



# Williamsville Business Association



## MAIN STREET CONSTRUCTION

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### Williamsville Picture Main Street And Highway Paving NY Route 5

#### Scheduled work for the week 8/13 through 8/17

The Main Street construction project continues. Normal work hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM. There will be a crew on Saturday this week at 6:00 AM. All work will be off the road so there will be no impact to traffic.

Businesses and residents on Main Street between Union Road and Hirschfield Drive / Farber Lane please take note:

To minimize traffic congestion during the construction project, Modern Disposal will collect your garbage on your regular days; Wednesdays on the north side of Main Street and Thursdays on the south side of Main Street, by 6:30 AM. The Village requests that place your garbage at the curb for pick up the evening before.

Phase 1 (north side) " Mill Street to Reist Street  
Most of the main sidewalk is in from Reist to east of Rock Street. The Plan for the week is to complete the sidewalks and the balance of the crosswalk ramps along with the adjacent areas from Reist to Mill Street.

Phase 3 (south side) " Fire hall to the Bridge over Ellicott creek  
There was a delay in in the prep work in front of the Town / Village halls. A fiber optic conduit conflicted with the sidewalk excavation and needed to be relocated. With that now complete, the contractor will continue to prep the area for the new sidewalks in front of the Village office, Library, Town office and the Irishman Restaurant. Every attempt will be made to maintain access to the Irishman Restaurant. It will be necessary to restrict the width of the driveway to 1/2" in or less to complete the necessary work

The Main Street driveway entrance to the Town offices is closed. Please use the entrance on South Cayuga Road during the construction of this phase.

Weather permitting, the placing of concrete driveway apron to the Town Hall should be done on Monday. There is a seven-day curing period before traffic can be permitted to use it. Accessing the driveway prior to the concrete hardening will cause it to crack.

Phase 4 (South Side) Ellicott Creek to Garrison  
The excavation of the curb and sidewalk areas has begun from Ellicott Creek to Oakgrove. Access to the Ed Young Plaza is being restricted to two driveways during this phase; the signalized driveway at Mill Street and the eastern driveway nearest Reads Laundry. It may be reduced to one driveway during the workday if necessary.

It is possible that the excavation for the new ADA compliant curb ramps will begin this week at the intersection of Garrison Rd / Evans Street. Traffic will be maintained but the number of lanes will be reduced to one in each direction. Delays are expected to severe on Garrison and Evans at Main Street while the work is being performed. Motorists are advised to use an alternate route and avoid this intersection during daily work hours.

#### Questions from the public: continued...

**Wonder about the sewer covers being level with the street when done.** The manhole covers and water valve boxes, that are depressed in the pavement, will be raised to be level with the surface after the completion of the milling operation (that is the removal of the top 1/2" surface of the existing pavement).

#### Safety Concerns

As you approach the lane closures, plan far enough in advance to merge from the right lane to the left lane. Waiting to the last moment causes heated tempers and may force you into the coned off area. The flashing arrow boards are visible many blocks in advance of the work zone.

Flag people will be on site assisting construction vehicles in and out of the work zone. Please be aware and use caution.

Note: A flagger has the same power as a police officer controlling traffic. They have been trained and are aware of the construction equipment, traffic attempting to enter from side streets and driveways and the flow of traffic on the mainline. Please give them the opportunity to properly perform their duties. Yelling at them out your window and honking the horn at them will not deter them from doing their job in a safe and workman like manor. Concentration on their part is paramount.

The contractor fabricated plywood and 4' x 4' bridges to provide access to businesses where the fresh concrete is being placed. It will typically harden overnight and can be traversed then. Please refrain from damaging the fresh concrete.

In the area where the new curbs will be installed, the contractor will place concrete in the cut in front of the curb to lock it into the pavement area.

Temporary No Parking signs will be placed the evening before. Please obey the no parking areas so not to delay the contractor's operations and to avoid being issued a ticket and being towed.

In the areas where we will be working, sidewalk closed signs will be placed to detour pedestrian traffic to the opposite side of the street. These pedestrian detours are set for your safety. It is understood business patrons need access to the local businesses, please be patient and one of the contractor's employees will assist you through the area when it is safe. At the conclusion of the excavation operation, the contractor will place a compacted stone in the sidewalk areas to make it easily traversable. Please remember this is a construction site and caution will need to be used in these areas.

Motorists should be aware that daily eastbound and westbound right lane closures will be set in place between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Delays are to be expected. There are no lane closure restrictions on the weekends.

Electronic variable message boards are in place on Main, Union and the I-190 exit to inform travelers of the situations that they will encounter and will be adjusted as construction activities change.

There will be no lane closures during the morning and afternoon rush hours (6:00 AM " 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM " 6:00 PM) Monday through Friday. Outside of the restricted times, you may encounter a single lane closure.

National Fuel has completed their work on the project.

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#### Questions from the public:

**Can the Town Hall entrance be done quicker to open sooner? I know it needs long drying time.**

Unfortunately, no. The schedule had the work being completed by 8/15. As with any project, no matter how much information you have regarding things underground, when you open the ground, sometimes there are conflicts and they need to be resolved before continuing.

**Can parking be opened up earlier when job is done in front of their stores. Taking down police signs.**

The contractor has removed the parking restrictions on both sides of Main Street from Reist to Cayuga. This subject to change depending if it is necessary to close off the areas to perform additional work.