

PROJECT NEWSLETTER

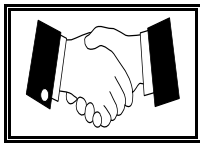
NORTH EASTON PLACE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT

(N. GALE AVE. TO W. FORREST HILL AVE.)

April 1, 2011

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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.



The North Easton Place Roadway Improvement is about to get underway. **This project is a partnership.**

The contractor, **Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc.**, the City of Peoria, and the residents are partners in this project. Each partner is a stakeholder in the project and is 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**, if you need information. As with any project, there will be some inconvenience; however, we will attempt to keep it to a minimum.

Your patience and understanding will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey M Smith

Jeffrey M. Smith, P.E.
City Engineer

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



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Project Manager

Mike DeLong 208-7295
Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc.
Project Superintendent



⇒ Construction Schedule

Weather permitting, the CONSTRUCTION on the NORTH EASTON PLACE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT is scheduled to begin **Monday, April 4**, with installation of the traffic control.

Work will start on the west side of N. Easton Place at Gale Ave., on or about April 5th, with driveway, curb & gutter removals. Next, the combination curb & sidewalk replacement and driveway adjustments will begin. There will be storm sewer and structures placed during this time also.

With favorable weather conditions, the contractor expects to complete the project in June 2011.

One particular inconvenience you can expect is that the construction of the new driveway pavement will require that you do not use your DRIVEWAY for about two weeks, to allow the concrete to cure. Please contact your **Resident Engineer, Laura Savorgino, at 303-8657**, if you have any special problems during that time.

⇒ 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 in the partnering process to complete this project.

⇒ Superintendent

Mike DeLong has over 30 years of construction experience. Mike has had extensive training in concrete construction and has been instrumental in the completion of many projects similar to the North Easton Place project. Mike will be on the job and involved with the project on a daily basis and may be reached on his mobile at 309-208-7295.

Two key members of the Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc. team working on this project are **Jay Austin**, Project Manager, and **Mike DeLong**, who has been selected as the Superintendent.

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

1. *R.A. Cullinan – Bituminous*
2. *CJL Landscaping – Landscaping*

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

⇒ Resident Engineer

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. **Laura** was the Resident Engineer on the Mt. Hawley Connector Road Project at Knoxville Avenue, the Reed Street Reconstruction, Elm Street cul-de-sac construction, a culvert replacement project and left-turn lane on University Street, sidewalk and roadway improvement projects on Armstrong Avenue, Overhill Road, and the Richwoods Knolls Subdivision. *Most recently*, **Laura** acted as Resident Engineer on the **Lynnhurst Subdivision Ornamental Street Lighting Improvement**.

Laura is concerned with the project's progress, as well as its economics, and she will work hard in partnering with the contractors and homeowners, to gain favorable results for all involved and for the citizens of Peoria. Laura's mobile telephone number is **303-8657**.

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

??? COMMON QUESTIONS ???

⇒ 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 North Easton Place 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.

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 should be aware of the barricades and work activities, which will be ever-changing due to the nature of the work. ***Motorists are urged to use caution in the construction area at all times***



⇒ Parking

Parking along the street in the work area will be prohibited. Until work in the area is completed, it will be necessary to park across the street. Once construction has moved away, you may return to your side of the street. 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.

⇒ Garbage Collection

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 and well in front of the sidewalk/curb construction.

This is a **SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT**. Once the project is underway and



after the contractor receives his first payment, bills for the assessment will be sent to residents. You will have the option of paying the full amount, or the first installment, at no interest for 60 days. After 60 days, interest is charged from the billing date. Installments 2 through 10 will come due each succeeding year on January 2. **THE ASSESSMENT PERIOD is 10 years.** Interest will be calculated on the unpaid balance. You may pay it off early with no penalty. *Please remember that the assessment is a lien against your property; don't forget to pay your assessment.*

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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 in the sidewalk. 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 sidewalk. 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.



Lip at Driveway

A small lip at the street on each driveway will remain after the overlay is completed. This will allow for future resurfacing of the street. The small lip accommodates the resurfacing without placing asphalt on the driveway approach along the street. This lip will not damage your tires or affect the front end alignment of your vehicle.