



# Weekly Reader

Public Works & Engineering Department

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## Department Updates

As the weather shifts from snow to rain, the **Public Works and Engineering Department** has some helpful information when it comes to residential storm water drainage. Following a significant weather event (e.g. heavy rainfall, rapid thaw of heavy snow/ice accumulation), storm water drainage may take up to 72 hours to clear from one's yard. This is how the design was intended. Please allow for this amount of time to pass following the inclement weather event. It is good practice to extend your downspouts and sump pumps away from your home to keep storm water from collecting in your yard and basements. Keep in mind, sump pumps are not allowed to discharge on sidewalks, driveways, or streets. Downspouts and sump pumps should also discharge a minimum of ten (10) feet from your property line to prevent creating a nuisance for neighbors.



The **Sewer Department** has been performing flow monitoring studies on manholes throughout the City. It was discovered that several sanitary sewer manholes were buried. With the help of **all Public Works Departments** and an outside contractor, all 10 manholes have been brought up to grade!

## Project Updates

- **16<sup>th</sup> Street and Madison Street Water Main Replacement and Roadway Reconstruction Project** - Utility locating is ongoing for the upcoming project. JULIE and City personnel have been painting lines and installing small flags locating existing underground utilities across the whole project limits including 16th Street (State Street to Madison Street); 17th Street (Madison Street to Lawrence Avenue); South Street (Madison Street to Lawrence Avenue); Lawrence Avenue (18th Street to 17th Street); Madison Street (17th Street to Lawrence Avenue); Lawrence Avenue (South Street to Division Street); Madison Street (Division Street to 9th Street). Public notice for construction and lead letters were also sent out to residents via door hangers.

## Other News

Wolverine Pipe Line is clearing vegetation along their easement on 151<sup>st</sup> Street and Farrell Road to protect their pipeline from trees and roots that may interfere. This will also allow overhead visibility.