

ROAD CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

2019 Recap

January, 2020

Happy New Year! We hope the weekly Road Construction emails have been helpful and informative. The paving program is complete until spring and warmer weather so we thought we would take this opportunity to look back at what we have accomplished and review what is coming in spring 2020.

Over the last several years, changing weather patterns with more snow and ice have placed an added burden on our infrastructure. The use of de-icing chemicals in freezing temperatures accelerated the wear and tear on roadways throughout the state. To address the road conditions at a time with historically low interest rates, Marlboro's debt load well below statutory limits, and Marlboro awarded a AAA S&P bond rating Mayor Hornik announced a 4-prong road repair program in February, 2018.

The road program included \$5 million for road repair and reconstruction for 2018/2019, ongoing communication with the county and state to address those roads not under local jurisdiction, a launch of a road repair website to keep residents up to date and a redesigned on-line Pothole Portal reporting system. In June, 2019 he announced another \$5 million dollars allocated to road repair and construction for fiscal year 2019/2020.

In 2019 alone, the Township paved forty-three (45) roads using outside contractors and another twenty-three (23) roads with our in-house DPW road program...**a total of sixty-eight (68) roads were touched.**

In addition to the many local streets repaved and detailed in the weekly Road Updates, the following has been completed or is in process:

- Major thoroughfares such as Union Hill Road, Ryan Road, Gordons Corner Road, Spring Valley Road, Reid's Hill Road, Wooleytown Road, Greenwood Road, Topanemus Road Peasley Drive and Station Road all had significant areas resurfaced over the last eighteen months.
- The Township received a NJDOT Local Aid Grant in 2019 for the completion of Greenwood Road between Texas Road and Dawes Drive and Texas Road between Spring Valley Road and the NJSH Route 18 overpass. The design for these roads is complete and construction is expected to commence in spring 2020 pending NJDOT approval of the design plans.
- The intersection of Route 520 and Tennent Road (county roads under state jurisdiction due to its proximity to Route 18) was reconfigured to add a left hand turn signal. After initial timing issues were observed after the signal modification, the Township engineering and police departments along with the Monmouth County Traffic Engineering Division requested additional modifications to the signal. NJDOT Traffic engineers are currently reviewing timing directive modifications and additional striping and signage to improve the flow of the intersection.
- Many intersections along Route 79, a State highway, will be addressed as a part of the state Route 79 paving project.
- Updates to State and County projects are posted on the Road Repair tab of the website and can be found [HERE](#).
- Route 79 Sidewalk Extension from Route 520 to Wyncrest Road has been a part of our pedestrian access plan for years. We received a grant from the NJDOT for \$875,000 and the Township is currently coordinating with NJDOT on the preliminary engineering design phase.
- Marlin Estates and the Nolan Road Parks are being refurbished.

All the roads scheduled in the first \$5 million dollar for the 2018/2019 fiscal year have been completed. The favorable weather this summer and fall allowed us to complete a large part of the second \$5 million dollars and the final roads on that list will be completed in spring.

We remind you that winter weather will bring early spring potholes in Marlboro and throughout the northeast. The Pothole Portal is always on line for easy efficient reporting by residents of roads in need of repair. Look for the blue button on the right of the home page or [HERE](#). Of course, you can always call Public Works at 732-972-8866 or email PublicWorks@marlboro-nj.gov Please give an exact location or cross street as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to register for email updates. It is a great assistance to our police, first responders and the dispatch call center when residents are informed about road closures, schedule changes due to weather, and messages in times of emergency.

For more information, the Road Construction section of the Township website is accessible and updated throughout the year. Look for the weekly Road Construction Notice to resume in the spring. Here's hoping for an easy winter!