



Reading Public Works Department Project Update Bulletin

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Linden Street Update

Water Improvements—Phase B

The Phase B Water Main Capital Improvements includes the replacement of the water main on Linden Street (from Lowell Street to Woburn Street) and Salem Street from the rotary to Main Street. The Linden Street portion of the project started the beginning of July.

To date the contractor has installed approximately 1000 feet of 12-inch water main from Woburn Street to Lowell Street. The installation of this main completes the extent of the planned improvements on Linden Street. During the next 2 to 3 weeks the contractor will be testing and chlorinating the new water main; re-connecting all water services; removing the temporary water bypass and installing pavement in all trenches. The repaving of the roadway will not occur until the spring of 2016.

The completion of the main replacement on Linden Street is the first phase of the improvements planned under this contract. The remainder of the work includes the replacement of the water main on Salem Street from Main Street to the rotary near Rte. 128. This portion of the work will start this fall and continue into next year.

Below are pictures of the work being done on Linden Street.



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Capital (vehicle) update

The Town of Reading DPW has purchased a 500 gal sprayer under the capital plan. The sprayer allows us not only to spray trees for such insects as the winter moth but also water the trees we plant. The sprayer is mounted in a trailer to allow us to move it with a pick-up truck. The sprayer can be removed which give us the versatility to use the trailer for other projects. Some of the unique work features were partially fabricated by the crew. Kudos to them for making this new piece of equipment as effective and efficient as possible



Road Construction

ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



This spring, the Town's Engineering Division, through its contractor, Lazaro Paving Corp. has either resurfaced or is in the process of resurfacing a total of 27 roadways. Currently, the following have received the final layer of pavement, paved driveway aprons, and loaming. Seeding along the edge of the roadway where necessary will take place in the upcoming weeks:

- A St (End to end)
- B St (Libby Ave. to end (E))
- Bradford Rd (Lowell St. to end)
- C St (Libby Ave. to end)
- Crocus Ln (Libby Ave. to end)
- D St (Libby Ave. to end (E))
- Dana Road (Charles Street to Small Lane)
- E St (Libby Ave. to end (E))
- Heritage Dr. (Libby Ave. to end)
- Ivy Lane (Libby Ave. to end)
- Libby Ave (Salem St. to end)
- Margaret Rd (End to end)
- Parkman Rd (Lowell St. to Margaret Rd.)
- Pleasant Street (Parker St. to end)
- Scout Hill Lane (Shady Hill Lane to end)
- Shady Hill Lane (Putnam Rd. to end)
- South Street (various sections)
- Sturges Road (South St. to Sturges Rd.)

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The following roadways have received the final layer of pavement and are awaiting the paving of the driveway aprons and loaming and seeding along the edge of the roadway:

- Longview Road
- Lanton Way
- Palmer Hill Ave.
- Pasture Road
- Howard St. (Sigsbee St. to County Rd.)



In addition, roadways still scheduled to receive a new top coat of pavement within the next 2 weeks include:

- Fremont Street
- James Road
- Sherwood Road
- Whitehall Lane

Later this summer and into the fall, the Town will be micro-surfacing Ashley Place, Fairchild Drive, Jessica Circle, and Lindsay Lane. Micro-surfacing is the process where any cracks are sealed, and a new asphalt wearing surface is applied to the existing pavement. Residents will receive more notification of this prior to the work commencing on their street.

The Town is in the process of finalizing which streets will be included in resurfacing work to be completed this fall and next spring (2016). Please refer to the Engineering Division's webpage later this summer for an updated list of streets to be resurfaced in the future.

<http://www.readingma.gov/engineering-division>

Tree City USA



Mollie Freilicher, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State community Action Forester, from the Department of Conservation and Recreation was in Reading on Tuesday August 4th to recognize Reading's thirtieth anniversary as a Tree City participant. The Tree City designation is given by the National Arbor Foundation for those communities who meet their criteria for budgeting and maintain a plan for tree care in their community. Reading has the second longest tenure as a Tree City designee in the State.

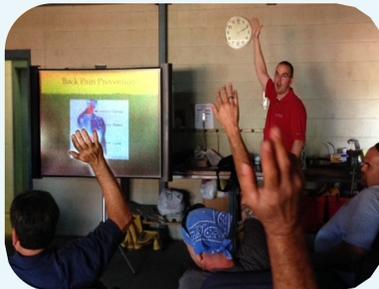


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DPW Safety Training/Seminar

On July 24th 2015 MIIA representative Paul Connolly presented a hour long seminar/session for the Reading DPW Employees at the Reading DPW Garage. With over 30 Reading DPW attendees present; there was roughly a 90% DPW Employee attendance at the session. The Training Seminar, 'Tips for a Healthy Summer' was split up into three 15-20 minute mini-sessions that were all focused on smart and safe working practices for the summer.

Paul discussed Healthy Hydration and aspects of how one can sense or notice the onset of the body's need of hydration. He then moved into skin protection and how and why different sunscreens play a role in protecting the skin while out working in the sun. Lastly Paul concluded with discussing back injuries and then involving all the attending employees in some stretches and safe lifting and working practices. MIIA also provided some handouts afterwards to all DPW attendees; each received a backpack; a stainless steel thermos; a trail mix container and a bottle of sunscreen. The Reading DPW wishes to thank MIIA for sponsoring and putting on such a beneficial training session.



Coming in the September DPW Project Update Bulletin:

West Street roadway project update

Main Street water project update

Projected road paving program (fall 2015/spring 2016)

Update miscellaneous projected fall 2016 projects/events

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and as always your comments or questions are welcome.