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UTILITY REPLACEMENT PROJECT AVON ROAD

The Watertown Department of Public Works, through its contractor, Commonwealth Construction, Inc., will be replacing the water, sewer and drain mains on Avon Road, with mobilization activities (tree protection and pruning, erosion and sediment controls) beginning later this week. The scope of work includes replacement and upgrade of each utility, upgrades to water and sewer services, new fire hydrants, and miscellaneous other work. *Residents of Sunset Road are being notified as a courtesy, the utilities on Sunset Road are not scheduled for replacement, except for one fire hydrant.*

A temporary by-pass system to provide potable water during construction will be installed before the actual construction begins. Water will be supplied to homes at all times throughout the project duration using this temporary by-pass piping. Homes either serviced by and or/providing water to this temporary system will not be billed for water consumption during the course of this project. *The contractor will need access to your home to complete connection of the by-pass. You will be notified when access for the connection is required.* No interruption of your sewer service is anticipated as part of the work.

- During the course of this work, you will experience short periods of discoloration and reduced pressure. You will be notified of any specific water system shutdown procedure 48 hours beforehand, except in emergency situations.
- You will also experience inconveniences to vehicular travel and parking. On-street parking will not be allowed near the work area during working hours; however access to driveways will be maintained. Roads around the work area will be closed to through traffic.
- The expected work hours are from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.
- Attached to this notice are a set of Frequently Asked Questions.

This project includes the replacement and upgrade of your water service from the corporation (at the main in the street) to the curb stop (usually located in the grass strip or sidewalk). The rest of the water service (to your home) is your responsibility. You may wish to take this opportunity to upgrade your service to maximize the benefits of these improvements and to replace any deficient materials, such as lead or iron, with copper pipe. For information as to the material present in your private water service, please contact the DPW. We also suggest that homeowners use this opportunity to review residential interior plumbing and appurtenances (e.g. hot water heaters).

This work is being performed as a prerequisite to planned Avon Road reconstruction, scheduled for 2020. If you have additional questions or a special need during this period of construction, please call the DPW at 617-972-6420.

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