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# PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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*This newsletter will be updated and distributed periodically by the City of Peoria to keep you informed about the construction project in your neighborhood. We hope it will answer many of your questions about the project. Please keep it for handy reference to many important names and telephone numbers.*

From the Office of the City Engineer: Jeffrey M. Smith, P.E. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

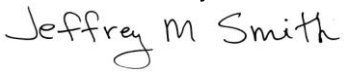
## W. Ridge Road Sidewalk & Ornamental Street Lighting Improvement Project

The Ridge Road Sidewalk and Ornamental Street Lighting Project is about to get underway. We view this project as a partnership, with the Contractor, **Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc.**, the City of Peoria, the businesses, and residents, as stakeholders in the project.

The City of Peoria and the Contractor are pledged to provide the best possible project.

**Resident Engineer Laura Savorgino** is the best source for answers to questions and resolutions to problems. Please feel free to contact her at **303-8657** any time you need information.

As with any project, there will be some inconvenience; however, we will make every attempt to keep it at a minimum. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
  
Jeffrey M. Smith, P.E.  
City Engineer



## Construction Schedule (Begins Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 2011)

West Ridge Road, from North Isabell Ave. to North Sheridan Rd. will be improved with the removal of all existing curb and sidewalk, which will be replaced with combination curb and sidewalk having a width of 5 and ½ feet. All existing driveway approaches will be removed and replaced with Portland Concrete Cement pavement along the roadway. Existing entrance walks and driveways behind the sidewalks shall be removed, and replaced for adjustment purposes, only as necessary.

Additionally, a new city standard ornamental street lighting system will be installed. All disturbed areas will be restored with sod. Lastly, the entire length of the project's street pavement will receive a mill and overlay.

Weather permitting, the **construction** on the Improvement is scheduled to **begin Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** with pavement sawcutting on the south side of the road. Crews will be cutting in the "gutter" area to separate the existing curb from the pavement.

On Monday, Sept. 19th, the crews will be removing those areas at the front of the gutter flag, and the sidewalk and driveway approaches on the south side of the roadway.

The removals will take approximately a month on this side. **At this point, you will lose access to your driveway and it will be necessary for you to park on the opposite side of the street from the construction efforts.** If you have a medical condition that makes it necessary for you to have access to your driveway, please let us know so that temporary provisions can be made.

## Construction Schedule, continued...



**Children are welcome to view the work and equipment, but only under direct parental supervision. A work site is dangerous to the uninitiated or unwary!**

The contractor will, at times, take the parking lane of the street for staging of materials and equipment. Also, **construction workers will be present.**

***Motorists are urged to use caution in the construction area at all times.***



Excavation and granular base placement in the sidewalk and driveway areas will be next. Once that work is completed, the contractor will place the new curb, sidewalk, and driveways.

***One travel lane in each direction will be kept open at all times.***

All **light foundations** and underground conduits will be installed with the sidewalk construction. The poles and fixtures do take a few months to manufacture and ship, so you may not see them up until late in the year.

The poles and fixtures can be installed over the winter if they come in.

**Milling operations** will be performed on the project late fall, weather dependent. A new asphalt surface will be laid on the entire project once the milling of the old surface is completed.

*Construction sequencing during the placement of the new asphalt pavement will cause short-term traffic delays.*

Lastly, the landscaping contractor will perform **topsoil and sod work** after the new pavement is placed.

We will endeavor to **complete this project** by the end of the current construction season. However, the lighting may be completed during the winter months. As always, that is dependent upon the fall weather.

## Contractor

**Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc. (ICCI)** performs civil infrastructure, site work and concrete work for the State of Illinois, various cities, municipalities, and private developers. ICCI's management team combines over 100 years of construction experience. Employees, both in the field and the office, serve as the heart of all activities and incorporate innovative approaches to construction. ICCI will strive to include all residents and business

owners in the partnering process to complete this project.

Illinois Civil Contractors has assembled experienced **subcontractors** for this project. They are:

**CJL Landscaping** – Landscaping and Sod Work.

**Advanced Electric** – Electrical Items; and

**Tazewell County Asphalt** – Bituminous Street Overlay.

These companies have extensive experience and expertise in their areas of specialty, and they have worked on City projects in the past.

## Contractor's Project Manager

**Jay Austin**, 303-1981, has been selected as the Project Manager on this roadway improvement.

Jay is an Illinois State University graduate, with a Construction Management degree. Jay has over 10 years of construction

experience and has been with ICCI since 2003.

In his capacity as a Project Manager, Jay has been integrally involved in numerous ICCI-built projects. He will be on the job daily and involved with all aspects of the construction work.

You may contact him at 309-303-1981. If you have any concerns or questions regarding ICCI's work on the improvement project, please call **Jay**.

## Resident Engineer for the City of Peoria

**Laura Savorgino**, of the City of Peoria's Engineering Division, graduated from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. She joined the Engineering Division in June of 1996. Since that time, Laura has overseen a variety of construction projects on behalf of the City of Peoria.

Laura was the Resident Engineer on the Mt. Hawley Connector Road Project at Knoxville Avenue, the Forrest Hill (Dries Lane to Sterling)

Reconstruction Project, the Holly Hedges/ Devereux Drive Drainage Improvement Project, the Lynnhurst Subdivision Ornamental Street Lighting Improvement, and the Easton Place Street and Ornamental Lighting Improvement, among many others.

Recently, Laura acted as Resident Engineer on the University Street & Glen Avenue Intersection Improvement.

BE ASSURED, that she will give the West Ridge Road Project the attention it is due.

Laura is concerned with the project's progress, as well as its economics, and she will work hard in partnering with the contractors, property owners, businesses, and for the citizens of Peoria, to gain favorable results for all involved.

**Laura's** mobile phone number is **303-8657**. Her cell phone is equipped with Voicemail, so please leave a message if she is unable to answer when you call.



Laura Savorgino

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***Motorists should be aware of the barricades and work activities, which will be ever-changing due to the nature of a construction project.***

## ??? Common Questions ???

### ⇒ Concrete Cracking

All Portland cement concrete will crack. By its very nature, concrete does not do well under the tension created as the material cures and gains strength. This tension is the reason the grooves are placed. By providing these grooves, we introduce a point of weakness to cause the crack to be in the bottom of the groove. Also in an effort to control the cracking, expansion joints are placed at about 40-foot intervals. Further, small fibers are placed within the concrete. All

these efforts--control, expansion joints, and fiber--are attempts to control cracking. In addition to these measures, all materials used are inspected to ensure their compliance to job specifications. All project personnel are concerned about the quality of the finished product.

### ⇒ Contractor Doing Private Work

One question often raised is: "Can the contractor do work on my private property?" The City has

no objection to our contractor doing work for adjacent property owners while constructing the W. Ridge Road project. The Resident Engineer will coordinate that work with the City's contractor. The cost of private work cannot be added to your assessment; it must be paid directly to the contractor. If you wish to use a different contractor for private work, you may. Again, the Resident Engineer will coordinate the work.

### *A winter "helpful hint"*

To keep your new sidewalk in good shape: Refrain from using de-icing chemicals such as salt or calcium chloride on new concrete. Instead, use sand or kitty litter, for traction.

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**Scott Reise** is a graduate of Bradley University and has been on staff with the City of Peoria's Engineering Division since March, 2004. His background and talent affords the City Engineer to also utilize him as a Project Manager in the Capital Projects Section.

Scott is a licensed Professional Engineer and served as the Assistant Resident Engineer for the West Forrest Hill reconstruction project (from Dries Lane to Sterling Avenue), and was Resident Engineer on the Wilhelm Road/Radnor Road Extension Project in Growth Cell 1A and the Rebecca Arbor Project.



Scott Reise, P.E.

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**We're on the Web!**

See us at:

[www.ci.peoria.il.us/public-works](http://www.ci.peoria.il.us/public-works)

Our role is to help provide, operate and maintain the infrastructure to support our growing community, whether it is sidewalks, drainage or new roads. As members of this community, we all play a role in how that infrastructure is used and how well it works. Therefore, we encourage you to learn more about Public Works.

### *Trash Collection...*

Vehicles in the area from the construction activities may affect your refuse collection. Sometimes collection schedules may be changed to occur before construction workers and equipment arrive, and sometimes schedules cannot be changed and collection must occur during the time construction activities are underway. To assist in the refuse collection process and minimize the possibility of missed collections during the construction of your project:

1. Please be sure that all containers are set out for collection **by 6:00 a.m.**, and remove empty containers as promptly as possible after collection.
2. Make sure that all containers are placed as closely as possible to the collection vehicle's travel path.

