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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

N. PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (California to Glen Oak)

The Pennsylvania Avenue Roadway Project is about to get underway. We view this project as a partnership, with the Contractor, **Stark Excavating, Inc.**, the City of Peoria, the businesses, and residents, as stakeholders in the project.

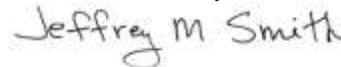
The City of Peoria and the Contractor are pledged to provide the best possible project.

Resident Engineer Phil Allyn is the best source for answers to questions and resolutions to problems.

Please feel free to contact him at **838-4478** 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 (Began May 14, 2012)

Pennsylvania Avenue, (California to New York) New York Avenue (Pennsylvania to Armstrong) and the intersection of Armstrong Ave., Glen Oak Ave. & Wayne St. will be improved with the removal of all existing curb, pavement and sidewalk, and construction of new concrete pavement, curb and gutter, and sidewalks. Included in the improvements is the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Armstrong, Glen Oak & Wayne; termination of Armstrong with a new cul-

de-sac; and realignment of Pennsylvania & New York Avenues.

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. Also, a new city-standard ornamental street lighting system will be installed. All disturbed areas will be restored with sod, and new trees and landscaping will be

planted. You may have already noticed preparation work on the project has already begun. Tree removal, utility relocation work and other minor items began the week of May 14th in preparation for the **closure of the intersection of Pennsylvania, New York, Glen Oak & Wayne.** Weather permitting, **the closure of this intersection is scheduled for Monday, May 21st,** with pavement, curb, and sidewalk removal. New York will be closed south of Pennsylvania; Armstrong will be closed just east of New York; Glen

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!

Oak will be closed east and west of Wayne; and Wayne will be closed south of Glen Oak. DETOUR signage will be provided to assist with navigating around the closures.

At the time the intersection is closed, access to driveways located within the closure will no longer be available.

We have attempted to contact the affected property owners. If you have questions regarding potential impacts to your entrance, please contact one of the Engineers listed on the cover page of this Newsletter. 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.

Following the removal of the existing roadway, the crews

will begin storm and sanitary sewer work and construction of retaining walls along Wayne Street, followed by placement of the new granular base, pavement, curb and gutter, and sidewalk within the intersection closure area. This work is expected to be complete by early August.

Following the completion of the intersection work, it will be opened to traffic, while **Pennsylvania, from California to New York, including both intersections, will be closed**, so the existing pavement, curb, and sidewalks can be removed and reconstructed.

Depending on weather conditions and the progress of the work, **this closure is anticipated to begin in mid August and continue into October.**

All light foundations and underground conduits will be installed with the roadway construction during the road closures. The poles and fixtures do take a few months to manufacture and ship (and cannot be ordered in advance), so you may not see them up until later in the year.

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. As always, that is dependent upon the fall weather.



Contractor

Stark Excavating, Inc. is structured to provide a one source solution to meet any project needs. **Stark** performs work for the Illinois Dept. Of Transportation and the Dept. of Aeronautics, various cities and municipalities, and private developers in the central Illinois area. From Earthwork to Concrete Paving to Storm and Sanitary Sewer, Stark utilizes its highly experienced work force and specialized fleet of equipment to provide a superior product at a great value to all of its clients. The company has the capacity and capability to perform the most demanding

work tasks on projects of any size. Stark will work closely with the City of Peoria, its Engineers, and the residents and businesses of the area to get this project completed in the timeliest manner with the least amount of inconvenience possible.

Stark Excavating has assembled **experienced subcontractors** for this project. They include:

- Wards Custom Landscaping – Sod
- Durdel & Sons – Tree Removal
- Millennia Professional Services – Construction Layout
- Searle Trucking – Trucking
- Security Fence – Fencing
- Tazewell County Asphalt – Asphalt Paving

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

- Oberlander Electric – Street Lighting
- CJL Landscaping – Retaining Wall & Misc Tree & Landscaping

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.

Contractor's Project Superintendent



Dave Boyer has been selected by Stark management as the **Project Superintendent** for the Pennsylvania Avenue Improvement Project. He has worked for Stark Excavating since 2005, and has over 23 years experience in the construction industry. Dave is an Operating Engineer (Local 649) by trade, and started operating heavy equipment in 1989. He then made the transition to Foreman in 1994, and

became a Superintendent in 1997. As a Superintendent, Dave has managed projects with contract values of up to \$150 million.

Dave will be on the job daily and involved with all aspects of the construction work and schedule.

You may contact Dave at (309) 275-7556 or via email at dboyer@starkcompanies.com if you have any questions regarding Stark's work on the project.

Motorists are not allowed out of their vehicles in the construction zone. Please be cautious when driving through the construction zone and remember, under Illinois law, it is illegal for drivers to use cell phones in a construction zone.

Engineers for the City of Peoria



RESIDENT ENGINEER Phil Allyn, of Farnsworth Group, received a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has been with Farnsworth Group since May of 2000, during which time he has overseen a variety of construction projects on behalf of both IDOT and Local Agencies throughout Central Illinois.

Examples of Phil's past construction projects include Allen Road and Van Winkle Way in Peoria; the Main Street, Washington Street and Adams Street reconstruction in Havana, IL; McLean Co. Highway 29 (Towanda-Barnes Road) widening in Bloomington, IL; I-74 resurfacing near Mansfield, IL; Washington Street in Pontiac, IL, as well as numerous others.



Laura Savorgino, of Farnsworth Group, will be the full-time **On-Site Engineer** for the project. Having graduated from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering, she came to Farnsworth Group after working in the City of Peoria's Engineering Division since 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 Phil and Laura will give the Pennsylvania Avenue Project the attention it is due. Both are concerned with the project's progress, as well as its economics, and will work hard in partnering with the contractors, property owners, businesses, and for the citizens of Peoria, to gain favorable results for all involved.

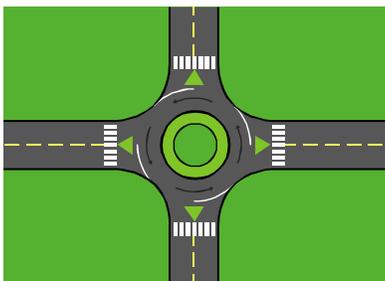
Phil's mobile phone number is **838-4478**. **Laura's** mobile phone number is **922-3673**. Both phones are equipped with Voicemail, so please leave a message if they are unable to answer when you call.

This project includes the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Armstrong, Glen Oak & Wayne.

What is a roundabout?

- A roundabout is a one-way circular intersection engineered to reduce congestion and maximize safety.
- The “yield at entry” rule reduces delay by eliminating unnecessary stopping.
- Entering vehicles yield to traffic already in the roundabout and proceed when there is a safe gap in traffic.
- Pavement markings and signs direct traffic into a one-way, counter clockwise flow.
- Raised islands and painted crosswalks at roundabouts provide safety for pedestrians. Cars must **always** yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Bicyclists using the roundabout can either exit at the crosswalk and use the sidewalk, or continue with traffic on the road.

Visit the City's roundabout website www.peoriaroundabouts.com for additional information, diagrams, and driving tips.

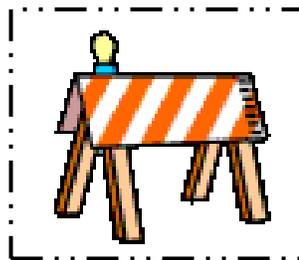


??? Common Questions ???

⇒ 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.



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

For information regarding Public Transportation please visit Citylink at <http://mycitylink.info/> or call them at 676-4040.

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Scott Reiese 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 has served as the Project Manager for the Northmoor Road Improvement, and was Resident Engineer on the Wilhelm Road/Radnor Road Extension Project in Growth Cell 1A, and the Rebecca Arbor Project.



Scott Reiese, P.E.

Scott's mobile phone number is **303-8660**. His cell phone is equipped with Voicemail, so please leave a message if he is unable to answer when you call.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

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.



We're at Your Service

Not sure where to call for City of Peoria services? Information on city programs and services may be obtained from individual city departments, the City Hall Information Receptionist at 419 Fulton Street, Suite 111, or contact PeoriaCares at 309-494-2273.

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