



# Weekly Reader

Public Works & Engineering Department

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## *Department Updates*

Branch pickup is wrapping up! The **street department began picking up branches on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** and is finishing its one pass through the City. The street department **maintains parkway trees year-round** but is proud to offer this **additional biannual service** to allow residents to dispose of tree branches and brush as a result of personal yard work. Last October, the street department **picked up and chipped 11 truckloads** worth of branches!

The **water department has been busy assisting with the Kelvin Grove Rear Yard Water Main Replacement Project**. This week, they've been **installing new water meters and water services**. These new water services are a **significant infrastructure improvement** that residents rely on daily, and their impact will be felt for decades to come. Additionally, moving the water main from rear yards to the front of these properties will provide easier access and **minimize impact to residents** in the event of a main break or valve repair.

Over at STP, the North Plant **west secondary clarifier repairs were completed**, with the east secondary clarifier repairs underway! Repairs are being performed at the **Bonnie Brae treatment plant** as well. In the administrative building, a **new exhaust fan** was installed, and two light fixtures were replaced with **LEDs**. In the blower room, a light fixture was repaired, and in the chemical room, a light fixture was replaced. **Sight piping color code painting** has begun at both treatment plants to **improve safety and efficiency**. This will allow the crew to **quickly identify** the piping and any hazards they may contain.

## *Project & Development Updates*

- **Canal Bike Path** - Limestone was upgraded to concrete along the west end of the parking lot at Heritage Village
- **2022 Storm Water Project** - Improvements began on Gougar Road on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Bruce Road Bridge** – Bruce Road was milled and resurfaced near Lockport Fire Department on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

## *Other News*

**115 parkway trees were planted** this week as part of the **City's annual Free Parkway Tree Program**. This program aims to **replace parkway trees** that were previously removed due to being dead or diseased. The City provides this service at **no cost to residents**, and it is available on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition to resident requests, locations are also chosen based on our City arborists' determination of areas in need throughout the City. We will make a **continued effort to replace as many trees as possible** each year because they are beneficial to the City for many reasons. To name a few, trees produce oxygen (no big deal!), clean our air, help manage stormwater run-off, reduce urban temperatures, and provide habitats and food to animals. **We look forward to seeing these new, beautiful trees leaf out in the spring after they spend the rest of the fall focusing on developing strong root systems.**