



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS  
20025 Mack Plaza Drive  
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236-2397

September 16, 2021

RE: 2021 Water Main Replacement Program

Dear Resident:

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods has awarded the contract to Fontana Construction, Inc. to replace the water main on Severn from Mack Ave. to the west city limit. Work on Severn is tentatively expected to begin the week of September 27, 2021. Weather permitting, the project is expected to take up to six weeks.

**Water Main Replacement**

In an effort to minimize the disturbance to the existing lawns, driveways, sidewalk, and street, the new water main will be installed by trenchless methods known as pipe bursting. This consists of bursting through the existing pipe with new HDPE pipe. The contractor will excavate pipe insertion and pipe retrieval pits. The new HDPE water main will be assembled above ground, before being pulled into place. During construction, the existing water main will not be in service due to the pipe bursting. In order to maintain the water service to residents, the contractor will create a temporary water main above ground that runs along the gutter or sidewalk. This temporary water main will be connected to the homes via the existing service line or an existing hose spigot. Depending on the locations of existing service lines and existing valves, some driveway approaches, sidewalks and trees may require removal and replacement.

In order to make connections to the existing water mains, there will be temporary interruptions in water service. Interruptions in water service are expected to last for up to several hours. Advance notice will be provided prior to any interruptions to water service.

Fire hydrants may be exercised during construction. Discolored water is common when fire hydrants are exercised. There will be times you will notice discolored water. This discoloration is caused by natural sediments and is not harmful. To clear discolored water in your home go to your laundry tub in your basement and turn on the cold water at the faucet and let it run until the water becomes clear. This process usual takes two to three minutes.

The road will be available to traffic throughout the construction, however reliable access to the road may be intermittent during construction hours. Please refrain from parking on the street within the work area.

**Prior to Work Beginning**

You will likely see green dots along the street. These are used to call out existing cracks in nearby sidewalks and driveways prior to the contractor completing a video survey of the construction area. Some trees will also need to be removed in order to facilitate construction. New trees will be replaced as part of the project.

Prior to work beginning, we ask that you flag or identify any sprinkler heads or lines that may be located between the sidewalk and roadway. While the contractor will try to work around the sprinkler systems, they can often become damaged during construction and will be repaired.

**There will be an informational meeting for residents on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.** I will conduct the meeting and there will be representatives present from the city's engineering firm Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick (AEW) and Fontana Construction to answer any questions you may have.

Construction observation will be performed by Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc (AEW). Questions regarding construction operations should be directed to their attention at (586) 726-1234. Please direct any other questions to the Department of Public Works (313) 343-2460.

Very truly yours,

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Frank Schulte  
Director of Public Services

cc: AEW