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Water Updates Progress

MWRA REDUNDANT WATER MAIN

Work was initiated on the MWRA 36-inch redundant water main project on West Street on Monday March 16th. This work is the first phase of the projects main goal, to provide a redundant water supply from MWRA to Reading.

As you will recall, construction started in October 2014 and to date, the contractor has installed approximately 2200 linear feet of 36-inch diameter water main and pipe connections into South Street and Louanis Drive for a future meter pit.

The contractor is currently installing the final 250 feet of 36-inch pipe in the vicinity of the Woburn \Reading Town line on West Street. The pipe installation in this area should be completed during the week of May 11th.

Following the completion of the 36-inch main installation, the contractor will be flushing and disinfecting the new water main. This process could take up to two weeks to complete, but will have little effect on traffic.

The project also requires a final pipe connection to the Town's water system on South Street. This connection will require a brief water shutdown to a few residents along South Street and Whitehall Lane. This work will occur mid to late May, pending the completion of the disinfection of the new 36-inch water main. All residents that will be affected by the temporary shutdown will be notified in advance prior to the work.



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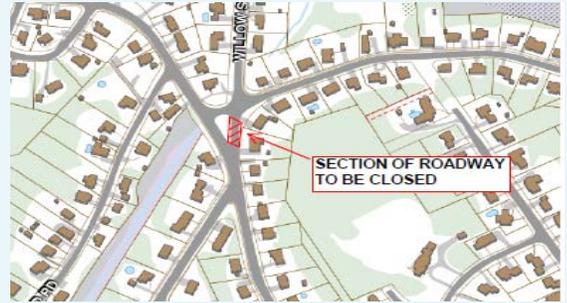
West Street Update

West Street – Roadway Project

The West Street project, which was bid and now managed by MassDOT, will begin active construction on May 4th.

During the past 2 weeks, the contractor has trimmed and removed trees that are necessary for the planned roadway improvements. Utility crews have also started relocating utility poles needed to construct the roadway improvements.

By the end of this week, the short section of Willow Street, which runs between Summer Avenue and West Street, alongside the grassed island, will be permanently closed to all traffic.



On Monday May 4th, the active construction of installing drainage will start at the northern limits of the project, at the West / Willow / Summer Avenue intersection, and continue towards the Woburn Town Line. During the initial portion of the drain installation work, the start times for the construction will be delayed until 9:00 AM. Once the construction is beyond the Arcadia Avenue intersection, the work day will start at 7:00 AM.

The contractor is planning to divide the project into three phases identified below:

- Phase 1 - Longwood Road to Winslow Road/ King Street
- Phase 2 - Winslow Road/ King Street to Lewis Street/ Scotland Road
- Phase 3 - Lewis Street/ Scotland Road to Border Road

In each phase, the contractor will first install new drainage, which will then be followed by the reclamation of the existing roadway surface, and the installation of the first layer of pavement.

The installation of new curbing, sidewalks, new traffic signals, and the final surfaces of roadway pavement will then follow.

The entire project includes approximately 7,500 feet (1.4 miles) along West Street, and an additional 2,500 feet (.5 mile) along the intersecting side streets, for a total project length of approximately 10,000 feet (1.9 miles). The project includes upgrading and installing new traffic signals at West Street/Woburn Street/Wescroft Road, West Street/Willow Street/Summer Avenue, West Street/King Street/Winslow Road and Summer Avenue/Woburn Street intersections.

The project is expected to take approximately 2 years to complete. Detours are anticipated throughout the project duration.

The Town will hold weekly meetings with MassDOT, and their contractor Newport Construction, to discuss the projects progress and the upcoming weeks planned construction. The meetings will be held in the Town Hall conference room across from the Town Clerks office every Thursday at 11:00 AM.

The meetings are open to the public, and information received at the meeting will be placed on the Town's web site at:

<http://www.readingma.gov/engineering-division/pages/west-street-construction-information>

Bus Stop on Walkers Brook Drive

There is, on any given day, a fairly large number of commuters who use this location (Walkers Brook Drive at Newcrossing Road) to get to their jobs via an MBTA bus service. Prior to installation, the bus shelter consisted of an ad hoc collection of shopping carts that were used as benches while waiting for a bus. There was no shelter from the elements.

The previous Town Manager, Peter Hechenbleikner, initiated the process, using town funds, to construct a bus shelter on Walkers Brook Drive. The problem in installing the bus shelter is that the public right of way is not adequate to accommodate the sidewalk and bus shelter, thus an easement was needed.

The property owners in the area had been generally reluctant in granting an easement, but finally the owner of the Stop and Shop property had agreed to voluntarily allow the easement.

Due to issues in executing the final easement documents from the property owner's parent company, the Town, through authorization of Town Meeting, took the easement by eminent domain.

Once recorded, a DPW crew poured the shelter foundation, and erected the shelter, complete with appropriate landscaping.

A thank you to all involved for their patience, perseverance, and hard work on making this bus shelter a reality, and an asset to be enjoyed by town residents for years to come.



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Libby Ave. Paving

Work on the Paving program has commenced. Libby Ave. and the streets in that area are getting re-claimed and paved.

Our paving contractor, Lazzaro Paving, will be moving to Pleasant Street the week of May 4th, and then continue working on completing other streets in Town.

As mentioned in our previous issue the streets under this program are listed below.

SPRING 2015 ROAD RESURFACING LIST

1. A Street (End to end)
2. B Street (Libby Ave. to end (E))
3. Bradford Road (Lowell St. to end)
4. C Street (Libby Ave. to end)
5. Crocus Lane (Libby Ave. to end)
6. D Street (Libby Ave. to end (E))
7. E Street (Libby Ave. to end (E))
8. Fremont Street (West St. to Prospect St.)
9. Heritage Drive (Libby Ave. to end)
10. Howard Street (Sigsbee Ave. to County Rd.)
11. Ivy Lane (Libby Ave. to end)
12. James Road (Whitehall Ln. to Gleason Rd.)
13. Laneton Way (Longview Rd. to end)
14. Libby Avenue (Salem St. to end)
15. Longview Road (Palmer Hill Ave. to Prospect St.)
16. Manning Street (Pleasant St. to 100' from Pleasant St.)
17. Margaret Road (End to end)
18. Palmer Hill Avenue (West St. to Longview Rd.)
19. Parkman Road (Lowell St. to Margaret Rd.)
20. Pasture Road (Franklin St. to end)
21. Pleasant Street (Parker St. to end)
22. Scout Hill Lane (Shady Hill Lane to end)
23. Shady Hill Lane (Putnam Rd. to end)
24. Sherwood Road (Avalon Rd. to James Rd.)
25. Sturges Road (South St. to Sturges Rd.)
26. Whitehall Lane (South St. to Avalon Rd.)

Bradford Reclaiming



Libby Ave. Paving



Special Thanks to our residents for their patience during this project.

Parks, Fields Ready for Play

The parks department has had a busy spring. The abnormal snow accumulation and the late melting put our crews to the test. Under the direction of our parks supervisor, the irrigation systems have been turned on, loaming, seeding, and tree trimming, along with ball field maintenance have all been accomplished in a very short period of time to have the fields ready for use.



West Street Roadway Project Pictures



Summer Ave. Project Pictures



Coming in the June DPW Project Update Bulletin:

Killam updates, Town Hall Plantings, Washington Park, Fuel Management System

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and as always your comments or questions are welcome.

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