

Nicor System Upgrades

In an effort to better serve residents in our community, Nicor provided the following information regarding their system upgrades in La Grange Park.

What is included in this project?

This multi-year project includes sewer inspections, identification of new meter locations, and installation of a new natural gas main and natural gas service line. Nicor may utilize directional boring as part of the installation. There may be digging or trenching, but only as required by state law or when conditions warrant these techniques.

Who is conducting this work?

Nicor has contracted with KS Energy to conduct this project. Nicor has confirmed that all KS Energy workers will be wearing yellow vests with the KS Energy logo and will have appropriate badging available while on site.

Where will this work take place?

Work will be conducted on public and private property. The affected areas include:

- 900 & 1000 blocks of E. 31st St.
- 601 – 1030 Beach Ave.
- 905 Garfield Ave.
- 636 – 1030 Kemman Ave.
- 600 – 1029 Newberry Ave.
- 1005 – 1105 Oak Ave.

When will this work take place?

Sewer camera work began on September 13 and construction began on September 21. Construction is expected to continue through October and November. Residential restoration is expected to take place in the spring after service lines have been replaced.

Nicor has stated that they will do their best to repair sidewalks as the project progresses. In the event that weather hinders these timely restorations, Nicor will make every attempt to provide a temporary cold mix asphalt to ensure a safe pedestrian path of travel.

Is Nicor responsible for restoration?

Yes. Nicor is responsible for all restoration on public and private property. Nicor will restore all impacted property, including sidewalk squares and landscaping, back to its original or better condition to the greatest extent possible. During construction, sidewalks may be temporarily filled with gravel, fenced, or plated to ensure a safe pedestrian path of travel. However, Nicor reports that they will do everything possible to keep land disturbance to a minimum during this project.

If residents have any concerns about potential impacts to their property, they should contact Mike Steiskal, Nicor's project manager. He can be reached by phone (224-227-4547) or email (msteisk@southernco.com).

Has this work been permitted?

Yes. The Village has approved and issued permits to Nicor for the installation of the new natural gas main and natural gas service line.

How were residents notified and how can residents stay informed as the project progresses?

Nicor sent letters via USPS to all customers in the affected areas on September 3. Information regarding the project was also made available on [Nicor's website](#) (including a [Q&A document](#)), the [Village's website](#), and the Village's weekly E-Briefs newsletter.

The Village will continue to provide regular project updates on its website and in E-Briefs. Look for weekly updates in the "Construction Updates" section of the E-Briefs newsletter on Fridays.

I still have more questions regarding this Nicor project.

For the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding this project, residents are encouraged to contact Nicor directly. Residents may also contact the Village's Department of Public Works.

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