



Construction Updates - Week Ending November 8, 2019

Sunnyside Sanitary Project:

November 8, 2019 Update: Restoration along the edge of Edgewood Lane and the bike path spur began this week. The contractor removed old gravel, clay and graded the edges before placing topsoil down. The contractor anticipates completing the remaining sewer pipe along 31st Street today. Minor concrete work remains at the entrance to Edgewood off of 31st Street. Once this work is complete, and as long as the weather returns to near 45 degrees in the future, paving of Edgewood and the remainder of the bike path near 31st Street can be completed. Stay tuned for more information.

November 1, 2019 Update: No update to report due to the inclement weather that our area was affected by this week.

October 25, 2019 Update: Good News!!! The bike path spur west of the Salt Creek bridge leading to the primary Salt Creek Trail system will be paved by the end of the workday today. On Saturday (October 26, 2019), a sub-contractor will remove and replace concrete curb at the intersection of 31st and Edgewood. Once the concrete cures for a minimum of three days, Edgewood will be ready for the final surface course of asphalt, which is anticipated to be laid down by the end of next week. The contractor continues to install the mainline sewer pipe along the southern right of way of 31st from Edgewood to Sunnyside. The process takes a bit of time as the contractor has to break through bedrock to install the new pipe.

October 18, 2019 Update: This week, the contractor began installing gravel and grading the bike path spur from west of the bridge towards Edgewood. The manholes in the newly installed pavement in Edgewood have to be readjusted and are ready for concrete to be poured to "lock" the manhole frames from moving. Work commenced along 31st Street to install the remaining 100 feet 30" pipe. The contractor has said to Westchester officials that they are tracking to be substantially complete with the project by the end of the month.

October 11, 2019 Update: The first few days this week, the contractor exposed the sanitary manholes that were purposely buried to pave the road. By uncovering these, the contractor was able to get the frames up to proper grade for the final lift of asphalt. The contractor has until October 30th to complete all the restoration work along Edgewood and the bike spur towards the bridge.

October 4, 2019 Update: On Monday afternoon of this week, the contractor performing the sewer improvements hired Lindahl to install the leveling binder of asphalt on Edgewood. The remainder of the week, the contractor was not on-site due to the rain events. Next week, the contractor has is scheduled to grade the edges along the newly laid pavement. Check back next week for a new update.

September 27, 2019 Update: La Grange Park's Village Manager, Public Works Director and Village Engineer met onsite twice this week with representatives from the Village of Westchester to discuss restorations to Edgewood Lane. This week the contractor prepared the roadway with gravel and mechanical compaction to prepare for paving. The paving contractor was scheduled to install the leveling binder asphalt this Saturday, but the weather has postponed this work until Monday. Please be aware, during paving, the contractor will close the entire bike path to pedestrian traffic. After the initial layer is asphalt is laid down on Edgewood, the contractor will begin grading and preparing the Jackson bike path spur. Check back next week for another progress report.

September 20, 2019 Update: The contractor working for Westchester is still in the process of vacuum testing the new sewer installation. This process confirms if the sewer is airtight and won't allow leakage to penetrate the new system. Root pruning was conducted on several trees near the sewer trench. The progress update from the Project Manager states that one culvert crossing was installed from the west to the east side of Edgewood and that the bus turnaround work will start tomorrow and last until Tuesday and then grading of Edgewood will take place with binder course asphalt installed by next Friday.

September 13, 2019 Update: Noticeable progress was achieved by the contractor this week. Vacuum testing of the new sewer from the west bank of the creek to 31st St is underway. Asphalt removal, topsoil installation and grading of the bike path from the creek heading west has begun this week. The temporary drainage pipe was removed along the east side of Edgewood. The clearing of debris and material has continued at the bus turn around location. The contractor is on schedule to install the new asphalt for the bike path and Edgewood before the September 30th deadline.

September 6, 2019 Update: With the short holiday week, the contractor was only able to install chimney seals in 5 manholes along the stretch of newly installed sewer from the west bank of the creek towards Edgewood. Four more are needed before testing of the new sewer can begin. The contractor stated last week that they were going to start grading Edgewood, which didn't occur this week. They are proposing the same for next week as long as the final vacuum testing is successful. Check back next week for a new update.

August 30, 2019 Update: Per the Project Manager overseeing the work for Westchester, the contractor installed the manhole at 31st and Edgewood that can be utilized by the homes along 31st in the future since they are both on a septic system. The contractor continued working this week cleaning up the bus turn around (contractor staging area) removing spoils, pipe, equipment, etc. Next week, the contractor is scheduled to begin grading the bike path west of the bridge to Edgewood. The contractor is to start Pre-Testing the new pipe from 31st to the west bank of the creek. Once final testing has passed, full restorations are to begin. The Village of La Grange Park gave Westchester a strict timeline of September 27th for completion of Edgewood. Check back next week for further updates on this project.

August 23, 2019 Update: This week, the contractor completed installing the remaining 400 feet 30" pipe from the existing manhole along the West bank of the Salt Creek heading West toward the main bike path. At this point, the only remaining work along Edgewood Lane is the installation of a new service manhole for the two homes at the intersection of Edgewood and 31st which is scheduled for early next week. Westchester is still in negotiations with the contractor for the lining of existing sanitary sewer under the creek. Once the lining is complete, the contractor can begin the process of restoring Edgewood and the spur trail that leads to Jackson. Check back next week for further updates on this project.

August 16, 2019 Update: This past week, the contractor working on this project placed the smaller stone (CA6) along the entire roadway of Edgewood Lane and installed orange fencing to delineate a designated bike/pedestrian path. The smaller stone packs down well, creating a safer path for users. The contractor has begun installing the remaining 400 feet of pipe from the edge of the creek west towards the trail. Once this work is complete, a sub-contractor working for Alessio will install a liner in the existing sanitary sewer to the MWRD interceptor line. Once the lining is completed, restoration of the Jackson bike path extension and Edgewood Lane will commence.

August 9, 2019 Update: The Village of La Grange Park and the Village of Westchester have been in discussions on how to expedite the Edgewood Lane restorations. The Village of La Grange Park has not been satisfied with the progress of the project and how unsafe the site has been this summer. The contractor working for Westchester has a deadline to install a smaller compactable gravel and snow fencing to delineate a designated bike/pedestrian path to make it safer for use. Initially, this work was to be completed today but have been informed by the Engineer for the Westchester, that this path would not be completed until next Monday. The contractor will begin the installation of the remaining 400 feet of 30 inch sewer pipe from the west bank of the Salt Creek heading west towards the trail system and connecting to the previously installed pipe. The contractor anticipates this work to be completed by August 21st. Check back next week for a progress report.

August 1, 2019: The Village of La Grange Park continues to work with our neighbor to obtain a workable timeline for restorations along Edgewood. Please check back next week for a timetable for restorations along Edgewood.

July 26, 2019 Update: The Village of La Grange Park met with Westchester officials again today to express our concerns over the project, especially south of 31st street. The condition of the path south of 31st is unacceptable. Next week's report will hopefully contain specific updates and a timeline for restorations to begin. Please check back next week with a potential timeline. The Village of La Grange Park appreciates the patience of the users of the path while this project continues.

July 19, 2019 Update: La Grange Park staff meet with Village of Westchester officials and members of the Village's Consulting Engineering firm. La Grange Park staff expressed concerns over delay in the project and are waiting for an official response from Westchester with a timeline for the remainder of the project. Westchester officials indicated that their Village Board granted a 90-day extension to the contractor because of heavy rains that occurred over the spring. Check back next week for an update with a timeline for completion.

July 12, 2019 Update: A few hiccups have occurred this week that has delayed the sewer pipe installation along 31st Street. The contractor needs to obtain permission from the Cook County Forest Preserve to approach on their property to get the remaining 200 feet for sewer pipe installed along the Southside of 31st. Once the County gives permission, the contractor will resume work on this section of pipe. La Grange Park is waiting to hear from the contractor how they plan on crossing the creek and the time frame. The creek crossing is what's holding up the contractor from starting the restorations to the bike path and Edgewood Ln. Stay tuned weekly for updates on this project.

July 5, 2019 Update: No report from Engineer or Contractor because of the Holiday. The path is open, but use caution as the stone backfill is loose as it's not a compactable type. Keep checking back for future work that is required before preparations for restoration begins.

June 28, 2019 Update: The contractor working for Westchester made some progress this week with installing the new sewer pipe along 31st street. The unfortunate part, is they are experiencing bedrock, which requires the breaking of the rock down to the depth where the new sewer needs to be located and slows the progress. The good news is that the bike path is OPEN. The contractor felt that the need for orange fencing was not needed to designate a temporary bike lane as they will not be using the path to the south of 31st for a few weeks. In a few weeks, the contractor will need to get back towards the creeks to finish up the work, which will require closures. Check back weekly for updates and when these closures will take place.

June 21, 2019 Update: The contractor has made progress this week by making the turn to the West along 31st at Edgewood. Next week, weather pending, the contractor will begin to grade and install smaller gravel along the westerly edge of Edgewood lane and install temporary orange fencing to create a pathway for pedestrian use. In the next week or so this path should be reopened. From time to time, the trail will have daily closures as work still needs to be completed near the creek. Over the next few weeks, the contractor will install the new pipe adjacent to 31st Street going West to the new manhole installed to go west under 31st street at Sunnyside. The Village of Westchester and the contractor are working on a new plan to cross the creek where they ran into unstable soil under the river. In the next few weeks, work should begin on this portion of the project. After completion of this work, restorations will follow behind with anticipated closures of the bike path and Edgewood during paving. Stay tuned to these updates weekly for updates.

June 14, 2019 Update: Nice weather this past week has allowed the contractor to make significant progress by installing approximately 200 feet of pipe. The contractor is experiencing bedrock, which will hinder their speed a bit, but by next week it's anticipated they will make the westerly turn in the southern right away towards the manhole that goes north under 31st Street. A progress meeting is scheduled for Monday morning with the contractor and Village of Westchester to discuss workflow for the next few weeks. I am hopeful that during the discussion, the contractor provides a timeline when restoration work will begin along Edgewood and the path over Salt Creek. Stay tuned!!

June 7, 2019 Update: With the rains again this week, progress was slowed. Only 66 feet of pipe installed this week. There is still 230 feet to reach 31st Street. The contractor needs a good week without rain to increase their production. Once they do reach 31st, the contractor needs to head west

along the right of way along the southern edge of 31st to make the connection at the new manhole where the pipe turns north under 31st. I am hopeful that the weather will start to favor the region so this project can progress with more significant results.

May 31, 2019 Update: The contractor was able to install approximately 175 feet of pipe along the Edgewood right away this week. There are another 300 ft. to go before making it to 31st street. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate with the contractor to increase production and move this project along.

May 24, 2019 Update: Again, weather impacted progress along Edgewood. Roughly 74 feet of pipe installed this week, leaving approximately 475 feet until they reach 31st Street.

May 17, 2019 Update: Weather conditions improved this past week slightly, but not enough for the contractor to gain a lot of ground. On 66 feet of pipe was installed on the Edgewood Sanitary Main. The boring crew installed the piping and casing spaces for the new sewer pipe under 31st. The receiving manhole (east side of 31st) was installed and backfilled.

May 10, 2019 Update: Again, due to the heavy rains and residual water from last week's rain events, progress was limited. Only 60 feet of sewer pipe was installed under Edgewood. The boring crew as able to reach the Southside of 31st with installing the casing piping.

May 3, 2019 Update: No work was completed this week due to the rain events.

April 26, 2019 Update: The contractor completed another 100 feet of pipe installation this past week. They have just under 600 feet left to get to 31st Street. Boring under 31st is taking a little longer than expected, but the contractor is hopeful of completing the bore and installing the casing pipe, and new sewer pipe under 31st next week.

April 18, 2019 Update: The contractor had an excellent week installing pipe along Edgewood. They have 700 feet left to make it to 31st street. Boring under 31st street continued this week as well, with 40 feet being completed to date.

April 12, 2019 Update: The contractor stopped the installation of 30" storm pipe along Edgewood so that stone could be delivered to the staging area. The contractor also began correcting all silt fence which was damaged during construction so the project would stay in compliance with Illinois EPA regulations. Alessio also installed "head pipe" to try to handle a large amount of groundwater that needed to be pumped out of the excavation trench. This "head pipe" is a 12" HPDE (plastic) and will serve as a temporary conductor for the pumping of The groundwater and will be removed after the sanitary pipe has been installed. Since the last report, another 44 feet of 30" sanitary sewer has been installed. On Sunnyside, the boring under 31st street began, and as of today, 13 feet have been installed. Total Length to reach across 31st street and into the receiving pit is 92 feet.

The path from Jackson to the Salt Creek Bike Path intersection is open for use, but users can only go South towards Bemis from this location.

Our Department of Public Works reports the following update from the Village of Westchester regarding the Sunnyside Sanitary Project. Work began about 200 feet west of the creek bridge along the bike path. To date, four manholes and 900 feet of 30" pipe have been installed at an average depth of 20 feet. The work began west of the bike path bridge and turned north along the bike path/Edgewood. Spring melt, rains, and groundwater have caused severe working conditions for the contractor, impacting progress. Due to the groundwater, equipment, and materials along the bike path, the Forest Preserve and the contractor decided to close the bike path to the public for safety reasons. The bike path between 31st Street and Jackson will remain closed until the pipe has been installed. The contractor's goal was to install 150 feet of pipe per day, but because of all the groundwater and unstable soils, they can install only 22 feet per day. The boring pit on Sunnyside has been completed, and the boring subcontractor was mobilized to begin boring under 31st street this week. The boring will be completed by the middle of next week. The project is scheduled to be completed in July weather and existing conditions permitting.

La Grange Road and 31st Water Main Replacement

November 8, 2019 Update: No Update

November 1, 2019 Update: Preliminary design work is complete for the 31st Street water main improvement from Meadowcrest to Barnsdale. Public Works reviewed these plans and requested minor changes to the design plans before submission to IDOT for pre-approval.

October 25, 2019 Update: No update to report.

October 18, 2019 Update: No update to report.

October 11, 2019 Update: An agreement with Schomig Land Surveyors was signed this week to survey the properties along La Grange Road from 31st Street South to Garfield to determine exact property lines. These are required to continue with the water main design. True North is awaiting formal approval from IDOT to begin the soil sampling.

October 4, 2019 Update: True North is awaiting the permits from IDOT to perform the soil borings along La Grange Road and 31st Street. The contractor is hopeful to begin this process in the next week or two.

September 27, 2019 Update: No update to report.

September 20, 2019 Update: No update to report.

September 13, 2019 Update: At Tuesday night's Board Meeting, a new agreement was entered into with True Consultants for the Soil Borings. This part of the project should start shortly.

September 6, 2019 Update: No update to report.

August 30, 2019 Update: Public Works staff has to go back to the Board for approval for extra funds needed to add a few more samples since BP won't allow borings on their property. Public Works is hoping to get the borings completed before the end of September.

August 23, 2019 Update: No update to report.

August 16, 2019 Update: No new update to report.

August 9, 2019 Update: Soil boring for this project are slated to begin in the next two weeks or so.

August 1, 2019 Update: Public Works and the Village's Engineering team is working with several businesses to obtain temporary easements to gain access to their properties to conduct soil boring. These samples are needed to get the design phase of the water main project underway.

July 26, 2019 Update: No update to report.

July 19, 2019 Update: No update to report.

July 12, 2019 Update: No update to report.

July 5, 2019 Update: Village staff has been attempting to get an easement agreement for the BP station, which is postponing progress. Hopefully, this can be resolved in the next few weeks as the soil samples are a vital component of the design process.

June 28, 2019 Update: No update to report.

June 21, 2019 Update: No update to report.

June 14, 2019 Update: Temporary easements are needed from a few properties before the soil borings can begin. The Village's Attorney is working with these property owners to obtain the necessary documents, so we can issue a notice to proceed to True North.

June 7, 2019 Update: No update to report this week.

May 31, 2019 Update: No update to report this week.

May 24, 2019 Update: No news to report this week.

May 10, 2019 Update: True North will be providing the Village with a schedule next week, so stay tuned for more information.

April 12, 2019 Update: On Tuesday night, the Village Board approved a proposal from True North Consultants for core samples in the proposed work zone to determine soil conditions and potential contaminations. This work should begin in the first or second week of May.

The Department of Public Works is also in the early planning stages for a water main replacement project planned for La Grange Road - and potentially 31st Street (as funding allows). Our Water and Sewer Infrastructure Study have also identified this area as a priority project. Preliminary work includes design engineering, core sampling, and underground utility relocation. The Village anticipates that the work on La Grange Road will begin next year (2020). Not only has this water main surpassed its useful life, but both of the current water main locations are under the pavement in the roadways. These roadways are under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), which makes it difficult to make repairs and restorations. Once the design phase is complete, the documents are sent over to IDOT for review, comments, and approval. This process will take most of the summer into fall before IDOT finalizes the plans.