



May 11, 2010

**Holland
Board
of Public
Works**

Dear Customer:

The 18th Street Reconstruction Project is expected to begin on or around May 14, 2010. To summarize, the project will consist of the following:

- Water main and sanitary sewer replacement on 18th Street from Cleveland Avenue to Pine Avenue and Harrison Avenue from 18th Street to 19th Street
- Water main replacement on 18th Street from Pine Avenue to River Avenue
- Roadway, storm sewer and select drive approach & sidewalk replacement in the above-referenced locations as well as Cleveland Avenue and Washington Avenue from 17th Street to 18th Street

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Enclosed is a map and postcard with important information related to the project. OMM Engineering has been contracted to oversee the project and Wyoming Excavators has been contracted to perform the construction. Please keep the postcard in a convenient location so that you may refer to the contact information provided as necessary during the course of the project.

Electricity



Water



Waste
Treatment

Construction is planned in three phases in order to minimize disruption to customers. Phase I is scheduled to take place from May 14 through June 26 and includes all work from the west side of Cleveland Ave to the west side of Van Raalte Ave. Phase II is scheduled to take place from June 28 through July 31 and includes all work from the west side of Van Raalte Ave to the west side of Maple Ave. Phase III is scheduled to take place from August 2 through September 3 and includes all work from the east side of Maple Ave to the west side of River Ave. The actual start date of each phase will be dictated by weather conditions and the end date of the preceding phase.

Several major rain events have hit the Holland area in the past few years. The sanitary sewer system was overwhelmed during some of these events. The sanitary sewer projects taking place throughout the Holland BPW service area will reduce the chances of a sewer backup but there is no guarantee that the system will not be overwhelmed again. Therefore, we strongly recommend that customers who have experienced a backing in the past or who have neighbors who have experienced a backing in the past, install a backwater valve. A backwater valve is a mechanical device that can manually or automatically prevent sewage backings. For more information, please visit our website at www.hollandbpw.com and search for "backwater valves".

All sanitary sewer services are private from the main to the house. However, it is Holland BPW policy to replace services from the main to the parkway as part of all sanitary sewer replacement projects. As part of this project, the construction contractor, Wyoming Excavators, Inc, is willing to install backwater valves as long as the customer provides the valve and pays the installation costs up-front. If you are in a portion of the project area where the sanitary sewer main is being replaced and would like a backwater valve installed, please contact Joe Eastman as soon as possible at 616.355.1518.

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Removal and replacement of underground sprinkling and landscaping (i.e. fencing, plants, yard lights, underground wiring for dog fences, etc.) within the public right-of-way is the responsibility of the property owner. Also, property owners with private storm drains, footing and/or sump drains that tie into the City's storm system must notify the City of these connections as soon as possible by contacting Ben Dubbeld at 616.928.2427. Sump pumps that are found to be illegally connected to the sanitary sewer will be disconnected as part of this project. Clean ground water or rain water going to the sanitary sewer has compounded sewer backup issues during heavy rain events.

When concrete curb & gutter, sidewalk and drive approaches are being placed, you will be unable to access your driveway for several days. During these times, you will be allowed to park overnight on a street without being cited with a parking ticket. Holland Police will not cite vehicles registered to addresses within the project limits. Residents will be notified in advance of these planned restrictions.

Whenever possible, the Holland BPW will provide 24-hour notice prior to scheduled water main shutdowns. It is unlikely that other utilities will be interrupted during this project.

Garbage and recycling services will be maintained as usual. However, please bag everything within your garbage container for the duration of the project as it will make it easier for the service provider. Residents who live on a corner may place their garbage and recycling on the cross-street.

We realize that this construction will impact your lives and we appreciate your patience and cooperation. Please comply with necessary safety precautions including detours and closures so that this project may proceed as safely and quickly as possible. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam R. Pietrzyk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A".

Adam R. Pietrzyk
Water Distribution / Wastewater Collection Engineering Team Leader

Para recibir esta informacion en espanol, llame al (616) 355-1500 de lunes a viernes, de 8:00 AM a 4:00 PM.



18th St Reconstruction Project - Planned Utility Replacements and Construction Phases



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