



Project Construction Update

March 15, 2024

The following is anticipated construction work as part of the City of Medicine Lake's 2024 Street and Utility Project. Please note: These tasks may change or be delayed due to several factors (e.g., weather conditions, environmental protection requirements, private utility work, etc.).

The following are construction activities anticipated for the week of March 18, 2024:

1. Temporary mailboxes to be installed at City Hall in anticipation of delivery service being stopped within the project limits. Switch-over of mail delivery to City Hall is expected on March 25th.
2. The sewer lining contractor will be starting to clean and televise all sanitary sewer mains. This work requires the contractor to access all manholes, both in the street and rear yards. More information will be provided to you when the contractor is working in your area.
3. Watermain pipe will be getting delivered to Jevne Park, where the contractor will fuse them together for longer lengths to install via the directional drilling methods.
4. Erosion control devices will be installed in anticipation of construction.

The following activities were completed during the week of March 11, 2024:

1. The contractor held an initial preconstruction meeting on March 13 with all private utility companies and other interested parties. At this meeting, a schedule was presented, and various construction details were discussed. Weekly construction meetings will start up the week of March 25.
2. Tree removal started on March 13. Why do we need to remove trees? Every effort is made to save all trees in a project, but the following factors resulted in some trees needing to be removed:
 - a. Trees impacted by water pipes or service installation.
 - b. Trees impacted by roadway or culvert construction such that the tree would not survive the construction.
 - c. The City requested that several trees either dying or dead from Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), be removed. Especially on public property such as road right-of-ways and within Jevne Park. EAB is a very contagious insect that is essentially decimating ash trees in Minnesota. There is no known solution, and it is strongly recommended that local agencies remove all ash trees on public property to stop the spread of this disease.
 - d. Trees must be removed by March 31 in accordance with the state regulations regarding the protection of the long-eared bat habitat.
3. Utility markings were started in anticipation of water and sewer construction.
4. MnDOT announces that all spring load restrictions will be lifted on March 18, thereby allowing the contractor to mobilize all equipment to the site.

For more information on the 2024 Street and Utility Project please visit the project website:

<https://streetandutilityproject.com>