

# City of Oberlin

85 South Main St. Oberlin, OH 44074  
Public Works Department

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TO: Washington Circle and Monroe Court residents  
FROM: Jeff Baumann, Public Works Director  
RE: Street Improvement Project

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, City Council awarded a construction contract to Buckeye Excavating in the amount of \$418,751.50 for improvements to Washington Circle and Monroe Court. We held our pre-construction meeting with Buckeye Excavating and they intend to proceed as soon **as they can get the necessary construction materials lined up.**

Buckeye will begin the project with the storm sewer improvements. This includes the replacement of about 250' of 12" and 15" reinforced concrete pipe under the pavement. Four brick catch basins and two manholes will also be replaced. Much of this work is near the inside curve on Washington Circle between street addresses 388 and 408 and also across the entrance to Monroe Court between the storm sewer catch basins. Generally, the contractor will maintain traffic in both directions. With the storm sewer work, there will be times when it will be necessary to close the street temporarily. After working hours, the excavation will either be backfilled or plated to allow traffic to pass safely. The storm sewer work should take 1-2 weeks to complete.

This project includes complete replacement of the failing curbs. Buckeye has indicated that they intend to remove the curb along the northeast side of the roadway first (odd number street addresses). During this process, the excavated area will be marked with delineators to alert traffic to the road side trench. Along with removal and preparation for the new curb, Buckeye will install new under-drain (the pavement drainage system), followed by the new curb. New accessible curb ramps will be installed at the Washington/Monroe intersection.

Please note that curb replacement will also require driveway apron replacement. Drive aprons will be replaced in like material (i.e concrete for concrete; asphalt for asphalt; gravel for gravel). Buckeye **is allocating two to three weeks for this work on each side of the street.** This will be the most disruptive phase of the work since driveways will not be accessible after the curb has been removed, the new curb is poured and cured and the new driveway apron is poured and cured.

During construction, access will generally be maintained although delays should be expected. There will be times when access is limited or temporarily unavailable during utility construction

across the width of the street and under-drain installation across driveways or when the new concrete curbs and driveway aprons have been poured and are curing.

Advance notice will be given before driveways are closed. Since the curb work will only be performed on one side of the street at a time, we recommend parking across the street with your neighbors, where that is feasible. We also recommend on-street parking along Lincoln St. or across Hamilton St. at the Recreation Complex. Any residents with special needs should contact the Public Works Department as soon as possible so we can help to determine how accommodations may be made.

After the storm sewer work, and when the new curbs and driveway aprons are complete, 3 ¼" of the existing asphalt street surface will be milled off. The sub-surface will be inspected and any necessary pavement base repairs will be made. The street will be resurfaced with a 1¾" asphalt leveling course and a 1½" asphalt paving course. **The paving phase will take no more than two week to accomplish.** Following paving, the contractor is responsible for final site restoration in the curb lawn and the repair of any other damages caused during the course of work. **Buckeye is planning to complete all of the work by XXX, weather- permitting.**

We have worked with Buckeye Excavating on other projects and we're confident that they will do a good job. Generally we expect them to work 10-hour days, approximately 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday with Friday as a make-up day for weather related delays. The City has hired a third party inspection firm, Quality Control Inspection, Inc. (QCI) to assist in managing this project.

I do intend to send out occasional project updates via e-mail. If you'd like to be on this e-mail list, please send me a brief note at [jbaumann@cityofberlin.com](mailto:jbaumann@cityofberlin.com). If you have any questions at any time during the project, please contact the Public Works Department at 775-7218.

For your safety and the safety of construction workers, inspectors and City staff, please exercise caution at all times around the construction work and construction equipment. Although there will be temporary inconveniences, I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during this project.

Cc: Rob Hillard, City Manager  
Dawn Ferro, GMD Superintendent  
Randall Roberts, City Engineer