



# Weekly Reader

Public Works & Engineering Department

September 30, 2022

## Department Updates

As temperatures cool off, we are finishing up some outdoor restorations. Our street department has spent the week **painting the interior and exterior of the Scale House**. Many years ago, the Scale House was used by local farmers to weigh grain. It was **constructed between 1848 and 1855** as part of the Norton Grain Warehouse operation, which is now home to Betsy's Yarn & Tea Shop, the Illinois State Museum-Lockport Gallery, and some apartments. Our street department has worked diligently to **preserve the historical integrity** of the Scale House while keeping it in great condition!

Our water department has been focusing on safety this week by **checking and updating each Chemical Emergency Response Plan** for all of the well houses, booster station, and sewage treatment plant. This is a biennial requirement of the **Will County Emergency Management Agency** to ensure local agencies are **prepared in the case of a chemical release**. We're happy to report that our plans have been approved!



Scale House



Old skimmer arm

Newly fabricated skimmer arm

The STP department continues to focus on safety and maintenance as well. This week, they have begun the **North Plant Clarifier repairs**, starting with the northwest clarifier. The crew **fabricated a new skimmer arm return** for the scum beach, as the old one had begun rusting away. The removal of scum during clarification is an **essential step** to decrease organic loadings and scum buildup in subsequent treatment processes. The newly fabricated replacement will be in service for **many years to come!**

## Project & Development Updates

- **Kelvin Grove Water Main Replacement Project** - Austin Tyler will be resuming work next week.
- **2022 Resurfacing Project** - Work will resume on 151<sup>st</sup> St from Farrell Rd to Gougar Rd starting October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **2022 Storm Water Project** will begin next week.
- **Bruce Road Bridge** - Asphalt work will begin next week.

## Other News

The City's **Fall Branch Pickup Program** will begin **Monday, October 3rd**. 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.