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NOTICE OF SEWER WORK

This notice is to inform you that the Northampton Department of Public Works is coordinating a project to clean & line the sewer main in South Main Street. This work is being conducted by Precision Trenchless LLC, under contract to the City.

The sewer lining process includes installing a flexible liner inside the existing sewer. The liner is inflated and then cured by ultraviolet light to form a rigid pipe within the existing sewer pipe. The contractor then sends a robot down the lined pipe to cut a hole where each house sewer enters the street sewer. This process of rehabilitation is much less expensive than installing a new sewer. It does not require digging up the road, minimizes traffic impacts and the time to complete the work.

This work will be conducted between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and is scheduled to begin the week of **October 24, 2022**. The road will remain open and traffic control officers will be on site. Schedules are subject to change due to weather or scheduling conflicts.

During this process, your house sewer will be temporarily blocked off by the new liner until the robot re-instates your service connection. Please limit your use of water until the contractor informs you that your house sewer is back in service. Normal use of toilet and hand washing is acceptable. Please avoid heavy water use such as laundry, long showers, or running water for extended time. **These precautions are to avoid sewage backing up into your home or basement.** Additional precautions may include the following:

- Disconnect power to any sump pumps connected to your house sewer.
- If area drains or roof drains connect to your house sewer, please bring these to the attention of the contractor and the DPW person on site. They can suggest methods to reduce the risk of sewer backups from these connections

Prior to lining, high pressure water will be used to clean the sewer. On rare occasions these operations can result in a brief surcharge to toilets and other plumbing fixtures. It is recommended that toilet seat covers are closed. If you smell sewer odors from a fixture in your house, it may be that the fixture trap is dry; remedy this by adding water to the drain. If the odors persist open windows or doors and contact the contractor: **Sean Bergman at (313) 319-6719**.

We appreciate your patience as we work on these important improvements to your neighborhood. If you have any questions, please contact our Engineering Division at 413-587-1570. You can also refer to the City's website (<https://northamptonma.gov/2395/Construction-Updates>) where information on this project plus others are posted and updated weekly.

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