July 17, 2020

PHOENIXVILLE BOROUGH RESIDENTS

Re: Emergency Sewer Repair – Pothouse Road

Dear Resident,

The Valley Forge Sewer Authority (VFSA) would like to inform you of the upcoming work in your neighborhood so you may be prepared. A deteriorating gravity sewer located on Pothouse Road between Evergreen Drive and the Potter’s Pond development requires emergency replacement. The immediate problem was identified a few days ago which resulted in a backed up sewer during the heavy rain event last Friday. The Authority attempted to have the problem sewer televised on Monday and Tuesday, but this wasn’t successful as there was too much buildup on the bottom of the pipe, even after attempts to clear out these partial blockages using jetters and vacuum trucks. The deteriorated pipe is still passing sewage but emergency repair is needed.

The Authority is working with their Engineers to get the required work done as quickly as possible. This work will require excavation of the existing pipe and replacement with a new 18” PVC gravity sewer. During the work, there will need to be a detour around the work area (see Attachment). In addition, there will also be a sewage flow bypass requiring diesel driven pumps that will bypass from upstream to downstream of the work area. It is estimated that this work will take approximately one week’s time to complete.

This work will proceed at 12 hour shifts from morning to night to minimize the overall time of traffic disruption. In addition, because of the use of excavation and pavement cutting equipment, we know and appreciate that that you may have to contend with some noise at various times during this work. To the extent possible, we will try to minimize these inconveniences. On completion of the work, the entire excavation area will be backfilled and newly paved in accordance with PENNDOT standards.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this work may cause you and your family, and will try to minimize any disruption to you and your neighbors. If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact Mr. Martin Goldberg at 610-935-1553 extension 226 or myself at extension 228.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,
Leonard J. Pinchok Sr.
Valley Forge Sewer Authority
General Manager

Attachment

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