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Water Main Replacement Project

Cliftwood Street and Lenox Street

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the replacement of drinking water mains on Cliftwood Street and Lenox Street in the Forest Park neighborhood of Springfield. Construction will be performed by Commission crews as part of planned upgrades to prioritized areas of the drinking water distribution system. Construction is anticipated to begin on Monday, August 16, 2021, and continue through September 2021. Typical construction hours are Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 4 PM, weather dependent.

During construction hours, Cliftwood Street, between Sumner Avenue and Lenox Street, will be closed to through traffic, while businesses will remain open. On Lenox Street, traffic will be reduced to one-lane traffic. Local traffic and access to properties will be managed with posted signs and police details. Drivers are advised to seek alternate routes when possible. Once construction begins, the Cliftwood Street closure is expected to last approximately one to two weeks.

The project will replace water mains in Cliftwood and Lenox Streets that were installed in 1896. The pipes are being replaced through the Commission's Water Infrastructure Improvements Program. As part of the renewal program the Commission regularly assesses water distribution system infrastructure, which includes miles of pipes that have been in service for 100 years or more, to proactively plan maintenance and construction projects. In addition to considering the age of the pipe, drinking water infrastructure is also prioritized by analysis of condition and material of the pipe and past water main breaks.

The Commission appreciates the patience of residents, businesses, pedestrians, and drivers while this important work is performed. Please contact the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission at 413-310-3501 with any questions regarding this project. The locations and status of all Commission water and sewer system upgrade projects can also be found at: <https://waterandsewer.org/projects/>.

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