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WATERMAIN REHABILITATION – City of East Grand Rapids, MI

Eastlawn Road, (Hall Street. to Anderson Drive)

Boston Street Road (Lake Grove to Conlon)

Beechwood Drive (west of Lake Drive)

Oakwood Drive (Lake Drive to Conlon)

Elmwood Drive (Lake Drive to Conlon)

Dear Residents,

As part of the ongoing infrastructure maintenance program in the City East Grand Rapids, the water mains in your area are scheduled to be cleaned and structurally lined during the 2019 construction season. The contractor, FER-PAL Construction USA LLC., are scheduled to commence work on August 12, 2019 which is expected to take approximately 8 weeks to complete the project.

In order to proceed with this work, several access pits will be excavated at key locations within the public right-of-way along the water main. Most excavations will be approximately 10 feet x 10 feet and spaced approximately 300 to 500 feet apart. All efforts to avoid excavating in newly paved areas will be made.

During the construction period, the existing water main and your water service will be temporarily by-passed. Your home or business will receive water through an above ground temporary piping network (by-pass) made of blue pipe which will be installed along the curb, ditch line, or sidewalk on your street. A hose attached to the temporary by-pass (blue pipe) will be connected to your home with a “Y” connector via the outside hose tap. The “Y” connector allows you to receive water in your home as well as use your garden hose. You will receive further notice when this occurs. Also, a ramp will be laid over the temporary bypass (blue pipe) so vehicles are able to drive over it.

Commercial and office buildings with special connections will be contacted when bypass connections are made.

The temporary water system will not be going through your water meter. You will not be charged for water usage during this period.

A scheduled appointment to access your water meter inside your building will be required. This will ensure there is no water in the water main prior to the rehabilitation process. At times during this process, the contractor will have to turn off the water supply to your home or business. You will be notified in advance of any scheduled interruption in service. However, there will be times when the water supply is interrupted and advance notification may not be possible such as when a water main break occurs. You may also experience rusty water while the work is taking place, should this happen let the water run until the water flows clear.

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Multi-residential buildings (ex. apartments, condos), commercial and institutional buildings will receive water through the appropriate hook ups from the same temporary water supply system.

Please note that the temporary water supply network and the rehabilitated water main will be disinfected prior to hook up to your home in accordance with City of East Grand Rapids Procedures for Disinfection of Water Mains.

We recommend you temporarily disconnect any water treatment system (softeners, or filters), water cooled air conditioners or any similar plumbing fixture as they may be damaged during the course of construction. Automatic lawn sprinkler systems may not operate properly while the work is taking place therefore manual watering may be necessary.

Once the water main rehabilitation has been completed, all excavated areas will be restored by the City. The grassed areas will receive an initial watering by the City contractor; it is then suggested that property owners/tenants water any grassed areas for 2-3 hours twice a week. This will result in healthy, attractive grass. The City will restore any concrete or asphalt disturbed by this work.

We apologize for any inconvenience and would appreciate your cooperation during this project. Every attempt will be made to minimize interference with local activities; however, residents are advised to exercise caution around construction activities, equipment and the temporary water main system.

Should you have any concerns or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Fer-Pal Construction USA LLC at 734-946-2034 or visit our website at www.ferpalinfrastructure.com. If you require emergency assistance after business hours, please call emergency number (734) 301-6285.

