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Watervliet Arsenal 3rd Avenue gate closed in June

WATERVLIET, N.Y. — The gate at 3rd Avenue at Watervliet Arsenal will be closed June 26 for construction upgrades.

“The safety and security of the arsenal and our personnel is a top priority and we appreciate the cooperation of the community while we make these updates,” said Col. Milton G. Kelly, Watervliet Arsenal commander. “We are taking proactive steps to ensure the impact on our community is minimal while construction takes place.”

While the current gate is closed, the arsenal will utilize the gate on the 10th Street for all gate operations. Residents can anticipate increased traffic on 10th Street until construction is completed.

According to Joseph Claus, Watervliet Arsenal chief of emergency services, base officials have been working closely with city officials to reduce the impact to the community caused by the change of gate operations.

Watervliet Arsenal officials conducted an exercise of gate operations at the 13th Street gate on May 16 to stress test traffic flow. City of Watervliet Police observed the exercise. Another drill is scheduled to take place prior to construction.

The construction is being overseen by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and work is expected to be completed by July 2020. The upgrades are intended to increase security, safety and the efficiency of gate traffic.

Watervliet Arsenal is an Army-owned-and-operated manufacturing facility and is the oldest continuously active arsenal in the United States, having begun operations during the War of 1812. It celebrated its 205th anniversary on July 14, 2018. Today's arsenal is relied upon by the U.S. and foreign militaries to produce the most advanced, high-tech, high-powered weaponry for cannons, howitzers and mortar systems.

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