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2021 WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

The Town of Arlington, through its contractor GTA Construction, Inc., will be completing a Water Main Rehabilitation Project in your neighborhood during the 2021 construction season. The Contractor will begin work as early as mid-April and it is anticipated that all contract work will be completed by the end of the summer. This notice is provided to inform you of the scope of the work proposed and what can be expected during the course of construction.

This year's Water Main Rehabilitation Project will take place on four roadways: Blossom Street (Park Avenue Extension to Sunset Road), Brattle Street (Hemlock Road to Woodside Lane), Newland Road (Bow Street to Summer Street), and Oakledge Street. Water mains which have reached the end of their useful life will be replaced along each of these streets. New copper service lines will be installed from the new main to the curb-side shutoff valve for each building. Temporary bypass pipes will be installed to maintain water service to each building during the course of construction.

During construction, residents can expect a heavy presence of construction vehicles and equipment during work hours. Residents should expect on-street parking will be restricted during work hours. The Contractor will make every effort to keep inconveniences to a minimum and the Police Department will provide Traffic Safety Detail Officers to assist with vehicular and pedestrian traffic management, increase work zone safety, and enforce parking restrictions. Residents, drivers, and pedestrians are asked to follow posted instructions, including temporary detours, as applicable.

Further notices will be provided to abutters as warranted, including prior to the commencement of work on your street. Periodic updates may also be distributed by email. If you would like to receive email updates, please contact Bill Copithorne at wcopithorne@town.arlington.ma.us.

Please review the reverse side of this notice for the answer to some frequently asked questions. Should you have any additional questions about the project, please contact the Arlington Engineering Division at (781) 316-3320, or wcopithorne@town.arlington.ma.us.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding while we continue to improve Arlington's water distribution system.

"Will my house still be provided with water during construction?"

Temporary bypass mains and services will maintain water service to every building during construction. Residents should expect only minor outages upon the installation and removal of the temporary services, or as required to place the new mains into operation. Any water shutdowns will be coordinated with abutters by the Contractor, the Water & Sewer Division, or the Engineering Division as necessary.

"Will access be required to my house to install the temporary water services?"

Access will generally be required to each house to both install and remove the temporary water services. Residents should expect each visit to take approximately 15 minutes or less. Access will be coordinated directly with residents by the Contractor, the Water & Sewer Division, and/or the Engineering Division. The Contractor is required to adhere to Massachusetts' COVID-19 Safety Guidelines during all work activities.

"Is the water provided by the temporary bypass pipes safe?"

Water provided by the temporary bypass pipes and services must meet the same strict standards as the permanent water mains and services. Temporary pipes are disinfected prior to being placed in service and testing is completed to verify the water meets all regulatory standards.

"Will my water service be replaced all the way from the new main to my house?"

New copper service pipe will be installed from the new main to the curb-side shutoff valve. Property owners are responsible for the maintenance of their water service from the shutoff valve to the building. Should it be determined that your service (from shutoff valve to the building) is in poor condition, you may choose to have it replaced at your own expense.

"How will I be charged for water during construction?"

Users will not be charged for water during the period that temporary bypass services are in operation.

"Will the road be closed during construction?"

Road closures and detours should be expected during work hours. This may include full or partial road closures. It is requested that residents follow any posted instructions or those given by Traffic Safety Detail Officers. During work hours, vehicular access to abutters' driveways will be maintained to the extent possible, though minor delays may occur when work is occurring directly in front of your house. Residents who cannot reach their house due to detours will be able to park on nearby side streets. The Contractor and Engineering Division will work to accommodate any needs or requests.

"Will trash/recycling pickup be affected by construction?"

Trash/recycling pickup will continue as normally scheduled during construction.

NOTE: All contractors are required to adhere to the guidelines issued by the State for conformance with COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for Construction and Public Works Sites.