

# Plaza construction remains on schedule

## **1st Street Road Reconstruction**

City staff members are discussing the phasing of the remaining 1st Street road reconstruction, which will start up again in spring 2008 and be completed by fall. They have submitted an application to the Illinois Department of Transportation for work on the intersection of 1st and Main/Route 64.

## **Parking Deck Construction/The Plaza**

Construction of The Plaza building and parking deck is on schedule. The stair tower at the south end has taken shape, and they will begin placing the pre-cast pieces for the parking levels, moving to the north end of the site. The three stair towers require many pre-cast pieces and will take slightly longer to construct. As the construction moves north, the crane will be

moved to the northeast corner of the construction site in order to build the northwest corner. This is anticipated to occur by the end of November or beginning of December. The crane will be moved onto 1st Street for a short time, in several of the on-street parking spaces, in order to place the final pieces of the deck, after which it will be dismantled and removed. Two lanes for through-traffic will be maintained. Within the next couple of weeks, construction of the double helix ramp on the southwest end of the building will begin. The helix will not be constructed using pre-cast panels, but rather concrete forms. A smaller crane and the forms will be staged in the lot at the northeast corner of Route

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31 and Illinois. For those interested in watching the new deck take shape from a safe distance, this is a level of building construction that does not often occur in St. Charles or similar downtowns—it's a great opportunity to see how the buildings go up!

## Gas Main Replacement

NICOR began replacing the gas main on 1st Street this week. They ran the main across Illinois and will next run it across 1st Street on the north side of Illinois. NICOR will then continue north on the west side of 1st Street and end near Main Street/Route 64. All of the work should be completed and the road patched within three weeks. A complete road closure will not be needed, although daily lane closures will be required. This gas main replacement is critical for the remaining road reconstruction phases planned for spring 2008.

## New Blue Goose

Work is progressing well on the new building. Paving is scheduled around the building for the week of Oct. 22. This will include the public parking lot on the corner of Indiana and 1st Street. Work on the sidewalks and streetscape will also proceed around the building.

## Building 7A/Harris Bank Building

The streetscape is being finished in front of this building, and final inspections are scheduled the week of Oct. 22. The brick pavers in the sidewalk are scheduled for installation next week. Tree grates will be shipped in November or December and will be installed then. Highway lighting will be installed next week, and decorative sidewalk lighting is on order and should be shipped in December. Build-out plans for the Harris Bank portion of the building have not yet been submitted for permit.

## Electric Utility Work

The Electric Utility returned the street light near the current Blue Goose to service this week and finished up some other minor street light requests. They will be working with the businesses in the 100 block of West Main to arrange for a cut-over to the new underground electric sometime in November. They will be able to schedule the seven different cut-overs individually at times convenient for

the businesses affected.

## Route 31 Road Widening

The majority of the roadway for the widening was poured, Friday, Oct. 12. Two utility issues are outstanding, including a water service that needs to be abandoned. All of the work for the widening, including landscaping restoration, will be completed by Nov. 1.

## Time Table Summary

### Week of Oct. 15

- 1st Street Public Space Design Committee meeting, 8 a.m., City Hall
- Pre-cast panel delivery off Walnut (12-20 trucks to enter the site per day). Daily panel deliveries will continue through the beginning of December.
- The concrete for the Route 31 widening project will be curing this week.
- NICOR will replace the gas main on 1st Street north of Illinois.
- Brick pavers and highway lights will be installed in front of Building 7A (Harris Bank building).

### Week of Oct. 22

- Final inspections scheduled for Building 7A (Harris Bank building) in preparation for occupancy.
- Paving, landscaping, and hardscaping around the new Blue Goose building.

## November

- St. Charles Electric Utility to convert 100 W. Main businesses to underground electric.
- Construction of the double helix ramp at the south corner of the parking deck will begin in early November.

## Dec. 10

- Presentation at the Planning & Development Committee meeting by the 1st Street developer and City staff on overall status of the project, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building.

## January/February 2008

- Blue Goose Supermarket moves into and opens their new store.

## Spring 2008

- Demolition/site work for the River Loft and River Terrace buildings begins.
- Phases 3-5 1st Street Reconstruction, from Illinois/1st Street intersection to Route 64, begins.
- Construction of the public plaza begins.

## Summer 2008

- Parking deck opens!
- Questions or comments about the 1st Street may be directed to the 1st Street hotline at 762-7097 or e-mail at [1stStreet@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:1stStreet@stcharlesil.gov).