



June 9, 2017

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

**OAK ST. PAVING PROJECT
PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Oak St. – Glenhurst Dr. to Chesterfield Ave.

DiPonio Contracting, Inc. has been awarded the contract to perform sewer and water main improvements, and install new pavement, on Oak St. As you may be aware, the City has worked with the Birmingham Public Schools staff to arrive at a new traffic configuration for this block to both maintain traffic and parking on the north side, and create a separated two-lane student drop off area for Quarton Elementary School. If you are interested in seeing plans, please contact our office at the number below. The paving work is considered street maintenance, and property owners are not being assessed for this work. Following is a description of what is proposed:

Currently, there is not a storm sewer on this block. A new one will be constructed full length. Sewer repairs will also be completed in the area of Glenhurst Dr. A new larger water main and hydrants will also be installed on the entire length of the block. New water service laterals will be installed where they do not meet the current standards. Water service laterals not being replaced will be reconnected to the new water main. 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. Sidewalks will remain as is, except where damaged for water service connections. After all concrete work is complete, lawn areas between the sidewalk and curb will be repaired with new sod.

Preparatory and utility work is tentatively set to begin the week of June 19. The project is expected to be completed by the end of August, prior to the new school season starting.

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 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. In mid-July, the paving phase will begin. At that time, access to all driveways will have to be closed. There will be a two to three week period during road preparation and paving, when access to both the road and your driveway will be impossible.

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 all 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 a sprinkler system. To reduce the chance for damage, we would appreciate if you would mark the location of any sprinkler systems along the "house" side of the sidewalk. Even if they are marked, if they are in conflict with the work area, damage should be expected. 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.