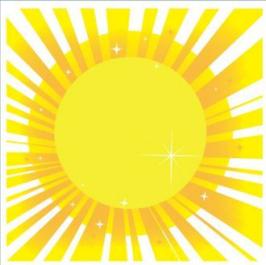


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## Rain, Rain, Go Away



- The Summer Solstice begins at 6:28am on June 21st
- Solstice means the sun stands still
- The phrase "Honey Moon" is derived from the fermented honey drink served as part of the wedding ceremonies performed during the summer solstice celebrations.

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During the last couple of weeks members of the Public Works Department have been kept busy keeping up with the extra duties caused by recent heavy rains.

Heavy rains have caused some roads to become impassable due to high water.



Storm waters recede leaving debris in the roadway and helping add to the pothole problems. Keeping the storm sewer outlets clear of debris is one of the duties of the Street & Alley division. Drainage issues account for a large number of work orders each year. You can help ease drainage concerns in

your neighborhood by not blowing grass clippings into the roadway when you mow. Besides being an ordinance violation, the clippings can collect and clog storm drains causing flooding like we've seen in the past couple of weeks.

The Water & Sewer division sees problems caused by infiltration of storm water into the sanitary sewer lines during heavy rain events. The combination of excess groundwater and compromised sewer lines cause the mains to run full the result can be sanitary sewer backup.

Storm water in basements can also be a problem if the homeowner hasn't properly maintained their downspouts and gutters. Residents can help by

making sure that roof gutters are clean and downspouts are working and directed away from the foundation of the home.

Each division of the Public Works Department has an individual who is designated to be "on call" at all times during non-working hours. In the event of an emergency after normal working hours you should contact the Police Department 654-2131 and they will dispatch the appropriate department to handle your situation.

## Bid Openings

Two Public Works projects opened bids on June 16th.

### **PW-03-10 Main Street Parking Lots**

Five bids were received for this project which will resurface the existing parking lot on the northwest corner of Main Street and Pine Street and construct a new parking lot in the vacant lot

behind City Hall. The bids ranged in price from \$99,581.75 to \$268,842.00.

### **PW-07-10 Main Street & Walnut Street Resurfacing**

Three bids were received for this project which will mill and resurface Main Street from Washington Street to Poplar Street and Walnut Street from

Broadway south. The bids ranged in price from \$191,860.86 to \$264,905.23.

Director Gillespie will be making his recommendation for awarding the bid to Council at their meeting on Monday, June 21st.

