



June 9, 2009

RE: Update - Flyers Drive/Wayne Street area Sewer Construction Project

Dear Resident,

I have some important updates to share with you regarding the sewer construction that begins in your neighborhood on or near June 15, 2009. The initial stages you will see are the mobilization of the required equipment to do the work. If you are near potential rock blasting areas, you will be contacted by DRS Consultants for a pre-blasting survey of your property. Depending on where you live, you may have already been in contact with DRS.

Contractor Mobilization

The first phase of the project is for the contractor to mobilize the necessary equipment and materials for the sewer installation. Materials and rubber-tire driven equipment is scheduled to be staged at the city owned property located at the intersection of Wayne Street and Stewart Road. Track mounted equipment will be parked on the roadside throughout the project time period. Appropriate traffic warning devices will be employed and traffic flow will be maintained for all residences.

Pre-Blast Survey

Some rock and ledge must be removed during the excavation process so that the sewer main can be laid at the depth required in the final design plan. This depth is important because it enables each property in the project area to gravity into the new sewer main. Removing ledge requires blasting. In order to ensure that your property is not affected by blasting work, DRS Consultants has been hired to conduct a pre-blast survey.

Completing a pre-blast survey requires taking video footage of the outside of each property (driveways, foundations, etc) and a full interior video survey of all homes interiors within 200' radius of expected blasting zones. Specifically, pre-blasting survey areas include all properties within a 200 foot radius of the planned blast zone located near the Wayne Street and Harland Road as well as the Lambert Drive at Harland Road intersections. Seismographs will also be used to measure the blasting impact. Please be assured that the blasting plan for this project has been reviewed by the local/state fire marshals and meets all Connecticut state regulations.

Availability of Natural Gas

In my last letter, I advised you that natural gas will be installed in a separate trench while project area roads are opened for excavation. I have enclosed more information about our natural gas efficiency programs and incentives. By installing gas in conjunction with sewer, it allows us to offer all sewer project residents free gas connections to your home. At no cost to you, we will install the gas service and meter to your house. It would then be your responsibility to hire a contractor to install and connect your appliance(s) to the gas meter.

However you have to commit to the gas service prior to installation of final road paving (spring 2010) and have your home served by natural gas within two (2) years of service installation.

Project Updates

In an effort to provide you with current and timely construction updates, project information will soon be available at our website, www.norwichpublicutilities.com. After June 10, 2009, under the Community Relations section, click on the link to the Flyer's Drive Sewer Construction Project. In addition to the detailed design map, copies of the most current and previous correspondence will be available. Once at the site, we'll ask you to provide your email address, confirming that we have your permission to send you electronic project updates. We are doing this in an effort to minimize the use of paper products, reduce costs and provide you with information quickly. For those without internet access, be assured that we will still provide major updates, such as public hearing notices, through the mail.

Service Location


As part of the sewer service construction, each residence will be provided with a sewer service connection (lateral) at the road curb line. To ensure the most efficient and desired location of the service lateral, the project consulting engineer: CLA Engineer's Inc will be arranging for site visits to your home to help you assess and locate the new service lateral. Previously you may have filled out our service lateral location form which we have provided to CLA. This is helpful information and will be utilized for service locating. Whether you provided us with this information or not, it would behoove you to contact CLA to make an appointment to go over the service location at your home. Please call at your convenience and make an appointment with: Pat Travers, Resident Inspector, CLA Engineers, Inc.
860-886-1966.

Ask for ID

Finally, while Nutmeg Construction and DRS Consultants are legitimately associated with this project, remember that all contractors working for NPU carry identification. Please do not hesitate to ask for ID from anyone requesting to enter your home or property who claims to represent NPU.

If you have any questions or concerns, as we move into the construction phase of this project on June 15th, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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