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City Hall Parking Lot to Receive Face Lift

The City will begin major maintenance work on the City Hall south parking lot next week. The parking lot has not seen any significant maintenance since it was installed about 25 years ago and it has reached the point where its condition is creating safety concerns. The work will include replacement of damaged/failing curbing, improved drainage to eliminate puddles and wet spots that frequently freeze over during the winter months and a new asphalt surface to repair the existing cracked and pot-holed surface. When completed, the parking lot will also include expanded parking areas for bicycles and motorcycles.

“The City’s financial plan includes funds for this maintenance work and it is consistent with the direction set by Council during the financial planning process where we decided to focus our attention on maintaining the integrity of the infrastructure that we currently have” explained Mayor Charlie Cornfield. *“This parking lot is past it’s serviceable life and we have a responsibility to invest in proper maintenance to ensure that assets like this are safe and useable for our community well into the future.”*

The work, estimated at \$90,000, is expected to be completed by the end of September 2009. Efforts will be made to keep portions of the parking lot open while the maintenance work is underway, but people are encouraged to use the north parking lot (accessed via St. Ann’s Road) during the construction period.

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