

# **STREETSCAPE PROJECT UPDATE**

Beginning this week, we will be sending out weekly updates on the Streetscape Project construction. We are formatting them simply so the community can have an "at-a-glance" view to the progress.

A few items worth noting:

- *Please be patient* the team from Mather understands that this is a disruption to the village and they are working hard to get this job completed.
- Mather plans to move along in small sections as they move toward the center of town so as to minimize the disruption and keep as few parking spaces closed at a time.
- Special thanks to John Casey for allowing the contractor use of the southern part of the Kent Green for staging of materials and equipment.
- Mather now has two teams: a Demo Team and a Finish Team. The Demo Team first excavates the asphalt and old base underneath, and the Finish Team then comes in and preps the new base, sets the curbing and pours the concrete.

Finally, I need to ask you all a big favor. There is a lot of chatter out on social media about the project, and everyone wants information immediately. This project has been well over a decade in the making - please let's keep our eye on the prize, which is that by late fall, we will have the safest and most amazing sidewalks. This is an incredibly large, complex project that will have a positive impact on our town and it's important not to get lost in the rhetoric of a few 'negative nellies'.

# August 22 - September 2

### **Two Week Look Ahead**

- Bridge Street | South Side:
  - The Finish Team plans to have sidewalks finished to the intersection by end of the week.
- Bridge Street | North Side:
  - Demo work will begin middle of next week.
- North Main Street | East Side:
  - Demo Team will continue southward to the railroad tracks, followed by Finish Team next week to install curbing and concrete

### **What's Been Done**

- Bridge Street | South Side:
  - Demo Team has completed work
  - Finish Team is installing granite curbing and concrete has begun to be poured. The Finish Team plans to have sidewalks finished to the intersection by middle

of next week.

- North Main Street | East Side:
  - Demo Team has begun and will continue southward to the railroad tracks.
    Finish Team will follow.
- North Main Street | West Side
  - Tree removal: 2 trees/shrub at St. Andrews; 1 tree at Chestnut Woodworking.

## **Additional Information**

- The east side of Bridge Street should be finished by the opening day of KCS on August 29th.
- Schedule information shared is always subject to change due to weather, etc.
- This project is on the State highway and as such, the project must meet State DOT specifications. Part of those requirements include repaving the roadway a certain number of feet. As such, you will see some repaving.
- On any tree removals that had to take place, Bruce Bennett, Town Tree Warden, is working with property owners on replacement of the trees.

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