



CLARENCE, IA

**NOTICE TO CLARENCE RESIDENTS**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**  
**LETTER TO RESIDENTS ALONG 7<sup>TH</sup> AVE CORRIDOR**

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Resident of Clarence,

The City of Clarence is planning to reconstruct 7<sup>th</sup> Ave from Lombard St/Hwy 30 to the southern City Limits in conjunction with the replacement of 4-inch water main, originally installed in 1926, with new 8-inch water main. There have been numerous historical water main breaks along 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, spurring the need for the project.

This project will impact properties along 7<sup>th</sup> Ave due to the presence of construction equipment, construction traffic, and parking of vehicles adjacent to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave when parking on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave is not possible.

The project was bid in June 2024 and a DNR construction permit was issued in January 2025. The project has experienced delays due to the extensive environmental review required by the City's funding source. Boomerang Corp. of Anamosa, IA is the awarded contractor. The anticipated construction schedule for the project extends March 31<sup>st</sup> through November with construction activities planned to start at the south end of the project, working north.

Sidewalks are not planned to be replaced in conjunction with the reconstruction project unless necessary for curb stop replacement. Residents may choose to replace their section of sidewalk by taking advantage of the City's Cost-Share program. Once construction has begun, residents can attempt to direct-contract for sidewalk replacement with Boomerang, but it cannot be guaranteed that they will want to take on this work.

Water services will be replaced along 7<sup>th</sup> Ave up to the existing right-of-way (ROW) and including the curb stop & box. Residents may choose to replace their water service line from the curb stop to their home at their own cost. Once construction has begun, residents can attempt to direct-contract for private water service replacement with Boomerang, but it cannot be guaranteed that they will want to take on this work. If any 7<sup>th</sup> Ave residents know or suspect their water service to be lead, please notify the City.

Driveways are planned to be replaced to the front of the sidewalk, with existing driveway widths maintained. Driveway aprons are proposed to have flared ends to meet the back of curb. Project plans are based on existing driveways, so please notify the City know if you have any planned driveway changes that should be anticipated within the project design. Residents may choose to replace their driveway from the front of the sidewalk to their home at their own cost. Once construction has begun, residents can attempt to direct-contract for private driveway replacement with Boomerang, but it cannot be guaranteed that they will want to take on this work.

Throughout construction, there may be short and unplanned interruptions to your water service. Sometimes during construction of new utilities, existing water lines are unintentionally damaged. If this occurs, the damaged lines will be repaired as quickly as possible to restore service.

For residents living in the project corridor, please use caution when traveling through the construction zone as there will be debris, equipment, stored construction materials along the roadway, and personnel working at various times of the day. Please use the alley to access your property if possible.

7<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be closed to all thru traffic during construction. Only residents with driveways in the closed area and emergency service vehicles will be allowed on the closed street. It will be important to follow construction and detour signage for vehicles and pedestrians alike. Coordination will take place to ensure garbage and mail services are uninterrupted during construction.

This project will challenge Clarence residents and many others who use this local roadway daily. Your patience is appreciated as the City of Clarence, MSA, and Boomerang work together for a successful and timely completion of this much needed project. Please take time to be extra cautious when near the construction zone, as there may be a number of crews from multiple companies working at any given time.

**The City of Clarence along with MSA Professional Services invites you to attend a Public Informational Meeting on Thursday March 13, 2025 at 6:15PM at City Hall to discuss this project in further detail. This is an opportunity to become better informed about the upcoming project, ask questions, and provide input.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Road Reconstruction Project and are unable to attend the Public Informational Meeting, you may contact Sarah Fosbinder with MSA Professional Services at (563)-584-2883 or at [sfosbinder@msa-ps.com](mailto:sfosbinder@msa-ps.com). You may also contact the City at [cityhall@netins.net](mailto:cityhall@netins.net) or via phone at (563)-452-3625 or on their website <https://clarencia.org/contact-us/>

**Please see the below image showing the location of the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Reconstruction project.**

