

Road Work Ahead

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*"What I hear when I'm
being yelled at is
people caring loudly at
me."
-Leslie Knope*



Quarry Street Improvements

We have received some questions as to what exactly is happening as part of the Quarry Street improvements project, which is scheduled to start very soon. The primary purpose of the project is to increase the size of the storm sewer pipe that runs along Quarry Street from the College Drive/Quarry Street intersection to the levee.

Currently, much of the stormwater on the lower portion of Locust Road flows to a storm sewer pipe on College Drive that turns at Quarry Street and travels down Quarry Street to the levee. With the addition of curb and gutter and larger storm sewer pipes on Locust Road, the current Quarry Street storm sewer pipe is undersized. The project will also include new sidewalk on Quarry Street and a series of ditch checks in a drainageway above Dunning's Spring Park to decrease stormwater velocities and prevent erosion.

Locust Road Improvements

We all may be wishing for some rain, but the dry weather has been good for construction crews as progress is moving along nicely on Locust Road. Installation of the new storm sewer pipes is almost complete, and the contractor has started grading the new roadway in preparation for paving the new concrete road.

If you have driven by Locust Road recently, you may have noticed many of the trees and brush along the side of the road have been removed. This will be done throughout much of the project to

better accommodate the new wider roadway, but also to allow additional sunlight in the corridor in an effort to reduce icy road conditions in the winter.



View of Locust Road from the intersection of College Drive/Locust Road (looking east).

What if there's an emergency?!?

Even with Locust Road being closed, emergency vehicle access is maintained at all times for residents that live in and around the construction zone.

The Cops' Corner

The City has been made aware of an increase in traffic along Highland Drive heading east from Locust Road. Officers have increased patrol in this area and will continue to utilize the speed trailer in an attempt to reduce speed and gather traffic data. Temporary speed bumps will also be installed. The Police Department again asks people to please practice safe driving habits and be mindful of residential neighborhoods.