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**IL 251 Sidewalk Improvements
Construction Update #2
May 12, 2023**

Scope of Work:

The removal and replacement of the sidewalks along the west side of IL 251 between Shoreland Road and Peachtree Court. Reconstruction will include the removal and replacement of driveway aprons.

As a Reminder - During Construction:

1. The Contractor will temporarily close outside southbound lane of IL 251 between 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM. The lane closure will generally be installed only in the area where the Contractor is working (or in other words, the closure will not span from Shoreland to Peachtree every day). The inside southbound lane will remain open to traffic.
2. We will distribute construction updates throughout the course of the project to (1) keep you informed of construction activities and, (2) to help you plan appropriately. You will generally receive one update per week, typically on Fridays. However, there may be times where you will receive multiple updates in the same week. Construction updates will be distributed to your homes throughout the duration of the project, so please check your mailbox frequently. Updates will also be available on the Village's website at <https://machesneypark.org/construction-alerts-updates/>.
3. Under the contract, the Contractor is to set aside landscaping within the right of way that you wish to preserve. However, if the Contractor is unable to make contact with you they will dispose of the landscaping. We therefore strongly recommend that you remove any landscaping that is located in the right of way that you wish to preserve ahead of the construction, or otherwise clearly mark the landscaping that you wish to preserve with white paint or flags.
4. If you have an "invisible fence", sprinkler head(s) and/or an underground sprinkler system in close proximity to, or within the right of way, please make provisions to relocate those items onto private property as soon as possible in order to prevent damage during construction. Additionally, we recommend that you mark the sprinkler heads/system with white paint and/or flags until they can be relocated.

5. The project involves utility agencies, contractors and subcontractors. Needless to say, there will be a lot of construction activity occurring over the course of the next two months, and many of the activities may occur concurrently with each other at different locations within the project area. There may be times where travel is difficult or slow, so please use patience and exercise caution when you are driving within the construction zone.
6. We will do our best to let you know 24 hours in advance of foreseeable issues that will affect you, such as loss of driveway access, etc., so that you may plan appropriately.
7. There will be times when you will lose access to your driveways throughout the course of construction. We estimate that you will not have direct access to your driveways for approximately 5-7 days throughout duration of the project. The Contractor will work with you to make arrangements for you to access your property. Again, you will be notified before driveway access is disrupted.
8. If you have a medical condition which requires continuous access to your driveway during construction, please contact our office at (815) 636-9590 to discuss special arrangements.
9. There are many things that can affect the construction schedule...weather being the most predominant. If we lose a day (or days) due to weather conditions, the schedule that we provide in the update will obviously shift by the same number of days that were lost to weather.

This week (May 8th through May 12th):

The Contractor has installed erosion control (mostly consisting of silt fence), sawcut pavement, sidewalk and driveways ahead of removals. The Contractor has completed the removal of existing sidewalk, except at driveway approaches. Removals began at the north end of the project area (Shoreland Road) and proceeded south. The Contractor has also begun to core out existing material along the proposed sidewalk alignment to prepare for the placement of a stone base. Finally, they started to place and compact a stone base for the new sidewalk, starting at the north end of the project limits. They will continue coring out and placing the stone base this week, weather permitting.

Next week (May 15th through May 19th):

The Contractor will continue to core out existing material along the proposed sidewalk alignment to prepare for the placement of a stone base, working their way south. You may see them skipping some areas throughout the project limits, which is intentional. They will come back to those areas at a later date. Once enough stone base is in place, the Contractor intends to start pouring segments of concrete sidewalk outside of driveway aprons.

Towards the middle of next week, the Contractor intends to start removing pavement, and curb & gutter at driveway apron locations. The Village will issue another construction update next week, prior to them beginning this work. Additionally, the Contractor will be knocking on doors of those impacted by their work to discuss driveway access accommodations.