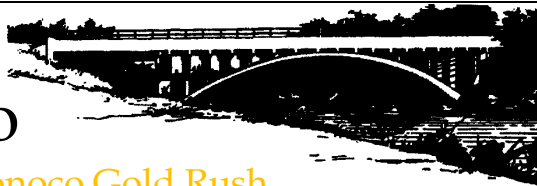


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# City of Oronoco

Home of Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush



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July 26, 2024

**Reference: Resident Construction Status Update No. 38  
Oronoco Wastewater Treatment, Sewer Collection System & Water Distribution Project**

All low pressure sanitary sewer grinder stations that were planned to be constructed as part of the sewer project are complete and operational. The contractor is currently working to restore all areas disturbed by low pressure sewer system construction including topsoil spreading, fine grading, and hydro-seeding. To facilitate turf re-establishment on private properties served by grinder stations, the City is encouraging residents to water seeded areas and will provide a one-time \$20 credit off your water bill for residents who call City Hall at (507) 367-4405 to request the credit and commit to watering the newly seeded area for the next few months.

Residents are also reminded that you or your contractor must complete a Sanitary Sewer Connection Permit and / or Water Service Connection permit and coordinate the required utility inspections in conjunction with construction of sewer / water service piping on your property. Permits are available at Oronoco City Hall.

**Review of recent construction:**

Over the last month, Oronoco's contractor (Fitzgerald Excavating & Trucking) has been making progress as weather allows. During this time, the contractor has:

- Completed installation and startups of individual grinder stations and control panels and abandonment existing septic tanks throughout the project.
- Completed bituminous base patching on miscellaneous streets, around manholes, and construction of the bituminous base on the driveways to all municipal lift stations.
- Completed decommissioning of the privately owned community wastewater treatment systems in Riverwood Hills, River Park, and Cedar Woodlands Subdivisions.
- Completed miscellaneous finish grading and turf restoration activities, and punch list work.

**Work planned over the next four weeks and associated traffic, roadway access, and service impacts are summarized below.** Note: The tentative work schedule provided by the contractor is subject to weather conditions and construction progress and may change without notice.

1. Fitzgerald Excavating will continue final cleanup, turf restoration including additional fine grading, topsoil placement, seeding & overseeding, and preparing for the final bituminous wear course paving. We understand that many areas that were seeded last summer and fall have not been reestablished to an acceptable standard and the contractor is working to address this by spraying weeds, applying fertilizer, and reseeding areas where needed.
2. The final lift of bituminous wear course pavement on streets in downtown Oronoco and 1st Place SW is tentatively planned during the week of August 5<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the final bituminous wear course will be paved on miscellaneous street patches and the driveway to each lift station. Paving operations will briefly impact access and traffic patterns. Drivers should follow directions given by the contractor and children and pedestrians should stay clear of construction zones.
3. In September, the contractor will complete topsoil shouldering and hydro-seed / mulch along the streets in downtown Oronoco and 1st Place SW that are will soon receive the final 1.5-inch thick wear course pavement.
4. Ellingson Drainage crews will continue working on turf restoration in the properties that that have had grinder stations recently installed east of TH 52. Turf restoration will include installation of topsoil, fine grading and hydro-seed with mulch. They hope to complete all of the turf restoration east of TH 52 within the next few weeks. Hydroseeding would be completed by a subcontractor to Ellingson Drainage.
5. The contractor will continue to address final cleanup and punchlist items throughout the project.

***Please note that all gravity sanitary sewer and water service construction for all properties served by the current Phase 1A Municipal Utility project are complete, fully operational, and available for property owner connection as of April 15, 2024. Per Oronoco City Utility Code, property owners have 12 months to complete connection of your home / business to the municipal sanitary sewer / water system and comply with Utility Code requirements. Please complete the connection to municipal system(s) before the May 1, 2025 connection deadline. Property owners who fail to comply with the City's Utility Code connection requirements will be charged a monthly utility fee in an amount of approximately \$75/month until the service connection is complete and approved.***

The City and construction team recognizes this project has temporarily impacted and inconvenienced many residents during the construction of the critically important sewer and water improvements. The City of Oronoco and its Contractors sincerely appreciate resident cooperation and your patience as we work together to complete this project.

Resident construction status updates are be posted on the City's website, and emailed directly to residents who have provided their email address to the City. To facilitate dissemination of the update to residents, we ask that residents sign up for email updates by sending an email to [Oronococonstruction@gmail.com](mailto:Oronococonstruction@gmail.com).

Questions about the contents of the construction status update or about the project in general can be directed to the City's Engineer Joe Palen at either 507.529.6036 or [joseph.palen@stantec.com](mailto:joseph.palen@stantec.com). Questions or concerns about construction activities, turf restoration, or safety can be directed to Fitzgerald Excavating and Trucking Staff: Project Foremen Luke Safranski (507) 676-3062 or Joe Fogarty (507) 517-8512.