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TWO STREETS REOPEN TO TRAFFIC DESPITE WINTER STORM

Barricades pulled a day early but traffic now moving on 2nd, 7th streets

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The barricades were pulled from 2nd and 7th streets today (Nov. 27) giving Muscatine residents and visitors and early Christmas present. Detour signs will be removed in the next couple of days bringing an end to construction detours for 2018.

There is some work yet to be accomplished on 2nd Street but City project managers and the contractor felt that everything that needed to be done during a full closure was accomplished. The opening of 2nd Street removes all closures from the Mississippi Drive Corridor Reconstruction Project and creates a visually appealing street enhanced for traffic calming and pedestrian safety from Mad Creek to Broadway.

Some lane closures may be needed to complete work on the 2nd Street portion of the project along with some punch list items that still need to be completed.

Also opened by the contractor Tuesday was the last section of 7th Street to be reconstructed as part of Phase 4A of the West Hill Sanitary and Sewer Separation Project. Portions of Linn, Spruce, and Locust remain closed however as those are the areas where the last concrete was poured and have not been cleared for traffic. Most of these sections are between 7th and 8th streets and will be reopened once cleared by the contractor and city project managers for traffic.



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COMPOST SITE CLOSED

The City of Muscatine has closed the Compost Site at least temporarily due to last weekend's winter storm. The closure suspends the City's Leaf Pickup program at least temporarily. City officials will make a determination later when or whether to reopen the Compost Site and to resume the Leaf Pickup program.

NEW SCALE BEING INSTALLED

The Transfer Station & Recycling Center is also replacing the scale used to weigh vehicles as they come in and leave the facility to determine the tipping fee for items taken to the Transfer Station. A temporary scale is currently being used until the new one is installed. Visit [Transfer Station Fees](#) on the city website for a list of items accepted at the Transfer Station.