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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Dear Property Owner:

The City Council recently adopted the 2016 – 2020 5-Year Capital Improvement Program. This plan includes construction of a concrete street, curb & gutter, concrete aprons, and sidewalk where it currently doesn't exist. To find out what year your street is scheduled for construction, visit www.appleton.org/government/public-works/admin-engineering.

There has been some confusion regarding the new wheel tax and how that relates to street construction projects. The City of Appleton's annual \$20 per vehicle wheel tax replaced special assessment revenue associated with street reconstruction projects. Your street does not fall under that category as it is considered a new subdivision street and is assessed according to the City of Appleton's Special Assessment Policy. Once a new subdivision street is constructed in concrete, then all future reconstruction of that street is covered by general taxes and the wheel tax.

The amount of your special assessment is unknown at this time as it is based on actual contractor bids for your street project. Once the contract bids are open, the City will provide you with an estimate for your special assessment (street, sidewalk and apron). For your budgeting purposes, you can use a **ballpark** number of \$50 per front foot of your property for the street assessment, \$21 per foot for sidewalk and \$5 per square foot for the driveway apron.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding this issue at 832-6482.

Sincerely,

Paula Vandehey, P.E.
Director of Public Works