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## **Wakonda Drive Neighborhood Project**

**April 27, 2015**

**Dear Wakonda Drive Resident/Property Owner,**

The Wakonda Drive road construction project is about to get underway. As we all are partners in this very large construction project, it is our intent to keep you informed as much as possible.

The City held an informational meeting on Monday, April 27, 2015, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at New Life Lutheran Church on Wakonda Drive. A second meeting is Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at the same location. City Staff, the contractor and project engineers were available to provide information and answer questions. If you were/are unable to attend or have follow-up questions, please feel free to contact us.

In an effort to better communicate with residents impacted by this project, we would like you to provide us with an email address along with a phone number where we can reach you in the event of an emergency. You are welcome to email us at [NCISWakonda@norwalk.iowa.gov](mailto:NCISWakonda@norwalk.iowa.gov) with your email and phone number. Please use your house number/address in the subject line.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns during the Wakonda Drive road construction project. I can be reached through City Hall at 515-981-0228 option 3 or at 515-981-9527. If unavailable, leave a message and I will get back to you.

Thank you for your patience during our project.



**Tim Hoskins**

**Norwalk Public Works Director**

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**Timeline:** The contractor has indicated they will begin work on Happy Hollow Drive with the installation of sidewalks and driveway approach replacements on or about Monday, May 4. They are also indicating that the major work on Wakonda Drive will start at Lakewood Drive and progress east to Highway 28. The contractor will provide a more detailed schedule soon and we will share that with you right away.

**Disruption of Services:** Due to the extent of the project and the unknowns that may be encountered, there could be temporary disruptions to services. You will be notified in advance if there are any planned disruptions. Should any unplanned disruptions arise, we will inform you as soon as possible and let you know how long repairs will take place.

**Street Light Removals/Security:** MidAmerican Energy has already removed the street lights within the construction zone. This is necessary to allow the contractor to perform excavations without the concerns of cutting wires or hitting the poles. They will be replaced after the paving is completed. We know this has left the area dark and you are encouraged to leave your porch lights on in an effort to provide additional security at night. Norwalk Police are touring this area on a more frequent basis to provide added security.

**Fire and EMS:** Naturally there have been questions asked about response from the Fire department and EMS in the case of an emergency. The fire department has adequate equipment to address any fire occurrences. They will have enough hose to reach any locations in the construction zone as well as smaller vehicles that can be driven through the work zone if needed. Ambulance service can be delivered and maintained on an as needed basis. The fire department is well aware of the project and is ready to respond if needed.

**Sewer Work and Noise:** A new sanitary sewer main will be installed between Old Orchard Drive and Maplecrest Drive. As the contractor is replacing the sanitary sewer main, they will need to have a pump running continuously to transfer waste around the area where the work is taking place. This pump will be running 24 hours a day. There is no way to avoid this. The sewer replacement will proceed as quickly as possible but can be a time consuming process. With good weather it is estimated this process to take three (3) weeks. Connections from each property to the new main may take another two (2) weeks.

**Parking:** During a majority of this project, you will have access to your driveway. There will be times when work is taking place, directly in front of your property, when access will not be available. During such times, parking along a side street will be available and if not we will notify you in advance of your options. Please let us know if you have any special transportation needs.

**Mailbox Locations and Numbering:** Due to the extent of the work that will be performed, it will be necessary to remove all mail boxes along Wakonda Drive. During this time group mail boxes will be placed in predetermined locations. (Please refer to the attached map.) Your address will be placed on the appropriate box and you will be notified of the location. This has been discussed and approved by the Norwalk Post Office. Let us know if you have any questions/concerns with this process.

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