



## Reading Public Works Department Project Update Bulletin

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### Main Street Water Main Project

Final permanent patch has been completed along with the restriping of the centerline. Project is completed pending approval of the water main culvert crossing design from the State and its installation located near Percy Ave.

Installation is anticipated for the Spring and should last one week.

### West Street Roadway Reconstruction Project

Mass DOT's contractor, Newport Construction, has completed installing a new drainage system and the first layer of pavement throughout the project. Starting the week of November 23<sup>rd</sup> the contractor will begin the following work:

- Installation of traffic signal conduit. The installation will continue throughout the winter as weather permits. Starting at the Wilmington end of the project and proceeding towards South Street, the conduit be installed in the sidewalk area along the easterly side of the roadway from the West \Willow \Summer intersection to the West \ King intersection and along the westerly side of the roadway from the West \ King intersection to the West \ South intersection.
- Installation of curbing throughout the winter as weather permits. This work will start at the Wilmington end of the project and proceed towards South Street.
- Construction of retaining wall from #381 to # 397 West Street
- Installation of new traffic signal equipment at the South Street \West Street and Summer Avenue \ Woburn Street intersections.

Subject to adverse winter weather conditions the contractor is striving to install all of the signal conduit and curbing this winter. To achieve this goal the contractor will most likely have multiple crews performing this work at the same time.

During the installation of curbing and the signal conduit between the West \Willow \Summer intersection to the West \ Woburn Street intersection a detour will be in effect. The detour will direct West Street traffic around the work area utilizing Summer Avenue and Woburn Street.

## Hydrant Marking Program

This Fall, a new hydrant marking program began as a joint venture between the Town of Reading Fire Department and the Town of Reading Water Department. The goal is to make the fire hydrants more visible to locate during an emergency, or for routine maintenance.

We will be utilizing a reflective lime green high visibility stripe around the nearest telephone pole to where a hydrant is located. Along with the stripes, there will be a directional number indicating the distance and direction of the hydrant. This should help us eliminate confusion and streamline our efforts to locate the hydrants when needed.

The model is similar to what is used in Lexington and Bedford, MA. We are using a different color than Lexington, (yellow) and Bedford (red).

For hydrants located on the same side of the street as the “marker” pole there will be one lime green reflective stripe.

For hydrants located on the opposite side of the street from the “marker” pole there will be 2 lime green reflective stripes. The stripes will be separated by about 1-2 inches to differentiate locations.

### Example of same side hydrant:



## Town Recycle Day

Another successful Town Recycling Day!

The Department of Public Works hosted a collection event on Saturday, Sept. 26th 2015, including household hazardous waste, electronics, paper shredding, and rigid plastics.

513 cars dropped off items

These events are held twice a year, and as usual, we had a great response!

Thank you for your participation!



## Fall Tree Planting

Forty two trees were planted throughout the town this fall. The species included Red Maples, Flowering Pears, Flowering Cherries, and Flowering Plums, Elms, Zelkova, Oaks, Lilac Trees and Tulip Trees. Trees were planted on Parson Lane, Pearl Street, Boswell Rd, Haven Street, Sunnyside Ave and 21 trees were planted on Summer Ave.

### Boswell Road plantings



## **CPR, First Aid and AED Training**

The Town of Reading Department of Public Works and MIIA hosted a CPR, First Aid and CPR training session at the Reading Police Department conference room for any Town of Reading Employee interested in the training.

It was very successful.

Most accidents are sudden, come without warning, and can happen at anytime or anyplace. Those who are trained in CPR, AED operation or First Aid have the capacity to save a life. We want town employees to be available and ready to assist anyone who is in need of this assistance.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is a lifesaving technique that greatly increases the survival rate of cardiac arrest victims. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a small computer assisted machine that is used in cases of life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias (irregular heartbeats) that lead to cardiac arrest. The Town of Reading has installed AED machines in all of its publically occupied buildings. Both CPR and AED are rescue and lifesaving techniques that every individual should know. Employees who took this training become confident in giving First Aid, applying CPR techniques, or operating AED equipment without fear or hesitation, and may likely save a life if called upon to do so.

All Town of Reading Employees who attended and completed this course become CPR/AED Certified.

All certificates are valid for two years from date of issue.

This program was sponsored by our MIIA, the town's insurance company (Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association). MIIA's Wellness Program Specialist, Jayne Schmitz, was instrumental in setting up this training session for the Town of Reading Employees. Lieutenant Michael McLeieer, Merrimac Fire Fighter and President of E.S.C.A.P. E. Fire & Safety Services LLC conducted the certified training. Lieutenant McLeieer made everyone aware that emergencies happen. They strike us at work, at home, on the farm, in the car, at play and often when we least expect them. E.S.C.A.P. E. Fire & Safety Services provides men and women with the training tools and skills, like CPR, AED (Automated External Defibrillation) & First Aid training, to deal with emergency situations properly.

The Town of Reading sincerely wishes to thank MIIA, Lieutenant Michael McLeieer, and Jayne Schmitz who made this training possible for our employees.