

What to expect in the coming months for interceptor rehabilitation

Work inside Little Chute's Heesakker Park to build a temporary truck access point to reach Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District's interceptor pipe is expected to begin in the coming months, though a firm start date has yet to be determined. As part of this work, a portion of the Mountain Bike Trail inside Heesakker Park, between the canal bridge and the Sanatorium Road parking lot, will become a construction zone and will not be safe to enter while access is installed. Safety fencing and sig-

nage will be placed around the closure.

HOVMSD District Director Brian Helminger shared, "While we would prefer not to impact any public use of the park during our work, in order to complete this critical infrastructure work in a safe and financially responsible way, it's necessary to create this access point. Project crews are focused on completing this work as safely and efficiently as possible."

As preparatory work begins, HOVMSD will be providing project

updates on its website at hvmsd.org, to local media and to member communities for use in their social media and other communications. The district will also be reaching out directly to property owners closest to work areas to make them aware of upcoming work in their area. Residents are encouraged to contact the project team with questions or concerns throughout the duration of the project at interceptor.feedback@hvmsd.org or 833-468-6730.

HOVMSD is continuing to work through all of the Interceptor

Rehabilitation Project details and engineering with their project engineer, Strategic Municipal Services, and contractor, Visu-Sewer. Work to refine the timeline and finalize details is still underway. Helminger added, "Because of the complexity of this project, we're committed to accounting for all of the moving pieces before getting underway. We want to ensure that once we get started, work will move forward as smoothly as possible."

Several years ago, corrosion was discovered in the 5.5-mile concrete

pipe that carries wastewater from nearly 60,000 residents to the HOVMSD treatment plant located in Kaukauna along the Fox River. The pipe was originally installed in 1977. By addressing the corrosion of the pipe now, before more widespread damage occurs, the district will avoid a more costly repair or replacement at a later date and will prolong the useful life of the pipe by an estimated 50 years for current and future community members.