

PUBLIC WORKS
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CURRENTLY OUT FOR BID

- US Route 40 / Hemlock St. / Frank Watson Parkway Intersection
- Fence Construction at the Street and Alley Storage Lot on Highland Road
- Bid documents are available electronically or from this office.
- Bids open on March 12, 2013 at City Hall, at 10:00am and 10:30am.

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Severe Weather Preparedness

March is Severe Weather Preparedness month in Illinois. Following a notoriously active and deadly tornado year in 2011, the low number of tornadoes in 2012 may go down in the record books.

The number of tornadoes in January, February and March 2012 climbed above normal. However, in April, typically the most active month for severe weather in the U.S., there was a below-normal number of tornadoes.

Prepare for the 2013 severe weather season now.

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REQUEST TO BE NOTIFIED IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER WARNINGS

If you have a land line phone with a number that is listed in the phone directory you are already in the CodeRED system. If, however, your family has an unlisted land line number or uses only cellular phones, you need to register your number so that you will receive the emergency notifications. Visit www.highlandil.gov and click on the CodeRED logo to register

additional phones or to provide an e-mail address for notification.

OUTDOOR WEATHER ALERT SYSTEM ACTIVATION

While the Outdoor Weather Alert System may be used for emergencies and situations other than weather, its primary use is for notifying the public of impending severe weather situations. The Highland Police Department has adopted the criteria for activating the sirens to coincide with the National Weather Service standard for "Severe Weather".

If the National Weather Service has predicted severe weather for the Highland area, the communications center should receive advance warnings and updates from the National Weather Service. Criteria for activation of the weather alert system:

- A tornado has been sighted or indicate by radar **within a 15 air mile radius** of Highland or Grantfork, and/ or is tracking toward Highland or Grantfork.
- A severe thunderstorm is reported in the **15 mile radius** or tracking towards Highland/Grantfork that has reported hail 1 inch or more in diameter or damaging winds of a 58 mph

maximum sustained winds (not wind gusts).

Please note that the City of Highland does NOT sound an "ALL CLEAR" tone.

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE OUTDOOR SIREN SOUNDS

- Go inside right away
- Turn on a radio or television to hear the latest weather information
- Take shelter in an inside room or basement

Remember: The emergency alert siren is for outdoor notification. Don't expect it to notify you of weather conditions while you are indoors.

It is recommended that you purchase and include a NOAA weather alert radio as part of your emergency weather plan.

The Illinois Emergency Services Management Association along with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency are sponsoring a "Weather Alert Radios Saves Lives" contest this month.

Visit www.Ready.Illinois.gov to enter and for lots of emergency preparedness tips.