

Drainage issues trigger Amity's repaving of 2 roads

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Amity Township will be resurfacing two roads in Douglassville this month to remedy drainage problems.

Milling and repaving of Griffith and Holly drives, just east of Old Airport Road, will begin July 25 and take up to a week to complete, said Ali Howell-Clarke, public works foreman and township road master.

Workers will mill to a depth of 2 inches before applying a 1 1/2-inch layer of blacktop, he said.

The area is prone to flooding during heavy rain and icy conditions due to its design, which did not incorporate storm drainage when it was built in the late 1950s, said Charles E. Lyon, township manager.

"There were no storm sewers or catch basins, and the water drained on the street," he said.

A storm-water drainage system with catch basins was designed and installed three years ago when sewer, gas and water mains were replaced, but the roads need resurfacing so that storm water will flow to the catch basins, Lyon said.

It's a residential area, so township officials don't expect the work to cause any major disruption for motorists.

Road crew personnel will direct motorists during the work, but traffic will remain free-flowing for the most part, Howell-Clarke said.

"Normal construction stoppage," he said. "Nothing will be shut down."

Amity has set aside \$152,000 for the work.

That funding also will be used to pave a section of Weavertown Road near Limekiln Road later in the summer.

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