



Weekly Reader

Public Works & Engineering Department

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Department Updates

Enjoy this beautiful weather and grab your bike or take a walk along the **Illinois & Michigan Canal Trail!** To prepare for the Canal bike path restorations from 7th St to 2nd St (more info on that project below!), our Street Department was very busy **clearing the area of all encroaching brush and tree limbs.** It looks great!



The Water Department was also out and about **flushing fire hydrants in the Cedar Ridge and Silo Bend subdivisions** as well as the **151st St warehouse district.** They're also continuing **GIS locating in Abbey Glen and Bonnie Brae/Forest Manor.**

Some good news from STP – the rainstorm on Saturday, September 10, provided an opportunity for STP staff to **test the North Primary Tank Bypass Project** that was recently completed in-house. We are happy to report the **bypass functioned as intended for the duration of the rain event.** This was **proof of the functionality and heightened efficiency** of the process change, which of course was the goal!

Project & Development Updates

- The **Canal Bike Path** from 7th St to 2nd St has been completed. A **chip seal coating** was added to the new asphalt to provide a **historical look** to the path as required by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). IDNR witnessed and approved the chip seal coating on Saturday, September 10.
- **East bound 159th St at Farrell Rd** - The right turn lane was changed to be a straight through lane or right turn lane to help **minimize traffic backup** on 159th St.
- **Sod restorations** are taking place in the right-of-way along **Farrell Rd** as part of the **Resurfacing Project**, as well as throughout **Kelvin Grove** as part of the **Kelvin Grove Waterman Replacement Project.**

Upcoming

- **ComEd is continuing with a pole/line replacement project** throughout the City. They are working along Division St from Gougar Rd to Farrell Rd and along Farrell Rd to Bruce Rd.
- **Redwood** will be paving their bike path along 163rd in the coming week.