



Weekly Reader

Public Works & Engineering Department

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Department Updates

The **Street Department** maintains all of the parkway trees throughout the City which includes removing trees that are dead or diseased. Each parkway tree removal consists of three work orders: **removal, stump grind, and restoration**. To utilize our crews and equipment the **most efficiently**, the Street Department completes each set of work orders in large batches. For example, they'll spend several weeks solely focusing on **removing dead/diseased parkway trees**. Then they'll return at a later date to **grind the stumps** from those removals, which is **what they have been working on this past week**. With this current batch, they'll be grinding a total of **28 stumps** throughout the City. **Stump removal is beneficial** because it eliminates a trip hazard, provides more lawn space and makes mowing easier, removes potential pests, stops tree disease from spreading, and improves the aesthetics of our City. In the spring, these areas will all be **fully restored** with grass seed.



The **Water Department** replaced a **fire hydrant** that was struck by a vehicle near 151st Street and Cove Avenue. A broken fire hydrant is a **public safety issue** so our **first responders worked quickly** to restore it back to working order, **ensuring the safety of all the nearby residents who rely on it in case of a fire emergency**. The surrounding area was temporarily filled in with stone and will be **fully restored** with dirt and seed in the spring.

Important upgrades continue at the **Division Street Sewage Treatment Plant** – the **new fuel island is almost complete!** The diesel and gasoline pumps are now active, and the **STP crew is installing safety bollards** to protect the fuel station along the roadway. This new fuel station will ensure that Public Works always has a **plentiful amount of fuel readily available**.

Project & Development Recap

In 2022, the **Engineering Department** administered the design and construction of nearly **\$20 million worth of capital infrastructure improvements**, inspected the installation of **\$12 million of public and private development**, and reviewed and approved over **\$3.5 million of future development plans**. Cheers to another successful year!