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INTERSECTION

- This week Public Works personnel and one of the project engineers met with the contractor for this project, Bruce Concrete for a pre-construction meeting.
- Construction is expected to begin in late May and be complete sometime in August.

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Spring Rains

Spring has finally arrived, everything is greening, budding, blooming, and blossoming. April showers may bring May flowers, but the heavy spring rains and storms bring downed tree limbs and drainage problems for the Public Works Department.

For the Public Works Department the rains bring the threat of street flooding as well as other drainage related issues. The City tries to head off any flooding that may occur by keeping the storm drains open and flowing. To this end the Street Department utilizes the street sweeper, clearing ditches and drainage swales of debris, and unclogging or replacing collapsed culverts and storm drains.

Residents can help by not placing yard debris into the street. By keeping lawn clippings and leaves out of the street the storm drains are easier to keep clean. The city does not pick up brush or have a location where residents can dump their yard waste. The city's contracted trash haulers will remove unlimited amounts of yard waste along with your regular trash pick up as long as it is properly prepared. All leaves, grass clippings, twigs and brush will be picked up if placed in a brown kraft paper bag, a trash can that has been marked with a **red x**, or has been arranged into easily managed bundles of not more than 4' lengths, and the diameter of limbs should not exceed 4".



Culvert is completely blocked by discarded yard debris.



Drainage swale has been filled in with landscaping.

If your yard has a drainage ditch, keeping this waterway clear of obstructions will help keep rain water in the ditch. Many subdivisions were designed with drainage ways in the easements. Homeowners can help manage the storm water in their neighborhoods by keeping these areas properly maintained and clear of obstructions.

No one can control the weather, but there are things that we can all do to try to minimize the effects.