



# Weekly Reader

Public Works & Engineering Department

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## Department Updates

Fall is here! As we begin to lose some daylight, our Street Department is continuing to **upgrade streetlights** throughout the City with **LED lightbulbs**. One important benefit of LEDs is that their bright, wide light pattern creates **safer conditions** for drivers and pedestrians. Additionally, they are **environmentally friendly** since they use energy more efficiently and produce less light pollution than traditional streetlight bulbs.

Speaking of upgrades, check out this **beautiful new drinking fountain** our Water Department installed this week! It is located near the intersection of **9<sup>th</sup> St & State St** and will certainly come in handy when strolling through the downtown area. The **vintage look** also encapsulates the City's historic pride. We are always striving to **enhance beautification while making functional improvements!**

Improvements are continuing to be made at STP as well. This week, the **rehab and replacement of the north and south STP electrical conduits and boxes** were completed by a contractor with the help of STP staff. This was done as a **safety upgrade** and to ensure there is sufficient power for the equipment.



New drinking fountain, 9th St & State St

## Upcoming

- The **2022 Stormwater Program** will begin mobilizing next week. The project includes **grading and shaping ditches, inlet installation, and storm sewer installation** along both sides of **Gougar Road** between Bruce Road and Division Street. It also includes **grading and shaping ditches** along **Bruce Road** west of Gougar Road.
- **The City's Fall Branch Pickup Program will begin Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. In order to participate in this program, residents must place their branches at the edge of the parkway, cut ends facing the street, **prior to the start date**. Crews will make **one pass through the City**, which can take up to two weeks to complete.