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DEAR LAWRENCE UTILITY CUSTOMER,

RICHARDT ST. STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT

The Richardt Street Stormwater Improvement Project is underway now. Pretty soon, the contractor and their subcontractors will be out performing potholing tasks, which is done to verify the location and depth of existing utilities in the project area. In addition, certain trees have been marked for removal, which is also being done ahead of construction.

Essentially, the project consists of a new large diameter storm sewer in Richardt Street from 47th Street north to 48th Street and then east along 48th to the existing large diameter storm sewer in Mitchner, which flows north into Explorer Park. There is a new storm sewer being installed on Payton Street from 47th south to the dead end. This is Phase I of the project. Phase II will include hybrid ditch instal-

lations along 48th and 47th Streets (north and south sides of the street) from Richardt west to Shadeland Way, a new storm sewer in Atwell Drive from 48th to the dead end, and new storm sewers in Hartman and Sadlier Drives from just north of 46th Street to tie into the hybrid ditches in 47th Street.



A hybrid ditch is a roadside ditch with a large perforated underdrain. Hybrid ditch inlets are raised so that stormwater must

soak into the ground to get to the pipe. This provides treatment for the stormwater and slows it down before going into the storm sewers. But the inlets act as an overflow and will allow the stormwater to get into the storm sewers faster during larger rain events. The Phase II part of the project is dependent upon right of way acquisition on 48th Street from Richardt to Shadeland Way, 47th from Richardt to Shadeland Way, and Atwell Drive.

I would strongly encourage these affected property owners to conclude the right of way acquisition process as speedily as possible in order to get these improvements built in a shorter time frame. The project managers from Indy DPW have already engaged appraisers to start reaching out and securing the needed right of way.

STATEMENT FEE CORRECTION NOTICE

Last month I mentioned that we would start charging the monthly Statement Fee in July of 2021, with Phase II implemented in 2022. This was a typo mistake on

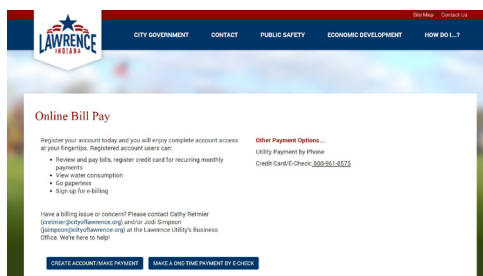
my part as the fee will actually start being charged in July 2020, with Phase II coming in 2021.

I sincerely apologize for the mistake. This \$1 fee, which will rise

to \$2 in 2021, was included in the 2017 rate increase as a means of offsetting the printing and postage costs associated with mailing utility bills.

CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE BILLPAY!

Visit us at www.cityoflawrence.org/billpay to enroll in e-bill and pay by credit card! Remember to record your password somewhere secure after you set up your account! And remember, going through the Paymentus or other payment service portal is NOT the same as accessing your e-Suite account. For optimal service, please use your e-Suite account! And please remember to choose paperless billing, which is good for the environment and also reduces costs! An additional feature that is available and highly recommended is the Eye On Water app (you can see the link for this app on the bottom of



the city's website). Once you click on the link, you can open an informational page that explains what level of service is available, which is based on your meter type (Eye On Water App Resident Guide). You may contact the Business Office at (317) 542-0511 for

more details about your meter type or additional questions. We also highly recommend the recurring credit card payment feature, which charges your credit card on your bill due date and eliminates your having to make a payment through other means.

Thank you,

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STORMWATER RESPONSIBILITIES

As we are getting one step closer to the Spring, I want to bring your attention to the importance of keeping our storm water drainage systems in good condition.

PROPERTY OWNERS

- Work with neighbors to clear brush, debris and other blockages from neighborhood creeks and ditches.
- Maintain swales and ditches, including roadside ditches, by mowing grass to eight inches or less, and keep them free of debris. Be sure not to mow when the ground is wet to avoid rutting.
- Keep storm inlet grates, driveway culverts and cross pipes in good repair and clear of debris, trash, and leaves.
- Not dumping debris/yard waste in or along waterways.
- Picking up after pets to avoid pet waste from entering waterways.



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- Maintain cross pipes under City streets.
- Remove log jams from major streams on public property.
- Inspect private property and ditches for environmental compliance.
- Review, inspect, and issue permits for development and land alteration plans in compliance with the City storm water ordinances.
- Maintain the public storm water system in compliance with state and federal rules.

ON STREET PARKING & SNOW PLOW

Although it has been pretty nice as far as winters in Indiana go, I have a feeling we have not seen the last of the snow. Our Street Department Director, Jim Heneghan, has mentioned an issue that is getting to be a big problem that our snow plow drivers face, and that is the problem with on-street parking especially on narrow residential streets. There are many streets throughout

the city where this has become a problem with safe, efficient and effective snow removal, not to mention public safety response.

In an emergency, where lives and property may be at risk, the last thing we want to hear is that the public safety personnel or EMS were delayed due to lack of access because of vehicles parked

on streets. That problem is multiplied when snow is in the mix too. While policy is being discussed as to how to address this issue in the future, such as restricting on-street parking in problem areas, for now we want to request people to park their cars in their driveways and not on the street, especially when snow is in the forecast.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

- Franklin Road Water Main Replacement Project is ongoing and Franklin Street is expected to be back open to traffic by early March
- As mentioned previously in the newsletter, Richardt Street Stormwater Improvement project will be starting soon. You will start seeing crews performing potholing and tree removal on Richardt and 48th St. as early as February. More details regarding road closures and restrictions will be provided in the next newsletter.



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