

# Main Street Gazette

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The intent of this newsletter is to establish better communications with the residents of Evansville during the construction of this project. This newsletter will provide updates and information relating to the project from the City, the City Engineers, and the Contractor. The newsletter will be delivered bi-weekly.

## Future Work Schedule

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## Project Progress

*By Tom Pfefferkorn*

As you all have noticed by now the summer construction season has arrived in Evansville in full force. On April 9<sup>th</sup> the Contractor for the City, G.Fox and Son Construction, began the project at West Main Street by removing the existing asphalt street, the existing brick street, and the existing concrete foundation for the brick street. The brick pavers were stockpiled at a secret location to assure their re-use later in the project.

The last three weeks have been spent installing new 8" ductile iron watermain, 12" PVC sanitary sewermain pipe, and 18" concrete storm sewer pipe. A number of water and sewer service laterals have already been completed. As of today the only underground utility work remaining on West Main Street is some storm sewer inlets and the remaining water and sewer service laterals.

The Contractor will be installing a stone road base layer on West Main Street that will serve as a temporary street until the Surface restoration project completes the street with concrete and brick later in the fall.

Work thus-far has been interrupted by 4 snow/rain days. The contractor's schedule is for the utility work on West Main to be completed by May 15<sup>th</sup>, I believe with the weather days it will be closer to May 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.

G. Fox & Son Construction has submitted to the City a work schedule that can serve as a rough outline for residents. When necessary, Foth & Van Dyke engineers will be contacting individual residents when work will be directly affecting individual services or access, etc.

With the completion of the work on West Main Street the contractor will be moving over to Maple Street to begin installing watermain and sewermain. This will begin at the alley behind the East main Street Businesses and go right up to East Main Street. During this phase Maple Street will be closed and East Main Street will remain open. This phase should take about one week.

Right after Memorial Day weekend is when East Main Street will finally have to be closed at Madison Street, as the crew will begin the process of removing the existing street and saving the brick between Madison Street and Maple Street. Once that is complete the water and sewer mains will be installed in this area. The intersection of East Main Street and Maple Street is to remain drivable. This should take 2- 3 weeks.

The final phase of the utility project will begin at East Main Street and Maple and head towards Railroad Street and the bridge sometime around Fathers day.

The project is to be substantially complete on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. This means the roads will be drivable- but for this project wherever brick streets are to be replaced the road will be left as a

temporary gravel road. The only area paved with asphalt will be Maple Street and East Main Street from Railroad Street east towards the bridge.

## New Local, Project Phone Number

The Project trailer, located behind the Water & Light Building, now has a phone with a local phone number that can be used to contact the Engineers without having to call Madison. The number is (608) 882-2790. This number is now in service and is a local call. There is also an answering machine hooked up to take messages. Tom Pfefferkorn can also be reached at his mobile number, which is (608) 358-7144. Tom continues to be the best person to contact with any construction related questions, concerns, gripes, or compliments.

Steve Hagen at Hagen Insurance, 882-6515, is the contact for the Downtown Reconstruction Task Force and is in a good position to answer questions from business owners. Tom and Steve compare notes daily.

## Task Force Street Update

*By Steve Hagen, Downtown Task Force*

Work continues on the street construction on West Main. It appears that with even having the rain days that construction is close to being on schedule. This first phase is scheduled to be done around May 21. At that point work will start on the short section of Maple Street. Prior to this, the portion of Main Street that had been worked on will be graveled and drivable.

If the weather stays dry we will have an issue of dust from the gravel street. It has been discussed that attempts will be made to water the street area at least once a day. This will not eliminate the

dust feature, but hopefully will minimize the issue.

The Task Force does meet each Thursday morning at 8 AM at the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of City Hall. This meeting is open to any interested parties. It is designed to be informational for the Task Force and the engineering firm. It is also a chance to get updated on the progress of the street or areas of concern during the construction.

As we approach Memorial Day, a decision has been made by the VFW to start the Parade at the VFW building and march to the cemetery. A "Rally in the Alley" will follow the return of the veterans from the cemetery. Food and refreshments will be served.

An issue that doesn't directly affect the downtown is the refurbishing of the railroad crossing at North Madison. It is very possible that construction and road closure could take place around May 21. The road could be closed for at least a week and cause some re-routing of traffic. The Public Works Department will be working on assigning alternate routes during this construction.

Feel free to contact any one of the Task Force members with questions or problems. We may not be able to solve them, but at least we can take them to the appropriate party.

John Decker—Chairperson  
Jeff Farnsworth  
Steve Hagen  
Steve Eager  
Betsy Ahner  
Tony Wyse  
Fred Juergens

## Newsletter Notes

Future issues of this newsletter will contain further construction progress/schedule updates and articles that will begin to answer a lot of the pressing questions that a project of this size will generate. If you would like to discuss a

particular issue that you feel would be of interest to the other members of the Evansville Downtown community please don't hesitate to contact Tom Pfefferkorn or Steve Hagen in order for it to be addressed in this newsletter.

## Faces on the Project

*Todd Buhr*

Todd is the lead project Surveyor for Foth & Van Dyke. He is the one that spray paints information on the street (rather than supply all the neighborhood kids with wooden "surveying swords"). Todd is a Licensed Registered Land Surveyor in Wisconsin and has worked at Foth & Van Dyke for 5 Years. Todd previously worked as a surveyor for a Utility Company up near Green Bay, and has had to fight off those huge Northern Wisconsin mosquitoes with his "surveying swords".

## Quote of the Week

"Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent"

*Marlene Vos Savant*

## Riddle of the Week

Mary's mother had four daughters, the first three being named Penny, Nickel and Dime. What was the fourth daughter's name?

(Answer at the end of the newsletter)

This is the end of the newsletter – the answer is – Mary!