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UPCOMING PROJECTS

- **Watch for the 2010 MFT Materials Bid.** The Notice of Municipal Letting was approved by council at the meeting on April 19th.
- **The demolition site at 1114 Main Street will become a parking lot this summer.**
- **The parking lot at 1017 Main Street will also be renovated.**

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Koepfli Lane Extension Project



On April 5th the City Council awarded a contract to Baxmeyer Construction of Waterloo, Illinois in the amount of \$2,644,735.15 for the Koepfli Lane Extension and Reconstruction project. This project will complete the northwest quadrant of the peripheral route.

The existing Koepfli Lane will be reconstructed from State

Route 143 and then extended to connect to Sportsman Road where it intersects with Frank Watson Parkway. This project also includes the construction of a 10' wide asphalt multi-use path as well as curb and gutter along Koepfli Lane.

There is an aggressive timeline for this project. A pre-construction meeting was held on April 16th and the contractor began moving equipment into place this week. This project is

scheduled to be completed by December 3, 2010.

Baxmeyer Construction was also the contractor for the Hemlock Street Extension (later renamed Frank Watson Parkway) section of the peripheral route. That project wrapped up with a ribbon cutting on August 31, 2009 and was completed \$27,000 under budget.



Earth Day 2010

The 40th anniversary of the first Earth Day celebration occurred on April 22nd. On the first Earth Day nearly 20 million people participated in demonstrations to draw attention to the problems of air and water pollution. Today it is estimated that the over one billion people world wide who will celebrate the holiday are more likely to carry reusable shopping bags than the protest signs of 40 years ago. The "Going Green" movement continues to pick up steam as people look for ways to conserve energy and our natural resources.

Easy ways to help the environment:

- Plant a tree (this week we also celebrate Arbor Day)
- Set your thermostat at 68 degrees F or lower in the winter and 78 degrees F or higher in the summer
- Use a low flow shower head. The use of low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators will not only reduce water usage, but can also save you up to 50% on water heating costs.
- Compost—Return your organic waste where it belongs: the soil! Rather than sending banana peels, grass clipping, etc. to the

landfill start a compost pile instead.

- Protect our freshwater resources and save money by fixing those leaks!

