

**Ward 3 Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
**April 2 2008**  
**Topic: Street Department**

The topic and speakers at this meeting was the street department. Our guests were Debra Aylsworth, Director of Public Works, and Dennis Boswell, Street Superintendent. The following is a link to their area on the City of St Charles Website and explains the basics of what they do.

[http://www.stcharlescity.com/Administration/CityAdministrator/Departments/Public\\_Works/street.asp](http://www.stcharlescity.com/Administration/CityAdministrator/Departments/Public_Works/street.asp)

The Street Division is responsible for the maintenance of City streets, alleys, sidewalks, storm sewers and sanitary sewers. The Division maintains approximately 460 miles of streets within the City limits. This maintenance includes snow and ice removal, flood control, asphalt pothole patching and pavement maintenance, and also concrete street slab, curb, gutter and sidewalk repair and replacement. In addition, it installs and maintains street signs, and maintains traffic signals.

The Street Division also cleans sanitary and storm sewers as well as creek blockages. It is responsible for maintaining trees and the mowing of weeds and grass on City right of ways.

This Division maintains all Public Works and Community Development equipment and vehicles and sometimes repairs vehicles and equipment belong to other Departments, including the Police and Fire Departments.

It also coordinates the Adopt-A-Roadway Program, which allows civic groups, families and individual citizens to adopt selected streets and roads within the City of St. Charles for the purpose of cleaning up litter.

In our first meeting to create these topics there were several that had made the list to talk about with this department. The following lists what was discussed.

- o Street Striping- is contracted by the city and is done in April and October depending on weather conditions
- o The street striping on Hemsath Rd to be done this year

- o Provisional Roads were defined and discussed- basically a provisional road is one that the city did not take full responsibility of the road, as the builder of the neighborhood, did not bring it up to city code. There are only a small handful of these in all of St Charles and are not likely to be ever granted again. Hidden Oaks are city maintained streets.
- o Streetlights at Arena Parkway and Hemsath- this is probably county and Laurie Feldman will be taking this up with John White- county councilman.
- o Intersection of Friedens and Arena Parkway- there is a CIP to redesign this intersection at a possible \$700,000 to improve flow.
- o Street lights in Montclair- because the builder is in bankruptcy and the finishing of this area is always down the road the city is looking at addressing getting lights installed for safety reasons. As a side note: on the plate on each streetlight if there is an X it is maintained by Ameren if it is an SX it is city maintained.
- o Snow Removal- this was a well-discussed topic! Please see other attached document to the website that addressed the snowfall event on 1/31/08-2/2/08. The city has 11 trucks and 16 contracted trucks to do snow removal. They work 2- 12-hour shifts. It was well noted when and what gets missed. Notes were taken to pay attention to the area discussed.
- o Noah's Ark Traffic- Now to be called The Streets of St Charles at Noah's Ark- this is currently in the planning stages and in about 6 months they will be unveiling the design.
- o Webster Park Access- this new park will be connected to Montclair