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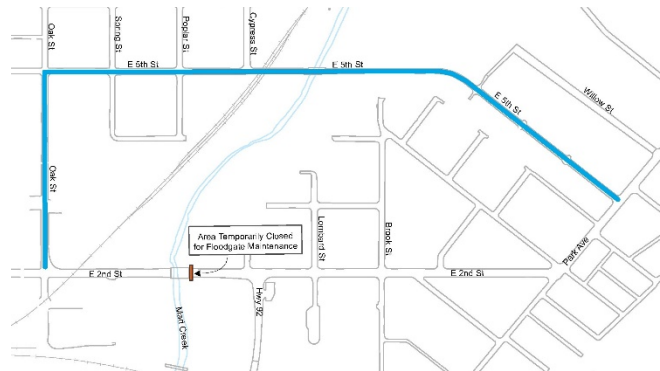
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CITY TO EXERCISE, TEST FLOOD GATES FOR READINESS

East 2nd Street closed Thursday morning; abbreviated detour will be to use 5th Street

MUSCATINE, Iowa — The City of Muscatine's Department of Public Works will be conducting a flood preparedness exercise on Thursday, May 22, involving the temporary installation and maintenance of two key flood gates.



As part of this drill:

- Flood Gate #2, located on 2nd Street at Mad Creek, will be deployed and inspected beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- This will require the temporary closure of East 2nd Street between Oak Street and Highway 92 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- A detour will be in place via East 5th Street, accessible from both Oak Street and Park Avenue.

Once work on Gate #2 is complete, crews will proceed to:

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- Flood Gate #1, located at the east end of Mississippi Drive (at the seawall), to perform the same procedures.
- Each gate operation, including setup, maintenance, and removal, is expected to take 1 to 2 hours.

This annual maintenance is a critical part of the city's flood response planning. Although the 2025 spring flood season has seen no major activity, the City of Muscatine is taking proactive steps to ensure all flood protection systems remain in full working order.

Current river conditions:

- The Mississippi River is at 7.90 feet and is expected to drop to 6.80 feet over Memorial Day weekend.
- Flood stage in Muscatine is 16 feet.

Residents and motorists are asked to use caution around the work areas and follow posted detours.

For the latest river conditions and flood preparedness information, visit the City's [Flood Resource page](#).