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As the first phase of the Waterman Road reconstruction nears completion I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding during the reconstruction. There is still much to do in the coming years, but I hope you will agree with me that Waterman Road has seen improvements over these last three months.

With that said, the Contractor will turn their attention to readjusting mail boxes in the near future. All mailboxes will need to be raised to the legal height of 43 inches from the roadway surface to the bottom of your mail box. This will be accomplished by removing your current mailbox structure and installing a new 4 x 4 wooden mailbox post with a standard mailbox (with your address numbers) attached to it. These mailboxes will need to be adjusted in the next 3-4 years when the ditches and shoulders are rebuilt and when the final hot-mix asphalt is placed on the temporary seal coat surface. At those times the Contractor will again adjust your mailboxes to the appropriate location in relation to your mailbox turnout and to the required height of 43 inches from the roadway surface.

If you desire to retain your current mailbox, please contact this Department at 815-756-9513 by Tuesday, August 22 at 3:30 PM so we can ensure the Contractor places your current mailbox in your yard for you to do with as you wish. If you desire a different mailbox please feel free to install one at your own expense. If you install a different mailbox on your own, please be reminded the mailboxes will be redone two more times over the next few years when the reconstruction process is finished in its entirety.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact our Department. Again, thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

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