the project and install new storm sewer, asphalt pavement, curb and gutter, and sidewalk in 2024.

Newsletters like this one are sent out during certain milestones of the project to help keep residents informed. It is important to note that information and scheduling might change due to weather and unforeseen issues. We will do our best to keep you up to date with the construction progress and changes. Bolton & Menk, Inc. is the City's engineer for the project. They will act as an extension of City Staff in monitoring construction work and interacting with the contractor daily. Should any questions or concerns arise during the construction process, please contact Bolton & Menk's representatives listed on the lower left side.

Project Timeline

The contractor intends to begin work on River Street this week with erosion control measures getting installed on June 14th. Reclaiming of the existing asphalt surface is scheduled for June 16. Underground crews are tentatively planning to start on or around June 21 with the installation of new forcemain from the current lift station.

Contacts

If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact the Construction Representative, Dustin Meyer, at the phone number or email address listed.



Alert

Disruptions to Sewer & Water Service

Water and sewer service will always be provided. However, planned shut-downs and disruptions will occur. For any anticipated longer shutoff periods, residents will be provided a notice delivered to the front door. Your residence will be connected to a temporary water supply system until the new piping is installed and tested. If so, the Contractor will contact you about connecting the temporary water to a working hose bib on the exterior of your home.

Private Improvements in Right-of-Way

If you have improvements such as landscaping, retaining walls, shrubs, bushes, flowers, sheds, irrigation systems, etc. in the right-of-way, they will need to be moved before the contractor performs any private service work. Neither the contractor nor City is responsible for damages incurred to private improvements in the right-of-way. Any underground improvements, such as irrigation lines and heads, dog fences, etc., should be located and marked so they are readily visible.

Parking

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 at a neighbor's house or down the block, where your vehicle is safe and out of the way. Efforts will be made to restore access to your property as soon as it is reasonable. Access will be intermittent during underground construction and rain will also have an impact on property access. We realize access will be difficult and thank you for your patience.



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Work Area

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. Many hazards and dangers exist from heavy machinery, trenches, loose material, confined spaces, hot asphalt, etc. and oftentimes are not recognizable by the general public. The Contractor has the responsibility to ensure safety on the project and within the construction area. Any direction from the Contractor regarding safety must be heeded; likewise, if you observe an unsafe condition, please report it to the Construction Representative immediately.

Garbage

The Contractor will be responsible for managing garbage and recycling pick-up. They will provide access for trucks or haul bins to an accessible location. Please write or display your address prominently on your garbage & recycle bins. Please make sure bins are ready on the appropriate pickup day.

Mail Delivery

If necessary, the Contractor will coordinate with the postmaster to relocate your mail delivery to a temporary bank of mailboxes near your home. You will be notified of the final location once it is determined.

Turf Restoration

Seeded or sodded areas will be maintained by the contractor for 30 days following placement. After that, you will be responsible to maintain it as part of your own lawn (providing water, mowing, and other necessary care). Efficient watering practices are important to conserve water and maintain healthy turf. New seed roots take up to a year to reach full length and require at least 2 inches of water per week in three or four applications. When it rains watering reductions are appropriate.

To ensure successful turf establishment it is also important not to mow the grass too short. The first few times you mow, set the mower deck at least 3 inches high or at the highest setting. Do not cut more than half the plant off at a time. It is important to use caution when mowing the grass for the first growing season after placement and remember it is better to have long green grass than short brown grass and dirt.

Punch List

After the project is substantially complete, the contractor will be provided with a "punch list" of minor defects or uncompleted tasks. That work may take several weeks to complete and may even be in the following spring. This punch list work will require both your cooperation and patience. Please contact the Construction Representative for any issues you feel have not been satisfactorily addressed.

Winter Street Condition

Once the city's utility construction is completed the street will be left as a temporary aggregate surface. This surface will be the primary driving surface for the 2023-2024 fall/winter/spring. Jackson County will be completing the street construction in 2024 and will be in contact ahead of their project.