



Weekly Reader

Public Works & Engineering Department

August 4, 2023

Department Updates

The **Street Department** picked up a very special guest this week – the **new Steampunk Lincoln!** This fun statue is a part of the **Summer Art Series**, an organization that promotes **art, tourism, and commerce** in the City of Lockport through **exciting events, engaging activities, and unique artistic experiences** made possible by numerous sponsors and a dedicated committee. This particular statue was generously donated by Homer Tree Care, Inc. Our Street Department buckled him up and **safely delivered him to Lincoln Landing** – they are always working behind the scenes to help make Lockport **safe and enjoyable** for our residents! Head over to one of our **upcoming events** and say hello to Steampunk Lincoln (and our Street Department crew!). We still have several **Monday evening car shows** and another **Friday in the Park** celebration coming up. Check out our [Facebook page](#) or [website](#) for more information!



Our **Water Department** had a full week of work orders including **replacing broken b-box lids, flushing hydrants, and advising residents on various issues.** One issue in particular that residents sometimes report is **low water pressure.** When we receive an isolated report of this, one of our water operators will stop by the residence to **investigate by measuring the water pressure** at an outside spigot. If the pressure reading is normal, we will try to **help the resident diagnose an internal issue** or advise them to call a plumber. In many cases, **an issue with a water softener can lead to low water pressure.** A way to test this is to **set the water softener to “bypass” mode.** If the water pressure increases once this is done, then it's clear the issue is resulting from the water softener. Our Water Department **routinely meets with residents** when a concern is brought to our attention and is **happy to help resolve an issue.**

The **Sewer Department** is seeking approval to **replace the submersible pumps at the New Avenue Lift Station,** as they have reached the end of their useful lives. The current pumps have been in place since the station was constructed and are starting to fail. In order to **ensure the station stays online and continues servicing the community,** both pumps need to be replaced. This work will be expensed from the 2023 sewer system maintenance fund provided it receives **City Council approval on August 16.** A wastewater system requires an **immense amount of maintenance,** and we're glad our crew stays on top of it to let us know what is needed to **keep everything running smoothly!**

Project Updates

- **16th St & Madison St Reconstruction Project** - All paving was inspected, and the City determined several areas need to be ground out and repaved to ensure the highest pavement quality. Roadway striping will be scheduled once repaving is complete. Tree installation is scheduled for the week of August 7.
- **Briggs St Lift Station** - Concrete reinforcement continued to be delivered for the enclosure footing.
- **2023 Resurfacing Project** - Surface was completed on Strawberry Hill Dr & Peachtree Ln. Clover Ridge concrete removal will begin Monday, August 7.
- **2023 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Televising** - Kelvin Grove area was completed.
- **2023 Sidewalk Program** - Concrete pouring began Monday, July 31 and will continue until complete.