

Chip seal to go down next month

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Starting Aug. 6, the City of Goodland will begin the annual process of chip sealing city streets.

The work is expected to take a week to 10 days, weather permitting, said Ed Wolak, the city's public works director.

Wolak said city crews will sweep and clean each street, then patch and fill holes and repair any cracks. After that the streets will be covered with oil and then rock. That rock will be spread out and packed into the street.

The tough winter this year did a lot of damage to streets, Wolak said, with the freeze and thaw effect causing cracks and soft spots near the curb. The soft spots have to be dug up with a grader and filled with a patch, he said.

Crews are currently patching soft spots on the streets that are going to be sealed, Wolak said.

Streets that will be chipped sealed include 18th Cherry to Arcade, 17th Railroad to Clark, 17th Sherman to Cattletrail, 16th Broadway to Main, 15th Main to Sherman, 13th Harrison to Eustis, 13th Eustis to City Limits, 12th Harrison to Alley, 11th Harrison



City workers filled in soft spots on Caldwell Avenue on Thursday. The repair work is being done before the contractor begins chip sealing the streets.
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to Eastridge, 11th Cherry to Caldwell, 11th Caldwell to Broadway, 10th Eustis to Arcade, 10th Arcade to Caldwell, 10th Caldwell to Broadway, 9th Cherry to Caldwell, 9th Caldwell to Main, 9th Main to Montana, 9th City Limits to Caldwell, 9th Caldwell to Main, 7th Washington to Arcade, 7th College to Arcade, 7th Cherry to Caldwell, 7th Caldwell to Clark, 4th Caldwell to Broadway, 1st Caldwell to

Main, Eustis 8th to 10th, Eastridge 10th to Eustis, Washington 8th to 10th, Arcade 89th to 17th, Arcade 4th to 8th, Arcade 1st to 2nd, College 1st to 2nd, Cherry 14th to 17th, Cherry 7th to 8th, Caldwell 17th to 18th, Clark Toelkes Drive to 1st, Broadway 8th to 10th, Broadway 15th to 17th, Willow Road-Maple Drive to 2nd, Center 2nd to 6th, Center 6th to 8th, Center 17th to 15th, Sherman 17th to

15th, Sherman 11th to 10th, Sherman 9th to 10th, Sherman 9th to 10th, Sherman 2nd to 3rd, Grand 16th to 17th, Grand 11th to 12th, Grand 10th to 11th, Grand 8th to 10th, Main-Toelkes to Caldwell, Main-1st to Toelkes, Cemetery Road, Willow Road-Spruce to Maple, Acacia-Willow Road to Spruce, Sycamore-Poplar to Spruce, Spruce-Main to Cottonwood, Enterprise Road.

Commissioners to hold more budget workshops

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repaired and what types of surfaces they will be working with, but no plans have been made for repairs, Pickman said.

Referring to the budget squeeze, Commissioner Curtis Hurd said, "Someone asked me if I have someone lined up to shut off the lights on the way out of town."

"We're not that far under," Hurd

said.

Pickman said there will be another budget workshop at 6 p.m. Monday, following the regular commission meeting. There will be a public hearing on the budget Aug. 6, he said, then the budget can be approved.

In new business, the city commission expects to approve a conditional use permit for Rachel Taylor to oper-

ate a bed and breakfast at 1204 Center Ave.

City Building Official Jerry Nemechek said the Planning Commission held a hearing Tuesday with Taylor.

Under a conditional use permit, Nemechek said, the planning commission states the conditions to be met in order for the permit to be granted. He said the commission will

recommend approval.

The commission also should get a budget request from Charlotte Linsner for the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter, which helps victims of family and domestic abuse, Pickman said.

Mary Ann Elliot has asked for a permit to operate Topside Tots Daycare in the 1000 block of 13th Street, said Pickman.

Road closes early

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done, the old wye will be removed.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the intersection of 19th and Cherry closed Wednesday. Traffic is detoured to south Caldwell on the rail yard access road. Signs have been posted to direct traffic, he said.

Pickman said he had not expected the closing to begin for two more weeks, but he just heard Tuesday from the contractor, Venture Corp., that the closing would start Wednesday. He said he doesn't know how long it will last.

As the project on Cherry Street progresses, eventually the street will be

closed from U.S. 24 to 18th Street, said Pickman. This closing is expected to last about a month. If this happens while K-27 is closed, the only way to get into Goodland from the south or from the west will be Cattletrail Avenue, a situation the city had hoped to avoid.

With road construction south of Goodland to repave K-27, construction on bridges north of town on K-27 (which is closed until November), construction on the west side of town on K-27, and construction on the south side of town on Cherry Street, drivers are being inundated with road closings, detours, and pilot cars around Goodland.

Special meeting held

The Goodland School Board gathered for a special meeting at noon today to review prices for insurance on the district's fleet of buses and bids for mechanical work at Goodland High School.

The mechanical bids, which the board opened at the meeting, include air conditioning, plumbing and heating work at the high school, where workers are remodeling the second floor to put in three new science classrooms.

The board, which meets at the administration office on Main Ave., has already accepted bids for electrical and demolition work at the high school and has ordered new classroom furniture and science lab centers.

Superintendent Marvin Selby, who planned to leave for a conference today, said the district received the mechanical bids this morning and wanted to make a decision as soon as possible.

Woman injured in accident

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Sugata, captain of the four Trans-America drivers, said the driver and three passengers weren't injured.

He said the group saw a doctor in Goodland on Thursday and was told to take it easy for a couple of days.

The passengers are part of a Japanese team that is walking from Mount Vernon, Va., to San Francisco to help build cultural ties between Japan and the U.S. The walkers are

staying at the Comfort Inn in Goodland this week while they make their way to Denver.

Sugata said he plans to take the car, which Toyota U.S.A. donated to the walkers for their six-month trip, to Denver today to be repaired at a Toyota dealer. He said it could take a few days, and the group will rent a car in the meantime.

Sharamitaro's motorcycle was hauled away by Alex's Radiator and Repair in Goodland.

Beijing to hold Olympics

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International Olympic Committee to all five candidate cities for their excellent work," president Juan Antonio Samaranch said just before announcing the winner.

Then came the words the Chinese capital had waited seven years to hear: "The games of the 29th Olympiad in 2008 are awarded to the city of Beijing."

Despite criticism of China's human rights record, Beijing was the leading contender throughout the race. IOC members clearly believed that the Olympics will open China to the world, improve the human rights situation and speed social and economic reforms.

Beijing's victory came seven years after it lost to Sydney by two votes in the election for the 2000 Olympics. Human rights issue were a factor in that defeat, with memories of the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square still fresh.

The 2008 bid was also targeted by human rights activists, who said giving the games to China would reward a Communist regime that brutally represses its citizens and occupies Tibet.

But many IOC members — as well as some politicians — embraced the position that the Olympics would promote positive change in the country of 1.3 billion people.

IOC officials also said China deserved the games because it is a rising sports power which has been a force in the Olympics since returning to the games in 1984 after a 32-year absence.

Toronto and Paris had cast themselves as risk-free "bids of certainty." Toronto portrayed itself as the best bid for the athletes, while Paris played on its allure as the world's favorite tourist city.

But Toronto was hurt by the controversy surrounding its mayor, Mel Lastman, who remarked recently that he feared attending an Olympic meeting in Africa because "I just see myself in a pot of boiling water with all these natives dancing around me."

African IOC members raised the matter during Toronto's presentation to the general assembly today. Canadian officials said Lastman had apologized, and he was left off Toronto's official team at the ceremony.

"The power of the IOC wanted Beijing. Now they have to live with it," said Paul Henderson, an IOC member from Canada who led Toronto's unsuccessful bid for the 1996 Games. "I think it was theirs all along. I think Beijing had to make mistakes. Toronto people can be very proud. They knew the odds were against them. ... We knew Beijing had great strengths."

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