



Flood control, infrastructure projects move forward in 2014

Ten miles of street resurfacing kicks off 2-year rehabilitation project

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ELMWOOD PARK – Village President Angelo "Skip" Saviano has announced the Elmwood Park Flood Mitigation Project and several other important infrastructure projects will be underway over the next several months, providing necessary improvements and protections that will positively affect the lives of Village residents.

"We will soon begin construction of the remaining phases of the Flood Mitigation Project," Saviano said. "We are all anxiously anticipating the benefits that will be felt throughout the community as a result of this project."

The upcoming flood mitigation work includes the storm sewer connector between 80th Avenue and the Oak Park Country Club, the Westwood area storm sewer projects throughout each of the streets that connect to 80th Avenue, and the Thatcher Avenue storm sewer and reconstruction project connecting the storm sewer lines from the newly constructed pump station to the Des Plaines river via Thatcher Avenue.

In addition to the Flood Mitigation Project, Elmwood Park will soon launch a major street rehabilitation project. "We'll resurface more than 10 miles of streets through the south end of the Village this year," Saviano said. "Next year, we'll complete a similar project in the north end of the Village." In addition to street resurfacing, the project includes sidewalk improvements at intersections and curb and gutter repairs.

Other 2014 infrastructure improvements will include the Grand Avenue Metra Pick-up/Drop-off area that will have an expanded pedestrian way to facilitate access to the Metra station and encourage use of public transportation. It will feature a semi-circle drive and vehicle pick-up/drop-off lanes for access to and from Grand Avenue. It will also feature bike racks, sidewalk improvements, landscaping and decorative lighting.

Also this year, the Illinois Department of Transportation will be working to replace the Illinois Route 64 (North Avenue) bridge over the Des Plaines River. During construction, portions of North Avenue and Thatcher Avenue will be closed to traffic and detoured accordingly.

"These projects will not move forward without their inconveniences," Saviano said. "So, we ask for everyone's patience and to please use extra caution when driving near any construction zones. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and we urge everyone to be safe around these construction projects."

Residents will be kept updated on the various projects through newsletters, water bill inserts, Village-wide mailings and social media. Anyone with questions may also call the Elmwood Park Village Hall at 708-452-7300.

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