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Public Works Department
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We are excited to announce the City of Waverly's West Tower will be undergoing reconditioning this summer. Built by Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company in 1939, it celebrates its 85th birthday this year! Located at 1301 West Bremer Avenue, it is approximately 135-feet tall with a reservoir diameter of 40-feet. It holds 250,000 gallons of drinking water.

Work on the tower will involve sandblasting and painting all interior and exterior surfaces to give it a fresh, new look and improved layer of corrosion protection. It also includes modifications to improve maintenance activities and comply with current OSHA and Iowa DNR standards. This process is done by contractors that specialize in reconditioning water towers. Removal of lead-based paint from the tower exterior is part of the process. To control the drift of dust and paint during blasting and painting, the tower will be enclosed in a tarp system while work is occurring. In addition, air filtration equipment and a specialized blasting abrasive will ensure the work is safe for the surrounding community. Each evening, when work is complete, the tarps will be lowered to the ground, providing a glimpse of the daily progress.

Reconditioning a water tower is not a quiet process. Area residents closest to the tower should anticipate considerable noise from the equipment and during blasting. Typically, the morning and early afternoon periods are when the most noise is created. The contractor has been instructed to work within the City ordinance allowed hours of 7am to 7pm, Monday through Friday and 8am to 6pm on Saturdays. Work is not anticipated on Sundays. We ask surrounding residents to be patient and embrace the disturbances knowing the result will be a tower that stands beautiful and serves our community for many years to come. If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact our Public Works Department at 319-352-6247.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Justin McGlaun".

Justin McGlaun
Director of Public Works



Waverly's West Water Tower was built by Pittsburg-Des Moines Steel Company in 1939.



The pictures above and below show the current condition of the tower.



This is an example of the tarp system that will be used during the project.



Coming soon!! A reconditioned West Water Tower that will continue to meet the needs of Waverly for years to come.



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