

Pettee Square Streetscape Improvements Proceeding On Schedule

We're excited to see the significant improvements to the streets and sidewalks around Upper Falls' Pettee Square coming together on schedule and on budget. We're about 60% complete with:

- new pavement and sidewalks,
- a raised-table intersection for traffic calming,
- new traffic signals and street lighting,
- drainage and stormwater upgrades, and
- accessible crosswalks with sidewalk ramps.



The City's contractor is on schedule for substantial street/sidewalk completion by mid-September. This includes the corner in front of Little Luke's, which is slated to be substantially complete next week (July 15-19), a week later than planned. The City has placed electronic message boards letting visitors know that Upper Falls businesses are open during construction work.

The entire area will be tidied up in time for **Upper Falls Village Day on Sunday, Sept. 15**. Once the cooler weather arrives, crews will begin planting new landscaping and trees and installing street furniture.

The contractor has been right on the schedule shared earlier this year in public presentations and on the project webpage, <https://www.newtonma.gov/pettee>.

Preliminary construction started last fall in November 2023, following two years of design, community input and detailed planning work. Construction began in earnest this spring 2024.

To all the businesses and residents, thank you for your input—and patience—during these months of construction. We understand the challenges and inconveniences of living and operating through construction, and we are excited to be able to make this significant investment for the businesses and residents of this special Newton neighborhood.

This \$3.1-million investment in the public spaces around Pettee Square was made possible through a state MassWorks grant and Mayor Fuller’s use of federal ARPA funding.

Want to take a look while construction is still underway? Head to the heart of Upper Falls at the intersection of Chestnut and Oak Streets. Get a bite to eat at the Biltmore, BrickFire Pizza or Little Luke’s and then take a walk on the Upper Falls Greenway. Next summer come back to enjoy a new Splash Park that will begin being built this fall.

