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Capitol Drive New

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Paving to begin this week

Work on the north lanes of West Capitol Drive is on schedule with paving to begin early this week, weather permitting. Be aware that the contractor may continue sawing into the evening when the concrete pour begins. Please be patient.



A member of the Zignego crew is seen at left "setting the line". Surveyors determine the grade and metal stakes are placed to hold a line that will guide the concrete paving machine as it makes its way from N 60th St. moving west pouring concrete. The contractor continues to remove old pavement, mill, grind and grade as Dolson Inc.

installs sewer lines and Habermehl Electric upgrades electrical lines.

If the weather continues to cooperate, the north side of Capitol should be completed by late July at which time, traffic will be moved to the new north lanes and work will begin on the south lanes.



View east from N 68th St. & Capitol

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The City's staff has responded to a variety of issues that have come up with the start of construction. Thanks to all the business owners and operators who called with safety or traffic tips, helped us identify problem areas and provided suggestions for improvements.

Additional directional signage, changes to placement of barrels and barricades, and other adjustments have helped traffic flow. Staff also attended a community safety meeting in May conducted by the Milwaukee 7th District Police

Department and heard input from residents in the area who are seeing an increase in traffic on their residential side streets.

Last week representatives from RCB Awards, Spectators Arena Grill, Bank Mutual, Southeastern Youth and Family Services, Love Laugh and Learn Daycare, and the MacIver Foot Clinic met with staff to brainstorm ways to improve access to their parking lot in the 8000 block of Capitol. Although State law does not allow commercial advertising in the medians, the group came up with some ideas for directional signage that could help customers locate and use the parking lot to better reach businesses. "Construction is never easy but we appreciate how responsive the crews have been when we've had concerns," said Carol McLain of Southeastern Youth and Family Services. If you have similar ideas, call and we'll work with you to resolve problems.

Opening a new restaurant is never easy, and opening one in the midst of a construction project presents unique hurdles. "We've lived in the area for over 20 years," said Dameon Rice, co-owner of the new Spectators Arena Grill located at 7926 W Capitol Drive. "We're opening at a challenging time but are happy to see improvements that will benefit the business over time."

"We'd love to meet our neighbors so stop in for lunch or after work and introduce yourself," added co-owner Cristela Nickson.



Dameon Rice & Cristela Nickson

Meet the team on the street



Meet Muhammad Ayesh, project intern. Muhammad is a junior at Marquette University studying Civil Engineering and is making the most out of the opportunity to gain experience on a major roadway project.

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