



Street Projects Update

Projects Affecting Strayer Avenue, Angle Street, Ford Street and Marietta Street

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Strayer Avenue Construction is Starting

It's been planned and talked about for years. The only remaining question has been when is it going to happen? Well, after various setbacks resulting in many months of delay, construction of the Strayer Avenue curb and gutter project is finally going to begin.



Just this week, we received confirmation from the construction contractor, Newcomer Concrete Services, Inc., that they are planning to get started on Monday, May 4th.

We had hoped for more of an advanced notice so we could have issued this project update to everyone further ahead of time, but unfortunately that didn't happen.



The project will replace the concrete curbs and gutters, plus replace storm water catch basins. The existing curbs and gutters are generally in poor condition and there are several locations where storm water stagnates instead of draining away properly.

Project Sequence

The project's timeline can be divided into a sequence of phases or steps. Certain steps are going to be performed by the construction contractor and other phases by Village employees.

The contractor will remove the old concrete curbs and gutters, pour new concrete curbs, gutters, and driveway aprons, plus replace storm water catch basins. Before that, however, our workers will need to remove a few rows of paver bricks along the gutters, on both sides of the street. After the contractor has finished the concrete work, then our workers will be able to get started replacing the paver bricks.



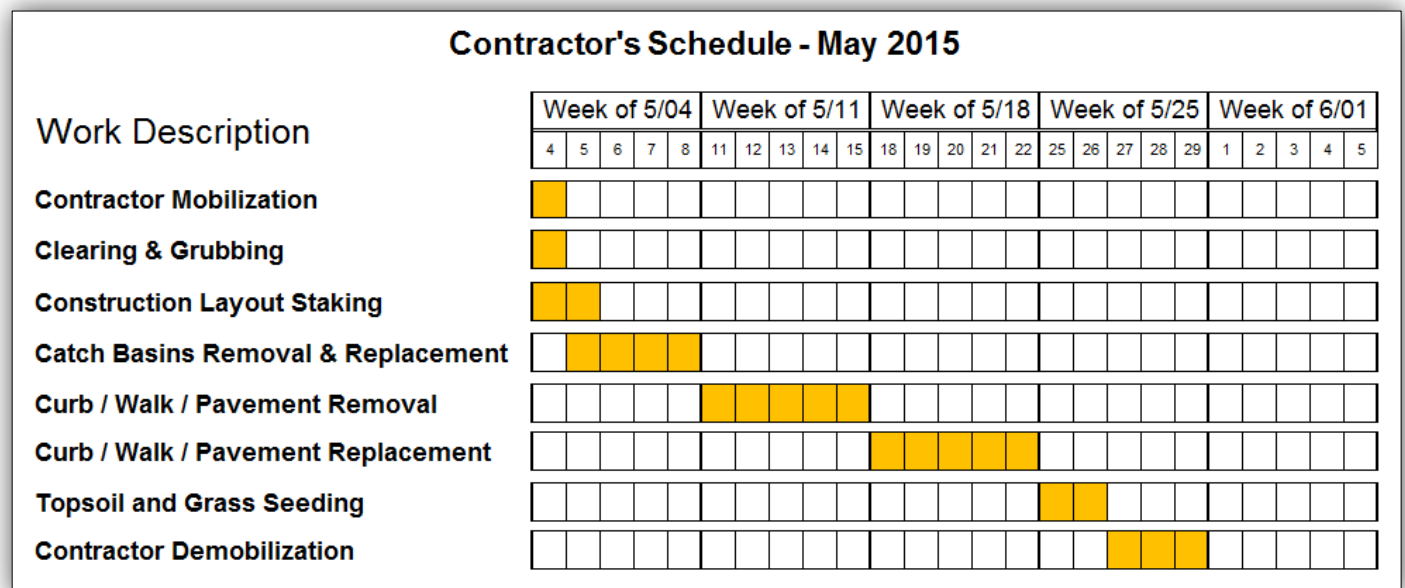
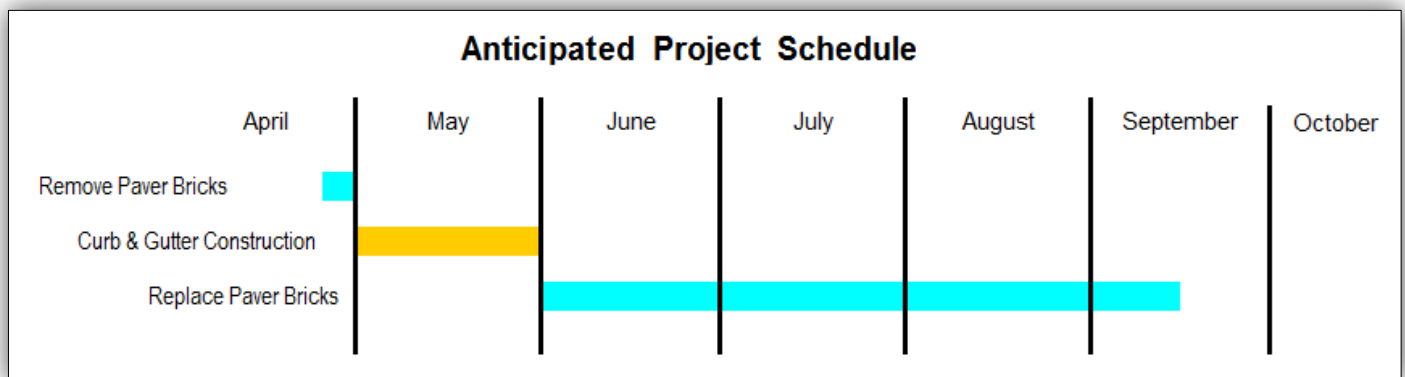
Project Schedule

One of the big questions on everyone's mind, is how long will it take to complete the project?

The following Gantt charts depict the anticipated timeline. The first chart is of the overall project while the second chart details what our contractor will be doing during May.

Our crews are currently removing and salvaging the paver bricks that would be in the contractor's way.

After the contractor's work is complete (the gold-colored bars on the charts) then Village workers will need to replace the paver bricks. Brick street laying was a labor intensive process 100 years ago when the streets were built, and it's just as labor intensive and time consuming today. And it's not just a matter of throwing bricks back into the hole. To do it properly, for the best long term results, there's a methodical process that must be followed. Therefore, the part of the schedule for replacing paver bricks (the blue-colored bar) is just an educated guesstimate at this point. It could turn out to take more or less time than what is shown on this schedule. We will certainly be making a concerted effort to shorten the construction period as practicable. Ideally, we would like to be finished by the time school resumes in August.



Traffic and Parking

As has been known all along, the project will cause inconveniences and disruptions to residents, businesses, pedestrians and motorists.

The first example of this has been the designation of one-way traffic flow on Strayer Avenue for the duration of the project.

Now we are at the point where on-street parking must be temporarily eliminated so vehicles are out of the construction zone.

Starting this week, vehicles must be moved out of the way so our workers can remove the bricks along the curbs. Orange cones will be placed as this occurs.



For the duration, Strayer residents can park in their driveways, rear entrances and even the elementary school's annex parking lot on the north side of Ford Street. The school has given us permission to do that.

Ingress and egress to driveways and alleys along Strayer Avenue will be maintained although there may be brief periods on any given day when work might be happening directly in front of an entrance. The contractor will coordinate directly with those residents as needed.

There is one period during May when access in and out of driveways and alleys will be blocked. At the point when new concrete is poured at driveway entrances, alley entrances and at Pine Hill Road, ingress and egress will be prohibited. This will be for a period of 7 to 10 days for the new concrete to cure properly. According to the contractor's schedule, above, the concrete pouring will occur during the week of May 18th.

Questions?

We are pleased that the project is finally coming to fruition, while recognizing there are still disruptions and inconveniences to endure in the coming months. Your patience through the entire project development process is much appreciated.

Future project updates will be issued as information becomes available.

In the meantime, feel free to call the village offices at 740-569-4788.

