

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: John L. Fitzwater  
Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: July 21, 2016

1. Highbridge Estates Water Main Replacement Project

WSSC has informed the City that in June 2016, they began a water main replacement project in the Highbridge Estates community. This project is similar to the project taking place in Pointer Ridge. While the majority of the Highbridge Estates project will take place outside the City limits to our west, a portion of the project will be within City limits. The portion within the City is along Route 197 starting just south of Lancaster Lane to Old Chapel Road and then westerly along Old Chapel Road near Bowie Plaza Shopping Center toward the Highbridge Estates community. Attached is more detailed information regarding this project and the project limits for this work.

2. Contract Street Tree Trimming

The adopted Fiscal Year 2017 Budget has allocated \$60,000 towards contract tree trimming within the City rights-of-way. In Fiscal Year 2016, the City piggybacked on an existing Prince George's County contract with Lewis Tree Service, Inc. with satisfactory results. That contract has been renewed as bid S16-013 "Tree Trimming and Removal Service" on a County contract: PO90684S08065(123114)N. All terms and conditions of the previous contract remain in place. As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven (7) day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to Lewis Tree Service, Inc. in the amount of \$60,000 for these services.

3. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The EDC met Wednesday morning and reviewed their issues and discussion topics for FY 2017. They compared the City's new Strategic Plan goals with the draft goals in the upcoming revised economic development Vision and Strategy. A writing team will work on finishing the draft during the August EDC meeting break. County Council Member Todd Turner provided an update on various County actions with business or economic development impacts. The next EDC meeting is Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

4. Hall Road Sidewalk Project Update

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) has substantially completed its design plans for a new sidewalk along Hall Road, between the Hall Station development to the CSX Railroad tracks. City staff conducted a field review with SHA this week and found that some of the project parameters have changed. Staff would like the opportunity to present an update and seek further direction from Council at the August 1<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting.

Attachments



May 24, 2016

Trinity Lutheran Church  
6602 Laurel Bowie Road  
Bowie, MD 20715

**RE: Highbridge Estate Water Main Replacement Project**

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) plans to replace approximately 3.7 miles of water mains and service connections in your area. Construction is expected to begin in June 2016 and be completed by early spring 2018, weather permitting.

For your convenience, you will find a map on the back of this letter showing the affected streets:

**The affected streets include: Laurel Bowie Road (MD-197), Lancaster Lane, Old Chapel Road, Old Chapel Drive, Fannon Drive, McDonough Terrace, Dangelo Drive, Alexis Drive, Vanessa Avenue, and Lisa Lane.**

This project is necessary because the water mains are nearing the end of their life cycle. Providing a reliable supply of safe drinking water continues to be our highest priority. However, after nearly a century of service, WSSC is facing the same problem confronting water providers across the country – a decaying infrastructure. The water mains within the project area were originally installed in the 1950's - 1990's. These mains will be replaced with new ductile iron pipe which will greatly reduce the frequency of water main breaks, while providing the same high-quality water that WSSC has always provided its customers.

In the event your water service is galvanized pipe, WSSC will replace the portion of the water main between the public main and the property line connection, at no cost to you. Please note that some trees may have to be pruned or removed to accommodate the work. Residents will be notified ahead of time, if there is a need for any tree removal.

All work is expected to be conducted during weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. WSSC will work closely with the residents and regulatory agencies to minimize disruptions to traffic and the environment, while delivering a quality project on time and on budget. Water service may be interrupted while the new main is being connected into the existing main, however this will be limited to a few hours at a time. Residents will receive more detailed information from our construction team prior to any scheduled service interruption.

To receive an e-mail or text message alert when your water service is disrupted, you may register for WSSC's Customer Notification System (CNS). Visit WSSC's home page at [www.wsscwater.com](http://www.wsscwater.com) on the right-hand side, under "Quick Links" to sign up. The service is FREE but standard text messaging rates may apply.

If you have any questions about this project or need additional information, please contact me at 301-206-8036 or by e-mail at [samuel.edoror@wsscwater.com](mailto:samuel.edoror@wsscwater.com) and refer to Project No. BR/BT5831A15. However, if you experience a water or sewer emergency, please contact our **24-Hour Emergency Call Center** at 301-206-4002. You may click on the following link to find out more about WSSC projects in your neighborhood: <https://gis.wsscwater.com/inyourneighborhood>.

Sincerely,

Samuel Edoror

Project Manager - Infrastructure Systems Group

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission



May 24, 2016

WSSC Customer  
6517 Alexis Drive  
Bowie, MD 20720

**RE:** Highbridge Estate Water Main Replacement Project

Dear Customer:

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This project is necessary because the affected water mains were originally installed in the 1950's-1990's and are ending their life cycle. After nearly a century of service, WSSC is facing the same problem confronting water providers across the country – a decaying infrastructure. The new water mains will be replaced with new ductile iron pipe, which will greatly reduce the frequency of water main breaks, while providing the same high-quality water that WSSC has always provided its customers.

As part of the upcoming water main replacement activity, one (1) tree removal has been identified at 6517 Alexis Drive. The water main and service replacement design process includes considering alternative repair/construction methods to minimize tree impacts as a condition of the **Department of Natural Resources Maryland Forest Service Public Agency Tree Maintenance Permit**. After reviewing the alternatives, it has been determined that a 18" diameter ornamental cherry tree will be removed due to construction activity, which will result in significant impacts to the stability of the tree. All tree removal, branch trimming, and root pruning will be supervised by a WSSC Roadside Tree Care Expert.

The anticipated working hours for this project are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. You will be provided a written notification closer to the actual start of construction. WSSC will work closely with the residents and regulatory agencies to minimize disruptions to traffic and the environment, while delivering a quality project on time and on budget. Water service may be interrupted while the new main is connected to the existing main, however this will be limited to a few hours at a time. Residents will be notified in a timely manner before service is interrupted.

If you have further questions concerning this project or need additional information, please contact me at 301-206-8842 or by email at [Samuel.Edoror@wsscwater.com](mailto:Samuel.Edoror@wsscwater.com) and refer to Project No. BR/BT5831A15. However, if you experience a water or sewer emergency, please contact our **24-Hour Emergency Call Center** at [301-206-4002](tel:301-206-4002).

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**RE: FIRE HYDRANT INSTALLATION/REMOVAL IN YOUR AREA**

Dear Customer:

In conjunction with the Highbridge Estate Water Main Replacement project expected to begin in the late June 2016 and to be completed by spring 2018, weather permitting, WSSC plans to add a fire hydrant near your property. The hydrant will be installed as part of our infrastructure renewal program. In addition to our commitment to provide safe and reliable drinking water, WSSC is also responsible for providing adequate water for fire protection for the residents of Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

In the picture below, the **RED** arrow indicates where the new fire hydrant will be installed near your property.



All work is expected to be conducted between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on weekdays. WSSC will work closely with the residents and regulatory agencies to deliver a high-quality project on time and on budget, while minimizing disruptions to traffic and the environment. Water service may be interrupted while the new main is connected to the existing main, however this will be limited to a few hours at a time. Residents will be notified prior to any water service interruptions occurring.

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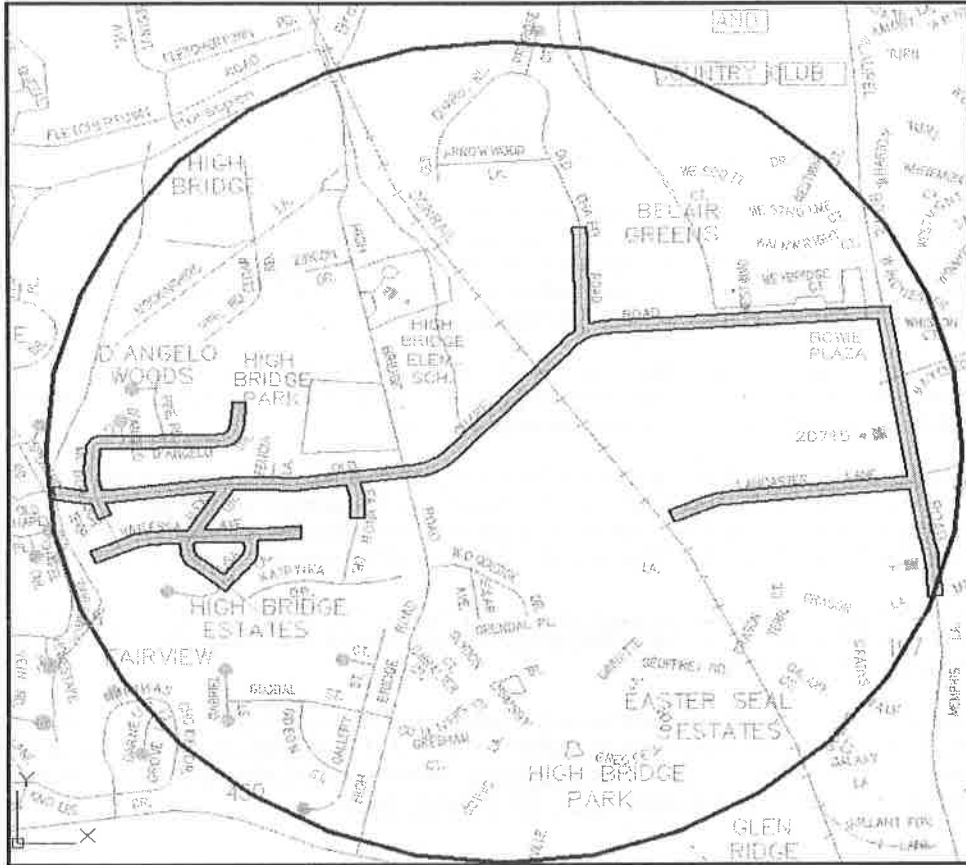
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**Highbridge Estates  
Water Main Replacement**

Prince George's County, Maryland



○ LOCATION OF WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

CONTRACT NO. BR/BT583 | A15



**Public Meeting for the Highbridge Estates  
Water Main Replacement Project**

**Hosted by Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission**

**Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.  
Bowie High School  
15200 Annapolis Road  
Bowie, Maryland 20721**

**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

WSSC invites you to attend a public outreach meeting for the in progress Highbridge Water Main Replacement Project No. BRBT5831A15. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the community about the 3.7 mile water main replacement project taking place in your neighborhood. The project started a few weeks ago and is expected to be completed by spring 2018.

**PROJECT BACKGROUND**

This project is necessary because the water mains are nearing the end of their life cycle. However, after nearly a century of service, WSSC is facing the same problem confronting water providers across the country – a decaying infrastructure. The water mains within the project area were originally installed in the 1950's - 1990's. These mains will be replaced with new ductile iron pipe which will greatly reduce the frequency of water main breaks, while providing the same high-quality water that WSSC has always provided its customers.

WSSC invites affected residents to attend this meeting to gain information about the on-going construction activities. Residents will also have an opportunity to ask questions and express any concerns about the project.

To learn more about WSSC's water main replacement process, please visit [www.wsscwater.com/wmr](http://www.wsscwater.com/wmr). Information about current and future WSSC projects can be found online at <https://gis.wsscwater.com/inyourneighborhood/>.

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Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department

ATTN: Lt. Colonel Steven Hess

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Largo, MD 20774

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