



April 15, 2019

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

**2019 QUARTON LAKE SUBDIVISION RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**N. Glenhurst Dr. – Raynale St. to Oak St.
Raynale St. – N. Glenhurst Dr. to Chesterfield Ave.
Brookwood St. – N. Glenhurst Dr. to Raynale St.
Kenwood Ct.**

DiPonio Contracting, Inc. has been awarded the contract to perform sewer and water main improvements, and install new pavement, on the above listed streets. The project is considered general street maintenance, and the adjacent property owners are not being assessed for the majority of this work.

If you have an interest in the progress of this project, you will want to sign up for regular emails with the latest updates and announcements. You may sign up at www.bit.ly/bhamnews. The web page will ask for your contact information, and you can select from a menu of choices to be a member of the “Quarton Lake Subdivision Reconstruction” group. While most information will come through email, very important information such as this letter will be hand distributed or mailed as well.

Following is a description of what is proposed:

Starting the first week of May, the contractor will mobilize and begin work, starting with milling the asphalt pavement. The asphalt will be ground up to make it softer, but will still be able to be driven on. Next, the contractor will install storm sewer and water main, keeping access to local traffic generally available. In the meantime, a contractor working for Consumers Energy will be installing new gas mains and services within the work zones to upgrade their infrastructure at this time. The utilities are expected to be completed by early July. (Note that no underground work is planned on the east half of Kenwood Ct., since those utilities are newer.)

New sewer laterals will be installed to about 50% of the houses on the project where they do not meet current standards. A small number of homes will have their undersized water service replaced. A special assessment for these improvements applies. For those receiving an assessment, additional information has been provided in a separate notification.

During replacement of the water main, there will be short service disruptions. For all planned water shutdowns, you will be notified the night before when possible. We will avoid shutting off the water prior to 9 AM. However, when excavation is occurring in the immediate area, unplanned problems can sometimes develop. There is the risk of unannounced water outages due to the uncertain nature of any underground work. We will make every attempt to notify you of a planned outage, however, there may

be unplanned emergencies when there will be no warning. We will also attempt to notify you if we think an outage would go beyond a reasonable time, i.e., two hours. We suggest that you maintain a few gallons of water in reserve for consumption and cooking should this occur. Such storage should be replaced every few days for health reasons. After water is turned back on, it may appear rusty due to disruptions in normal pressure and flow patterns. The rust is not a health issue, but will discolor and/or stain laundry until it has been flushed out.

During the underground phase of the project, access to driveways will generally be available, except when excavation is occurring in the immediate area of your driveway. When this is occurring, City staff, or the contractor's staff will be nearby to assist.

Once all underground work is complete, the remainder of the street and drive approaches will be completely removed. A new concrete street will be installed, followed by new concrete drive approaches. (On the east half of Kenwood Ct., concrete curbs will be repaired as needed, followed by asphalt resurfacing.) Sidewalks will remain as is, except where damaged for sewer, water, or gas service connections. After all concrete work is complete, lawn areas between the sidewalk and curb will be repaired with new sod. Restoration is expected to be completed by early September.

During the paving phase, access to all streets and driveways will have to be closed. There will be a four to five-week period during road preparation and paving when access to both the road and your driveway will be impossible. This is anticipated to occur beginning in July.

Once the street is strong enough to drive on, you will be allowed to park in front of your home in the evening, as long as it is moved again the next morning by 7 AM. We will work with the contractor to schedule the drive approach installation as soon as possible after the road is paved so that the time you are restricted from using your driveway is kept to a minimum.

Parking will be allowed on adjacent streets when your driveway is not accessible. If you have health or disability issues that make these conditions difficult, please contact our office at the number below so that special considerations can be made where necessary.

Upon completion of the paving, all lawn areas between the sidewalk and the curb will be graded, and sod will be installed. All property owners in the project area with special treatments on City property, such as underground sprinklers, brick pavers, ornamental stonework, flowers, shrubs or other landscaping treatments need to be aware that if those items are in the way of work being performed by the contractor, the City will not be responsible in the event of damage to these features. The contractor will be asked to use due care in these areas, but if they are directly in the area where work must be performed, they will not be repaired as a part of the project. Additionally, contractors may accidentally damage or destroy the above described in the right-of-way in general, which the City will not be held responsible for. If you are concerned about these items, you are encouraged to remove them in advance of construction if possible.

Neither the City nor the Contractor is responsible for damage to sprinkler systems within the right-of-way. We recommend that the sprinkler systems be disconnected and/or turned off in the front of your house until the contractor has completed his work. Disconnection will help prevent damage and the inadvertent loss of water. This is the responsibility of each homeowner.

During construction, the City Inspector and contractor foreman will be on site to respond to your immediate concerns (i.e., dust, mud, entering and exiting streets and driveways). Most isolated

instances are resolved by our “field” personnel. They should be dressed in an orange vest, or you may ask others on the job site for the inspector. Should larger issues arise, feel free to call the Engineering Department at 248-530-1850.