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## THANKSGIVING TRIVIA

- There were no forks at the first Thanksgiving in 1621. Use of the fork didn't catch on until the 18th century
- Thanksgiving was first declared a public holiday by President Lincoln in 1863.
- The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was held in 1924
- Campbell's Soup created the green bean casserole about 50 years ago attributing to the \$20 million in sales of cream of mushroom soup.

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# Public Works

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## Troxler Avenue

The recently completed rehabilitation of Troxler Avenue from Route 160 to Route 40/143 was just the first in a series of improvements planned for that stretch of roadway in the coming year.

The Troxler Avenue widening project is expected to go out for bid in December. Construction is expected to get underway sometime this winter.



The Troxler Avenue widening project will add an additional lane down that entire stretch of roadway giving residents of Augusta Estates and traffic for the new hospital a turn lane. Curbs and gutters along Troxler Avenue are a part of the widening. A multi-use path is also a part of this project. This path, similar to the path along Frank Watson Parkway, will be constructed on the south side of Troxler Avenue along the front of the hospital property to the corner of Troxler Avenue and Route 160, then will turn south and run along the west side of Route 160 along the hospital property. This path will eventually run along the entire south side of Troxler Avenue to Route 40 /143.

The plans are expected to be completed for another project along Troxler Avenue by the spring. A letting is planned for spring with construction slated to begin next summer for sidewalks along the north side of Troxler Avenue. These sidewalks, part of the Safe Routes to School program, will run from Augusta Estates to the intersection of Troxler and Route 160 by the schools. This project will also add pedestrian crossing signals at the intersection crossing both across Troxler Avenue, north and south, and across Route 160, east and west.



## Office Closed

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd for Thanksgiving, but will be open on Friday, November 23rd.

Remember that if you have an emergency any time outside of regular business hours you can contact the police department at 654-2131. Each division of the Public Works Department has an employee who is on-call to respond to emergencies such as sewer back-ups or water line breaks. Please don't hesitate to call for such problems.