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DEAR LAWRENCE UTILITY CUSTOMER,

Recently, as part of the City's compliance requirements under its MS-4 program (i.e., Stormwater Management) the City joined the White River Alliance as part of our public outreach/education activities. While the White River does not necessarily flow through Lawrence, it is important to realize that virtually all of Lawrence's drainage waters enter Fall Creek, which does end up in the White River. Our major drainage features in Lawrence are Indian Creek, which is fed by smaller tributaries such as Trittipoo Ditch, Dry Branch, North Branch and Hadler Branch creeks in the northeastern part of the city, and Lawrence Creek, which drains much of the area in the southwest part of the City. In the extreme southwest part of the city, a smaller area drains into Pogue's Run. All of the Fort Harrison State Park drains into Fall Creek. So, what we do here in Lawrence, with respect to what enters the Stormwater system, ends up in White River and impacts users downstream. But we must also be aware that what we dump on the ground or in the street/curbline impacts our community too. Keeping trash out of drainage ways and streets is just as important as not dumping motor oil, anti-freeze, paint, solvents and other similar products down the storm drains or in the street. For some really great information about keeping our waterways healthy, please visit the WRA website at www.thewhiteriveralliance.org. You will find a lot of great information and opportunities to be involved in helping to keep our water sources, one of the most important of our natural resources, clean. The Alliance has many events and educational opportunities, as well as programs such as the SWAT (Stormwater Action Team), which is a proactive program to clean drainage inlets and also to educate the public about the importance of keeping drainage systems free of contaminants and trash.



City of Lawrence volunteers participated in Lawrence Clean-Up Day by cleaning up litter around the city.

LAWRENCE CLEAN-UP DAY

Some of you may have noticed a large group of city employees out cleaning up trash in the City on September 26th. This is the first of what will be semi-annual Lawrence Cleanup Days. Our goal is to have one of these events in the Spring and one in the Fall each year, and to grow the program by inviting other community leaders and organizations such as service clubs, church groups, Scouts and Homeowner Associations to participate.

We spent 4 hours cleaning up 46th and 52nd Streets, between Carroll Road and Mitthoeffer Road; Sunnyside and Pendleton Pike, where trash from open dumpsters behind the strip mall that houses Kroger, Kohls and other stores typically accumulates along both sides of the Pike from Sunnyside to the east; 46th Street from Richardt to Shadeland and by the CSX tracks close to Franklin Road; Boy Scout Road from the 's' curve down to the Fall Creek bridge and a few other areas. All in all, we loaded our large tow-behind trailer almost 5 times with bags of trash and also removed tires and other large items with our Lightning Loader truck.

A sincere Thank You is owed to Ray's Trash, who graciously accepted all the collected trash for disposal at no charge to the City. We also need to give a sincere Thank You to Best Equipment, a long-time local business that deals in large equipment such as street sweepers, sewer cleaning trucks, and trash trucks, for providing a street sweeper and employee to sweep our Lawton Loop area, including Boston

Commons, Post Road and Otis Avenue. Kudos to both Ray's and Best Equipment for their participation and partners with the City!

WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Recently, a Lift reader asked about the sewer project on German Church Road just south of 52nd Street. This is a major sanitary sewer lift station project to completely refurbish this lift station and also convert it from a dry-pit station to a submersible. I won't go into the details between the two here as there is not enough space! This station had a lot of safety and structural issues and we are happy now to finally be constructing this project. In speaking with the contractor Superintendent, he estimates approximately on more month until completion, basically around the end of October.

Our recent water main improvements on Shadeland Way and 46th Streets are virtually complete, with the new mains having satisfactorily passed all required testing. These new mains will be placed in service in the next few days. In addition, we have awarded the Franklin Road water main replacement project, which will replace an old and failing main in Franklin Road between 47th and 45th streets, including a horizontal directional drill segment under the CSX tracks. Look for traffic patterns to be disrupted in this area in the coming weeks as our contractor, Midwest Mole, conducts this project. We have also started work on the 47th Street water main improvements project, which includes work on 47th from Richardt to Franklin, including the

connecting north/south streets into 47th Street. Payton Avenue from 47th to 48th Street will have its water main replace entirely. We will also be starting our Brookhaven water main replacement projects soon too, although most of this project will likely be done in 2020.

There is a lot of water and sanitary sewer improvement work either underway or soon to be underway. This will result in traffic restrictions in various areas of the City and we ask your cooperation and patience as we perform these long overdue projects. The safety of all our employees, contractors and the public should be paramount for all, so please slow down and follow the posted signage and/or flagger directions. As much as possible, please try to avoid these areas by finding alternate routes around the work zones. 46th & Franklin will be an area one would want to avoid. Those traveling eastbound on 46th to Franklin will want to consider taking Richardt Street north to 50th or 56th Street to get back over to Franklin. This will allow you to avoid 47th Street too. Franklin Road travelers can look at diverting to Post Road or Richardt Street to get north and south. You can get to the City street map on the City's website in order to plan to avoid these areas at cityoflawrence.org (click on "City GIS Map").

Thank you,

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