



# Weekly Reader

Public Works & Engineering Department

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## Department Updates

The **Street Department** spent the week **trimming parkway trees** in the Victoria Crossing subdivision. **Public safety is the City's main priority when trimming parkway trees.** They are trimmed to allow **safe clearance for both pedestrians and vehicles**, including delivery trucks, snow plow trucks, and garbage trucks. Additionally, the Public Works Department must ensure that all **parkway signage is clearly visible, fire hydrants are easily accessible, and streetlights remain unobstructed.** In addition to public safety, tree trimming is done to promote **healthy, safe, and attractive tree growth** for many years to come. Parkway tree trimming is currently completed on an **8-year cycle.** Therefore, the amount of trimming performed is designed to accommodate **anticipated growth and ensure safety for the next 8 years.** If a homeowner desires to hire a landscaper for parkway tree trimming, a **Parkway Tree Permit Form is required.** Permits must be submitted for approval to the Public Works & Engineering Department. **Permit forms can be found on the City's website by visiting the Services tab and clicking Parkway Trees.**

The **Water Department** received the **highest standard** of compliance in accordance with the **2022 Illinois Fluoridation Act.** This award recognizes and commends our community water system for **maintaining perfect compliance in 2022** for 12 consecutive months in accordance with the **Illinois Public Water Supply Regulation Act.** Community water fluoridation is a highly effective **disease prevention program** that on a yearly basis reaches **98.4%** of the Illinois population. **Maximum oral health benefits** are provided to the public when the levels of fluoride are maintained within the optimal range. **Way to go, City of Lockport Water Department!**



The **Sewer Department** is working to complete the maintenance on the **Division St Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Clarifier.** The **Secondary Clarifier** serves as the **final settling tank** in the wastewater treatment system. It allows the biological mass to settle out, leaving the **clean, reclaimed water** to exit the tank and be **reintroduced into the environment.** The settled biological mass is either returned to the aeration tank to work again or **dewatered into a fertilizer.** This equipment is in operation **24 hours a day, 365 days a year,** so proper maintenance is key in **prolonging its useful life to ensure uninterrupted service to City of Lockport residents!**



## Other News

The **City's Spring Branch Pickup Program will begin Monday, May 1st.** 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.