



Weekly Reader

Public Works & Engineering Department

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Department Updates

The **Street Department** is wrapping up the **Spring Branch Pickup Program**. They spent the week making one pass through the entire City picking up branches and brush to assist residents with yardwork cleanup. The Street Department **chips all of the woody materials**, and 100% of it is delivered to a wood processing facility where it is **recycled into mulch**. Now that spring cleanup is complete, we hope everyone can sit outside and **enjoy the beautiful spring weather!**

The **Water Department** is continuing its **Spring Hydrant Flushing Program**. The periodic flushing of fire hydrants is an important preventative maintenance activity that **helps to ensure the integrity of the water system and to provide the highest quality water to our residents**. Flushing can temporarily cause lower water pressure and/or rusty water as sediment clears out of the water system. To limit inconvenience to residents and business owners, the Water Department performed overnight flushing this week in the **9th St & State St business corridor, 159th St business corridor, and the Lago Vista subdivision**. Signs will continue to be posted in affected areas for the next couple weeks until the program concludes.



The digesters got a much needed makeover!

As the sludge was hauled away from STP this week, the **Sewer Department** took the opportunity to **clean and make repairs in the digesters**. The coarse air diffusers were disassembled and cleaned to **restore them to the proper operating range**. This crucial annual procedure keeps the equipment in **optimal condition**. It's a dirty job but an important one, and our skilled crew knows how to handle it!

Project Updates

16th St & Madison St Reconstruction Project - Watermain and storm sewer installation continues, with approximately **3 blocks of watermain installation remaining**. All underground work is scheduled to be completed by the end of May/beginning of June. **Water service installation** will begin late next week.

Other News

The City is proud to host another **Rain Barrel & Composter sale!** Residents receive a 50% subsidy for rain barrel and composter purchases. Items can be purchased online at: <https://upcycle-products.com/il-programs/lp/>