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Town of Bluffton Begins Sidewalk Installation in the Goethe-Shults Neighborhood

The Town of Bluffton and its contractor, JS Construction Services, Inc., will begin the first phase of sidewalk construction for the Goethe-Shults (Roads) Neighborhood starting the week of August 21. This project will install approximately 7,900 linear feet of five-foot wide sidewalk on one side of Goethe, Shults and Hildebrand Roads with additional extensions to existing sidewalks on Eighth and Ninth Avenues to Bluffton Park.

The sidewalk will be installed on Goethe Road from Bluffton Parkway to Dr. Mellichamp Drive and on Shults Road from Goethe Road to May River Road.

“This project is very important to me for I have been personally committed to it since the idea-stage as it will provide walking paths to residents who live in the Goethe-Shults neighborhood,” Councilmember Fred Hamilton said. “Sidewalks are so crucial to our daily life for it will be easier for residents to walk throughout their neighborhood and to nearby events, sports activities and the Historic District. Most importantly, these sidewalks make the neighborhood safer for everyone.”

The Town, in cooperation with SCE&G, will also replace the existing overhead lights and install new street lighting to better illuminate streets and sidewalks in this area.

“Each time the Town install sidewalks, it connects neighbors and neighborhoods to each other and increases the overall walkability of Bluffton,” Bryan McIlwee, the Town’s director of engineering, said. “Walkability is an essential component to every town’s quality of life as sidewalks increase people’s ability to walk to activities while reducing cars on the road and parked on the street.”

The Town is asking the public to be mindful of the construction area. There may be short lane closures as new drainage pipes, crosswalks or driveways are being installed. However, traffic is expected to flow normally during the majority of the project’s construction.

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Residents will soon see equipment staged for this project. If any residents have questions about the project, please contact the Town's Director of Engineering Bryan McIlwee at (email): bmcilwee@townofbluffton.com or (Office): (843-706-7824).