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Highway 42 and Miller Street Construction Update

As you know, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is rehabilitating Highway 42 from Duvall Street south to Miller Street this Summer and Autumn. The Highway will remain open during the repairs; only one lane of traffic will be closed at a time. The project will provide for increased sidewalks on both sides of the Highway near the intersection of Miller Street. As part of this work, the City has a chance to fix some below ground infrastructure. Of particular importance to the City has been fixing known storm water problems at this intersection. The City has already spent over \$30,000 dollars fixing problems with storm water at this intersection in 2015 and 2016. The Kewaunee City Council had a lot of dialogue and discussions surrounding the need to also replace potable water and sanitarily sewer mains while the street was being repaved. Sanitary sewer mains were inspected via video camera in this area. It was found that the mains are in need of replacement. We are performing this replacement of storm water, potable water and sanitary sewer mains now as it will save local tax dollars as the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will be paying for the pavement and for the traffic control. Secondly, if we do not make the repairs now, we may have to cut into a brand new road surface in order to repair the infrastructure soon. That would lead to prematurely deteriorating the new road surface.

The replacement of storm water, potable water and sanitary sewer mains will not be cheap; it is estimated to cost about \$300,000 dollars. As with the \$4.2 million dollar sea wall project, most of the project will take place underground and not be visible. Therefore, we wanted to share some pictures with you so that you can see the improvements before they are buried.

These are some pictures of the storm water collector basin located at the harbor front between Port O'Call and Harbor Express. The size of the manhole and the storm water pipes coming into the manhole are huge! This should give you some idea of the incredible amount of rainwater that is coming off of the hill in our community. When it rains, it may not seem like a lot of water coming off of your roof. However, when that run-off combines with hundreds of homes and businesses, it grows exponentially.

When driving past the work crews, please be careful. They have a tough job to do and we want them to return home safe!

Please feel free to call 920-388-5000 with any questions.







