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## New City Connection Newsletter

Welcome to the first issue of City Connection: Here to give you free, informative, factual news about what is happening in the City of Pekin. The City Connection will share community project updates and ways the city staff is working hard to benefit the residents of Pekin. Published monthly, you can get the newsletter delivered straight to your inbox or find it on social media. Text PEKINNEWS to 22828 and reply with your email address to subscribe!

## New Year, New Roads

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### Road Projects Around Pekin

The City of Pekin has completed three key road projects to transform the travel paths in our community.

1. The dangerous curve of Allentown Road has been restructured. This has increased driver safety by changing the profile and alignment of the roadway, as well as expanding the asphalt to allow more room for driver error.

2. The Parkway Drive Project included curb repairs and sidewalk improvements as part of the City of Pekin's Sidewalk Improvement Program. In addition to large sections of sidewalks added on Parkway Drive between Willow and Sheridan, ADA compliant sidewalk ramps were installed along intersections, as well. These improvements have made residential areas of Parkway Drive safer for pedestrians.

3. On South 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Washington and Derby, this completed project included asphalt resurfacing, sidewalk ramp upgrades at each intersection, concrete curb repairs, and sidewalk repairs to make the route

smoother and more accessible.

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## Pekin Municipal Airport Receives \$1.8m Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan Grant

Pekin Municipal Airport has been awarded a \$1.8 million grant from the Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan. This grant will allow the Airport to continue on-going updates and expansion efforts, which have already led to a direct economic impact of over \$9 million, annually, into the Pekin community.

The Airport, recently recognized as a 2020 Illinois General Aviation Airport of the Year, received an additional \$4.5 million from various sources toward infrastructure improvements in the past four years. The City of Pekin applied for the Rebuild Illinois Capital grant in 2020. Grant money will be applied toward replacing the fuel tank system and improving access to the runway.



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## City of Pekin Grant Success

Over the past two years, the City of Pekin has been awarded 10 grants, adding up to over \$34 million in support for local projects. With a grant success rate of over 85%, City leaders are motivated to give Pekin every opportunity to be a thriving place to live, work, learn, and play. As we continue to see improvements around the community, we celebrate the hard work it takes to write successful grant applications and to implement change in ways that make a difference.

