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Streets to be repaved, Madison Park revamped

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LAKEWOOD — Orange barrel season is approaching rapidly and the city is preparing to repave streets, repair water mains and enhance Madison Park.

The Clifton Place water

main and two more on French and Virginia avenues will be replaced this year. French and Virginia are two of very few brick streets remaining in the city, and according to Public Works Director Joe Beno, they will stay that way through a combination of brick and concrete pavements.

"It's a matter of figuring out funding on how much above and beyond the basics we can go," Beno said of the roughly \$900,000 project. "Brick work is a lot more expensive than asphalt, so depending on how much the brick work is, we'll be able to

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Dogs now are allowed in Lakewood and Kauffman parks as part of a one-year pilot program. The Citizens Committee to Allow Leashed Dogs in Lakewood Parks is hoping to keep public spaces clean with a take a bag, leave a bag program, and urges dog walkers to help stock the stations. The group also is planning an educational program for sometime later in the year.

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do more."

Construction on French and Virginia will be funded through the city's water fund. All other street repairs this construction season will be funded through the Community Development Block Grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The city has not yet determined which streets will be paved.

"One street could be Warren Road and obviously that's a long, wide street, so the number of streets we pave would vary a lot depending on if we do that one," Beno said.

As for sidewalks, residents on French, Virginia and Clifton Prado will all most likely see new ones, as will other streets under construction this year, but most residents will not receive new curbs or driveway aprons.

"That will be similar to last year," Beno said. "We'll probably choose streets already getting work done to coordi-

nate the work."

Construction in the parks will include a new fence, backstop and dugouts at the Madison Park baseball field. A new learning garden will be installed near the Lakewood Public Library Madison Branch as well thanks to a \$7,500 grant from the State Library of Ohio. The Lakewood Public Library and Lakewood Earth and Food will provide a \$2,500 match to make the project possible. The 900 square foot garden will provide education, outreach, events and programming by late September.

Building renovations around town will be starting up soon as well, including the continuation of work on the Bailey Building. The building at the corner of Warren Road and Detroit Avenue is in the process of shedding its concrete casing and reverting to its original 1920s-era façade. Lakewood Plaza, located on Detroit Avenue in front of Kauffman Park, is getting also ready for a four-sided renovation.

Giltz & Associates is considering the addition of a Quaker Steak & Lube to Lakewood Plaza.