

Hello, neighbors.

Street repairs are coming soon on roadways Stonewater residents use daily. That

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includes Festus-Horine Road, on which two areas of subsidence will be addressed.

Also expected in the next month: renovation of Cherry Lane through Horine. This is the main route from Stonewater to Highway Z and on to Interstate 55.

According to Herculaneum public works chief Mark Johnson, Festus-Horine will begin in June. The city will share the

repair dates as soon as possible. Expect two sections of one lane of Festus-Horine to be closed for about a week.

During the process, barricades and signs will be installed to close the lane opposite Stonewater. That is where the two damaged sections of pavement will be removed, base material will be put in place and new asphalt will be laid.

Stop signs will be placed at each end of the closure areas. Drivers will be required to negotiate a one-lane road. One sign will be placed near Stonewater Drive. The other will

be near the subdivision property line, where utility boxes are located.

Traffic disruption might embolden drivers to bypass most of the one-lane stretch and use Rolling Stone and Stonewater. If this becomes a problem, Herculaneum officials will be notified.

Cherry Lane

Beginning in June, the Festus Special Road District will begin improvement on the route through Horine. Expect lane closures in alternating directions. One lane will be addressed, then the other. Both Cherry Lane and Front Street will get repairs.

Several areas along Cherry between Hwy. Z and the Union Pacific railroad tracks are in bad shape. Patch work was done in recent weeks, but the district plans to tear out all asphalt and rebuild the roadway.

Front Street intersects Cherry near the Union Pacific tracks.

Stonewater residents might want to avoid Cherry and access Hwy. Z by going left on Front after crossing the Union Pacific tracks. Once work on Front begins, Cherry should be ready for use.

Stonewater street repair

Later this summer, sections of Phase 1 streets will be repaired. Like last year's work, damaged concrete sections will be replaced on one side of the street. About a week later, lanes on the other side of the street will be repaired.

Sweetens Concrete Services will perform the work, as it did last year. Expect workers to cut out damaged sections, place new base material and reinforcement roads, and pour concrete. Repaired sections will be closed for less than a week.

Rolling Stone and Waters Edge are where panels will be replaced. Work on Rolling Stone will be near the roundabout with Waters Edge. Sections of Waters Edge to be repaired are at the intersections with Living Water, at one end of Waterfall, and in the roadway between the roundabout and Living Water.

Several streets must be repaired before Herculaneum will accept the streets into its maintenance. Any slab of concrete where there are two or more cracks, and especially where there is displacement, are likely targets for replacement. Specific locations for those repairs will be determined when Herculaneum officials inspect streets to begin the dedication process. Work will be paid from homeowners association funds through annual dues.

Retention pond maintenance



When work began on Phase 2, contractors converted a low-lying area along Rolling Stone into a retention pond. The basin holds runoff from Living Stone, Watering Stone and Rolling Stone, as well as from both sides of Festus-Horine Road.

That pond has become a problem. Last fall,

Stonewater trustees began exploring ways to improve water quality and clarity.

Rock was placed along the pond edges to prevent erosion, but workers did not install a fabric weed prevention barrier. So weeds now grow in the rip rap.

Under agreement with HOA trustees, grass maintenance company Southpointe Landscaping will spray the rocks with an environmentally friendly application to eliminate weeds. Unsightly green algae in the pond will be treated and killed with environmentally friendly products.

Residents are advised to keep children away from the pond banks as a precaution.

Trustees are also preparing to purchase an aeration system for the pond. Expect to see either a fountain or a bubbler installed this summer.

Last word

Slow down! Children are at play on Stonewater streets. If you have visitors, tell them to obey the posted speed limit of 20 mph. Safety is everyone's priority.