



**PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE
2010 FOREST AVENUE
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA 32266**

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 10, 2022

To: The Residents near Forest Avenue and Strickland Road.

From: Robert Hughes (Collection/Distribution Supervisor)

Reference: Update on the Emergency Sewer Main Repairs

The City is replacing a failed sewer main near the intersection of Strickland Road and Forest Avenue. The project includes road closures and rerouting of traffic to accommodate the needed repairs. This is a crucial project as the gravity sewer main is one the largest gravity mains near the end of the system and it is critical to the continued functioning of most of the City's sanitary sewer collection system. Replacing this main is vital to protecting the public health of our residents, their property, and the environment.

Originally, after discussions with the Contractor, we believed this was a weeklong project. The Contractor has had staffing shortages, COVID, deaths in the family, supply chain issues, weather delays, ground water issues, and the challenges of working on deep utility mains in an established R-O-W and on City property with unforeseen conflicts that needed addressing to proceed. We are working through the issues as they arise in good faith efforts to promptly complete this work.

As we continue with this project, the intersection at Forest Avenue and Strickland Road will remain closed. Residents on Strickland Road near Forest Avenue will still have access to their homes from Jarboe Lane or Strickland Road from Kings Road. The residents on Cherokee Drive and Trailwood Drive will have access to Forest Avenue from Big Tree Road or Forest Marsh Drive. The intersection of Forest Avenue and Kings Road will have intermittent shutdowns and the Contractor may temporarily block driveways on Forest Avenue to accommodate the construction work.

With the challenges the Contractor continues to face we believe they will need another couple of weeks to complete their scope of work. We will schedule restoration activities after the City's Contractor completes the crucial sewer main repair work.

We apologize that the work is taking so long, for the inconveniences, and appreciate your continued understanding and patience while we make these necessary repairs. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at the Neptune Beach Public Works Department (904) 270-2423.

Thank you,

Robert Hughes