

HALIFAX AREA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

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September 27, 2024

Re: Notification of Water Main Replacement – North Fifth Street and Armstrong Street

Dear Customer,

This letter is to inform you of an upcoming construction project planned to take place along North Fifth Street between Market Street and Maple Street and along Armstrong Street between North Second Street and North Fourth Street. You are receiving this letter because the Halifax Area Water and Sewer Authority (HAWASA) anticipates that you will be impacted by the project.

What will this work include?

Work completed as part of this project includes replacement of the HAWASA water transmission main along North Fifth Street between Market Street and Maple Street and along Armstrong Street between North Second Street and North Fourth Street. Water service laterals and water service lateral shutoff valves will also be replaced. Upon completion of the work, disturbed portions of the roadway and sidewalk will be repaired.

Why my street?

HAWASA strives to provide reliable and high-quality water to all customers. To continue to ensure the reliability of our network, HAWASA regularly replaces aging infrastructure that may be susceptible to breaking with newer and more dependable infrastructure.

Many factors are considered when determining which water mains should be replaced including the age, size, material type, location, and break history of the existing infrastructure. Through analysis of these factors, HAWASA has determined that the infrastructure to be replaced as part of this project has reached the end of its useful life. Replacing this aging infrastructure will reduce the likelihood of future water main breaks and service disruptions in the area.

What is the project timeline?

Construction activities are anticipated to begin the week of October 7, 2024. HAWASA will work as efficiently as possible to minimize disruptions to the neighborhood. Anticipated working hours are Monday -Thursday from 7 am to 5 pm. Work may be conducted on Fridays as needed due to weather disruptions.

How will this affect me and/or my business?

Water Service Disruption: You will experience a temporary disruption to your water service at some point during the project. Disruptions may last up to eight hours but will typically occur for less than one hour. You will be notified at least 24 hours in advance of any such disruption. Upon reinstatement of your water service, you may wish to briefly turn on a sink or shower at the highest point in your building/residence to purge air in your plumbing.

Except for the interruption in typical service described above, you can expect normal access to tap water.

HAWASA staff may need to access your homes or businesses to shut off the water meter during this project, which is a safety precaution that prevents any contamination due to construction activities. Should this be required, you will be notified at least 24 hours in advance.

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Traffic: During construction, access to homes and businesses within the project area will not be restricted, but traffic may be diverted around the area via detours. Street parking will be restricted at times to allow for efficient traffic flow and to allow for sufficient space for construction activities to take place. You will be notified at least 24 hours in advance of restrictions to street parking. Halifax Borough will place no parking signs in areas affected by temporary parking restrictions.

What is the cost?

Work to be completed as part of the project includes replacement of infrastructure owned and maintained by HAWASA. There is no charge to you as the property owner or building tenant for this work.

HAWASA recommends that property owners consider replacement of the owner portion of their water service lateral in conjunction with this project. Within the HAWASA service area, the owner portion of the water service lateral, which is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain and repair, extends from the point of connection to the water service lateral shutoff valve (curb box) to the connection with residential plumbing within the home or business. Replacement of the owner portion of water service lateral is not required by HAWASA as part of this project.

There is no obligation on the property owner to replace the owner portion of the water service lateral to their property.

Where can I go for more information?

For more information and updates related to this project, please visit our webpage at:

<https://www.hawasaonline.com/>.

For questions related to this project, please feel free to contact HAWASA at info@hawasaonline.com or 717-896-3886.

The Halifax Area Water and Sewer Authority is proud to provide you with reliable and high-quality water. We understand that projects of this nature can be inconvenient for customers, and we will be working hard throughout the project to minimize disruptions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeffery Enders

Halifax Area Water and Sewer Authority Chairman