

Construction! Construction! Construction!

Well if you thought last year was hectic with the construction of Stillwater Road and the work down in the Echo Lake Development, wait until you see what the City is planning to get done in the 2020 construction season.

First off there is the rehabilitation of Birchwood Road and Lost Lake Court. New curbing and pavement will be part of this project. In addition, the City will be upgrading the 70 year-old water main on Birchwood Road that supplies water to several Mahtomedi and Birchwood residents. Relining of the sanitary sewer will also take place as part of a separate construction project. Finally, an off-road segment of the Lake Links Trail will be constructed along the north side of Birchwood Road from Wildwood Beach Road to the City limits.

The next project for 2020 is Dahlia Street from Mahtomedi Avenue to Warner Avenue. This project will consist of curbing, new pavement, and certain storm sewer improvements. In addition to the street improvements, a new larger sized watermain will be installed along the entire route.

The 3rd large project for 2020 is the extension of sanitary sewer and water to an area of the City where it currently is not available. Bevins Lane and the eastern portion of Bichner Lane are currently not served by City sewer and water. In addition to these 2 streets the City will be extending sanitary sewer along the private street, Talahi Drive. Talahi Drive is already served by City water.

The 4th public infrastructure adventure is primarily a storm sewer and pond maintenance project. Certain ponds along East Avenue and Long Lake Road will be dredged out. New storm sewers are proposed to be installed to an outlet, to a pond on Hallam Avenue and to solve drainage problems on Harmony Drive and Park Avenue. Finally, a storm water pumping station is planned for the pond on Robert Street near Florence Avenue.

Now for the pièce de résistance, the City is beginning the final phase of the street and utility reconstruction in the Historic District. The initial portion of Phase 4 of the Historic District are those streets north from Neptune Street to the north border with the City of Dellwood all west of Mahtomedi Avenue (TH 244). Those streets include Neptune Street, Oak Street, Park Avenue, Pine Street, Quail Street, Rose Street, Tamarack Street and Tip Top Lane. The majority of these streets will be getting curbing, storm sewer, new pavement and gravel, new properly sized watermains, valves, hydrants and new water services to the property lines. Several of the sanitary sewers will also be relined as part of a separate contract.

If all that wasn't enough, the City will also be contracting for the annual sealcoating, crack sealing and street line painting work. Also as previously mentioned there will be a sewer relining project going on in 2020. Of course, there is some work on Stillwater Road and in the Echo Lake area that didn't get finished last year so watch for that, too!

So be wary of construction signage, workers in vests, detour signs and construction equipment. Please slow down in construction zones for everyone's safety. It is going to be a hectic season in 2020 and everyone's help is needed.