



Just a Few Quick Things to Report

This is just a short email to report on a few important things. Read below, and then keep an eye out for my regular mid-month Newsletter, "How Utica Works", which will cover city government's relationship to Housing.

2021 Paving List!

Last month, the Common Council approved a \$2.5 million bond for paving, consistent with the paving plan approved by the voters a few years ago. (In 2020, the Council limited the bond to half-a-million, out of an abundance of caution amidst fear of what the pandemic would mean for our economy.) Given contributions from the City budget ,and other funds, this brought our total paving budget to \$5 million for this year. Then, extra monies from New York State and the federal government added additional funds for paving. So, at this point, the City is planning on spending a total of \$6.2 million on paving this year! This is great news. It won't get us everything we want, but it certainly will make it possible for us to repair a lot of our roads. Here is a list of the streets in South Utica that will be "milled and filled", meaning the old layers of asphalt will be removed, and new asphalt will be laid down. I do not have specific dates when we can expect this work to begin. But keep in mind that while the work is being done, traffic on these streets will be affected, and there will be noise and dust.

And stay tuned: I may have additional news down the road (sorry for the pun!) about whether any streets in South Utica will be completely rebuilt.

Fairfax Place from Cornwall Ave to Melrose Ave

Fern Place from Symonds Place to Mildred Ave

French Road from Seward Ave to the railroad tracks

Harriet Street from Holland Ave to Oneida St

Lomond Place from Rugby Rd to French Rd

Marlboro Road from Oneida St to Kensington Dr

Memorial Parkway from Pleasant St to Master Garden Rd

Mildred Ave from dead end to Sunset Ave

Newell Street from Sunset Ave to Bennett Ave & from Sunset Ave to Genesee

Pleasant Street from Holland Ave to Genesee

Proctor Blvd from Genesee to Oneida Street (both sides)

Sunnyside Drive from Genesee to Leibel Place

Van Vorst St from Holland Ave to Oneida St

Arnold Ave from Sunset Ave to dead end

Auburn Ave from Bradford Ave to Holland Ave

Hartford Place from Richardson Ave to Lyon Place

Talcott Rd from Hartford Place to Genesee

Common Council Welcomes Back the Public

Mayor Palmieri has opened up City Hall enough so that the Common Council can now use its hallway in order to admit the public back to our meetings. I for one, could not be happier about this! In my opinion, not having the public at our meetings really hampers both our transparency and our responsiveness, despite our best efforts to make the meetings available through live YouTube streaming. We will be abiding by safety protocols, and so can only admit a limited number of people. But please, come! We need you in the room with us as we work to figure out what is best for the people of Utica! (I will send out another email on Tuesday evening with more details about how many people we will admit, and what the specific rules will be.)



The Oneida County History Center Telethon



The Oneida County History Center, under the leadership of its newish Director,

Rebecca McLain, will be holding a telethon on Wednesday, May 19th from 5-8:30pm. Call in and show your support for one of Utica's most important institutions.





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