

Wakonda Drive Neighborhood Project

Timeline: The contractor has commenced work on the sidewalks of Happy Hollow. They have also started to set up signs for the work on Wakonda which will start at the intersection of Lakewood Drive and move east to Hwy 28, in the next couple of weeks.

Disruption of Services: There may be temporary disruptions to your water service during this project. There are several places where fire hydrants need to be moved which will require those water mains to be shut off for a short time. We will make every effort to provide you with advanced notice. This work will take place during the day and service will be restored that afternoon.

Street Light Removals/Security: We realize that the area is dark due to the removal of the street lights. You are encouraged to leave your porch lights on in an effort to provide additional security at night. Norwalk Police are in this area on a more frequent basis to provide added security.

Fire and EMS: Just as a reminder, the fire department and EMS are prepared to respond in the case of an emergency. They are aware of the project and up to date on activities as they take place.

Sewer Work: Just after school is out the work on the new sewer line is scheduled to start. This will consist of installing a new main down the center of the street on Wakonda, between Old Orchard Drive and Maplecrest Drive. The sewer replacement will proceed as quickly as possible but can be a time consuming process. The new main is deep and will require the excavated dirt to be placed on both sides of the street temporarily. During this time, a temporary sidewalk is planned to assist residents getting to and from their properties by foot. (See below for information on parking vehicles along this area). This process is estimated to take three (3) weeks, with good weather. Connections from each property to the new main may take an additional two (2) weeks.

Parking: During a majority of this project, which involves the removal and replacement of the curb and gutter, sidewalk installation, and asphalt overlay, you will have access to your driveway. However, there will be times when work is taking place directly in front of your home, when access will not be available. During such times, parking on 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.

There will be special permit parking on side streets for the residents who live between Old Orchard Drive and Maplecrest Drive, where the new sewer is being installed. Those residents will receive a special permit that will allow them to park in the designated areas during the times they are not be able to get into their driveways.

Temporary Mailbox Locations and Numbering: Due to the extent of the work being performed, it will be necessary to remove all mail boxes along Wakonda Drive. During this time, group mailboxes 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 its location. This has been discussed and approved by the Norwalk Post Office. Let us know if you have any questions/concerns with this process.

Communication: We will continue to send out electronic updates on the progress of this project. If we do not already have your e-mail address, please provide it to us at NCISWakonda@norwalk.iowa.gov, so that we can keep you informed. We would prefer to use e-mail as much as possible; however, we do understand that not everyone has e-mail access. If this is the case for you, please contact us so that we may get your phone number on file.

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