



Weekly Reader

Public Works & Engineering Department

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Department Updates

The **Water Department** has been busy **locating underground utilities** for the upcoming gas relocation work that will be taking place along 9th Street. Properly identifying the locations of our City's underground utilities is **crucial to prevent damage during digging**. Our water operators use specialized devices to precisely locate these utilities and then mark the areas with spray paint and flags.



The Water Department has been assisting the **Sewer Department** with some **important locating as well**. They spent this week **verifying locations of sanitary manholes** and **recording their geographic coordinates**. This information is then **uploaded into the City's GIS database**. GIS is a system that **manages, analyzes, and maps** all types of data. This enables the City to **easily identify and understand various patterns and relationships**. GIS is particularly useful in **tracking infrastructure maintenance, issues, and repairs** so the City can be proactive in planning and prioritizing future projects.

The **Street Department** spent this week doing what they do best – which is a little bit of everything! Crews tackled all sorts of maintenance such as **patching potholes, upgrading streetlights to LED, repairing street signs, and cleaning garbage and debris** from City right-of-ways. You may not always notice these tasks being performed in the background, but that's kind of the goal! Public Works is always working swiftly to ensure City infrastructure **remains safe and operational** so our residents can comfortably carry on with their day. We hope all of the upgraded streetlights guide you home safely after a night of **responsible St. Patrick's Day celebrations!**



Project & City Updates

- **16th St and Madison St Reconstruction Project** - Underground work is scheduled for next week, weather permitting.
- **Wolverine Pipeline Company finished vegetation clearing** on 151st St and Farrell Rd. They are continuing to stump grind into next week, followed by dirt & seed restorations.