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City of Newburgh Pushes Forward on Paving Roads

City of Newburgh – As the weather gets warmer, the City of Newburgh is pleased to announce that its Department of Public Works will start the process of paving a number of roads throughout the City. City Hall and DPW have fielded a number of inquiries regarding the condition of the roads throughout the City. Over the last several months, City DPW crews worked around the clock to make sure that potholes were filled and roads were drivable. In total, DPW used more than 320 tons of asphalt this past winter to fill and refill potholes. Now that the warmer weather is here to stay, the City is moving forward with its paving plan earlier than ever before.

The DPW utilizes many pieces of equipment that help maintain our roadways. Most of the equipment that DPW uses is beyond its useful life, and repeatedly breakdown due to its age and condition. This was the case this past winter when the asphalt “hot-box” broke down. This critical piece of machinery was purchased in June of 2015 and holds up to four tons of asphalt. It is utilized all year long, but especially in the winter to fill potholes. By having this machine there is no need to use an expensive alternative to regulator asphalt also known as cold patch for filling potholes during the more frigid months. Thankfully, the hot box was ultimately repaired, and the remainder of potholes across the City were filled, which has allowed for the paving season to begin.

The public can be assured that DPW will be working around the clock to make sure the mission at hand is accomplished. However, getting the point of actual paving is often long and drawn out and involves much more than milling a surface and pouring blacktop. Prior to paving any road, the City of Newburgh must comply with the Highway Design Manual Chapter 7 section of the New York State Department of Transportation, which requires that “curb ramps must be made ADA accessible, not only when a facility is reconstructed or rehabilitated, but also when it is resurfaced.” In addition, even though ADA compliance is not triggered by maintenance activities such as filling potholes, ADA improvements must be reported to the State in an effort to keep an accurate inventory. Last year alone, the City of Newburgh spent $430,000 to make intersections ADA compliant. The roadways that these intersections were located eventually were paved, but the process was longer than expected, which is why the City has started as early as it has. However, prepping for paving is no simple task and many hours of arduous work has already been applied to prepare for the upcoming paving season. With limited manpower, outdated equipment, and external factors outside of their control, DPW plans on doing whatever it can to make sure that the upcoming paving season is a success for all.

The first round of roads that are ready to mill and pave will cost nearly $270,000. Work is expected to start on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, and last approximately until the beginning of June, on the following roads:

1) Grand Street – Marine Drive to Clinton.
2) Grand Street – Clinton Street to Leroy Place.
3) Montgomery Street – Marine Drive to Broad Street.
4) Montgomery Street – Broad to South Street.
5) Montgomery Street – South Street to Second Street.
6) Montgomery Street – Second Street to First Street.
7) Montgomery Street – Leroy Place to First Street.
8) Nicoll Street – Marine Drive to Grand Street.
9) Broad Street – Marine Drive to Grand Street.
10) Clinton Street – Montgomery to Grand Street.
11) Clinton Street – Grand Street to Liberty Street.