



Weekly Reader

Public Works & Engineering Department

September 1, 2023

Department Updates

The **Street Department** has been completing **asphalt restorations** throughout the City as a result of water main breaks and general necessary maintenance. Roadway patching is a **cost-effective maintenance operation** used to repair potholes and other pavement disintegration to prevent further degradation and therefore **prolong the life of the roadway**. Regular and thoughtful maintenance is key to **ensuring all City roadways remain safe and operational**.

The **Water Department** spent the week performing some crucial maintenance as well. **They repaired two water valves, a buffalo box, and a fire hydrant**. Water valves are used to direct flow, shut off water access, prevent backflow, and safely relieve system pressure if a pressure spike occurs. Our crew performed **tune-ups** on a couple of water valves that were slightly leaking, and they're now in **optimal working condition**. They also **repaired a damaged buffalo box (b-box)**. B-boxes are used to shut off water to structures so repairs can be made to the internal plumbing system. Our crew **hydro-excavated the b-box and rendered it accessible** again so the necessary repairs could be made by the homeowner. The Water Department finished the week with a **fire hydrant repair** – fire hydrants are essential for adequate fire protection so their reliability and continued maintenance is critical.



Project Updates

- **2023 Resurfacing**- Gallagher Asphalt installed hot mix asphalt surface course in Clover Ridge and began concrete removal and replacement in Karen Springs. Concrete work will continue into next week.
- **2023 Pavement Marking** - City Council voted to approve the project award to **Precision Pavement Markings, Inc.** on August 2. Work began Tuesday, August 29.
- **2023 Crack Filling** - City Council voted to approve the project award to **Denler, Inc.** on August 2. Work is scheduled to begin mid-September.
- **2023 Storm Water Project** - The bid opening was held on August 24, and **Austin Tyler** was the apparent lowest responsible bidder. City Council will vote to approve the project award on September 6.

Upcoming

City offices will be closed Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.

Fall Hydrant Flushing will begin in mid-September.