

September 5, 2008

Greetings,

At the August 20 meeting for residents living near Battlefield Golf Club, several people expressed concern about drainage in the neighborhood. While a capital project has been funded, it was clear that some work needed to be done now to provide intermediate relief. Here's an update on the work currently underway.

Ditch clearing began on the north side of Land of Promise Road on Friday, August 29th. As of today, crews have cleaned and cleared over a half mile of ditches on the north side of the road. Work will continue on the north side to Centerville Turnpike and then begin on the south side.

Work on the pipes on Murray Drive also began on Friday. A crew with a pole camera checked the condition of the pipes, which showed the need for flushing. On Tuesday, pipewashers began flushing the pipes. Crews are also working to clear the outfall on Murray Drive to improve flow from the pipes.

The City is preparing for heavy rain this weekend. Residents at the meeting relayed stories of people from outside the neighborhood riding through high water in the street which pushed the water into yards. Signs and barricades will be on Murray Drive to warn of high water and discourage through traffic. You will not be required to show any identification to enter your neighborhood.

The City has committed \$2.1 million in stormwater utility fee revenue in the FY 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 for Murray Drive/Greenhaven Area Outfall Improvements. Public Works has recently completed a Master Drainage Study of the area which identifies the improvements necessary to help with drainage from the neighboring farm fields and the Etheridge Lakes subdivision. As project plans are developed, a citizen information meeting will be held to review the design. The project includes the re-grading and widening of the drainage outfall (20' wide ditch) and the upgrade of several pipes within the system. It is anticipated that the project will go to bid next summer (2009). City staff will review plans for the drainage project at a community meeting to be scheduled in the near future. Details, including the date and time, will be sent to you when available.

Work continues to bring City water to the homes near the golf course. Specifically, phase one of this project includes homes on Murray Drive from Centerville Turnpike to Whittamore Road, Whittamore Road from Centerville Turnpike to Murray Drive, and Centerville Turnpike from Etheridge Manor Boulevard to Fentress Road. Public Utilities received eight proposals for the engineering design of the City water system. The list has been narrowed to four consultants who will be interviewed on Tuesday, September 9. We will keep you up to date on the progress of this project.

This notice will also be mailed to residents, but obviously will not reach them before this weekend's storm. Please share this with your neighbors if you see them.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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