

Vale Park Pathway to Temporarily Close for Stormwater Project

The Vale Park West Pathway, which runs from Keystone Commons west to Beauty Creek, will close beginning Wednesday, Sept. 9 so that work may begin for on the public stormwater component of The Brooks at Vale Park. The Brooks is a residential development that includes one of the region's largest stormwater mitigation projects that will benefit the surrounding community along the Beauty Creek watershed and beyond.

"While we're genuinely sad to see the pathway close for now, we look forward to its reopening and the positive benefits The Brooks represents in terms of community-wide stormwater improvements, infrastructure enhancements and added neighborhoods," said Mayor Matt Murphy. "I'm a fan of the pathway too and assure the community that we're doing all we can to balance public safety and public access," he said.

The current plan is to reopen the pathway after this initial construction mobilization stage, which is expected to complete within weeks. At that time, the pathway will be reopened during non-construction hours, which are thought to include evenings and weekends. A security gate will maintain safety during construction hours and the City of Valparaiso will work to keep the community informed of the pathway's availability.

Opened in 2016, the Vale Park West Pathway is a paved and scenic stretch, which includes the wooden bridge over Beauty Creek on the west. The pathway extends through the property now owned by The Brooks at Vale Park, a 152-acre residential development to be constructed between Ransom Road and Beauty Creek Estates. Beyond the housing benefits, The Brooks represents a unique public-private partnership incorporating stormwater mitigation features that benefit the community well beyond The Brooks, including residents all along the Beauty Creek watershed and those further downstream.

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