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 Commissioner

Dear Water Customer

7/1/13

I am writing to alert you that the Water Department will be starting heavy construction work in your neighborhood in the near future. The water mains and/or sewers located in the streets listed below have outlived their useful lifespan and must be replaced now to safeguard your water and sewer services and prevent potential leaks or breaks from flooding and damaging City streets and private property.

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Type of Work</u>
Cambridge St. 41 st St	40 th St. Girard Ave.	38 th St. Parkside Ave.	Water Main Relay & Sewer Lining Water Main Relay & Sewer Lining

The Water Department has hired a private contractor, Pio Construction Inc., to complete the above project. The work is scheduled to start 7/2/13 and proceed block by block until final completion on or about 4/16/14.

The contractor will also replace your existing water service pipe between the new water main and your curb valve box, repave all pipe trench excavations in the street and sidewalk, and generally restore the work site to its initial condition. We will schedule a photographer from the City's Records Department to visit the job site to record all existing conditions prior to the start of construction, in order to help avoid potential disputes between the contractor and property owners and assure that all work sites are left in acceptable condition upon completion of the project.

Unavoidably, Water and Sewer reconstruction work is never a clean or noiseless business, involving the use of large construction equipment to break out roads, excavate deep trenches and haul heavy materials to and from the site. It will be necessary to temporarily store construction materials in selected areas along the street until the new piping is installed. After the new water main is installed, disinfected and tested, and the new service pipes connected, work will then start on the task of No-Dig sewer lining in your street.

This type of sewer rehabilitation work can be completed in less time than standard sewer reconstruction and with less disruption to the neighborhood. However, the use of the Cured-In-Place tubing inversion process may require some night work. Also, there is a glue-like odor associated with this type of work. Prior to the start of lining work, you will receive a letter from the contractor with the date and time that the work will take place on your street. This work will be preformed for a time of 2-3 days. For a time period of 24 hours, the main sewer in your street will be blocked. This inconvenience cannot be avoided, as the sewer liner is cured and holes will be cut for each of your laterals. **We are asking you to limit your water use when the sewer lining work is being done.** During this time period, limited use of the toilet or washing of hands will be

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fine. It is essential that you do **not** use your washer (the laundry), take long showers, run the dish washer, or do cleaning that can be postponed. Your service pipe has limited capacity to store water, therefore, we require that you delay water usage as much as possible.

Lastly, pipe trench repaving and final clean-up will complete the work on your block. Throughout construction, normal day to day street use will be disrupted as temporary accommodations must be made for vehicle and pedestrian traffic, trash pick-up and emergency access. While these major inconveniences can not be eliminated, we will do our best to control and minimize them.

During working hours, it may be necessary to close the street to through traffic. The contractor will also post "No-parking" signs on an as required basis as the work proceeds. Trash should be placed at the curb as regularly scheduled and the contractor will assist the Streets Department with pick up.

The Water Department has assigned an Inspector to the project who will be on-site every day. Should you experience any problems as a result of the work, please ask to talk with the Inspector on the job site; he will discuss the problem with the contractor and do whatever possible to assist you. The Inspector will notify you one day in advance of any scheduled water shut-offs, of which several will be required over the course of the project. These water shut-offs are necessary for the contractor to make connections to the new water main; shut-offs typically take place in the morning hours, start at 9:00 AM and last for 2 to 8 hours, depending on the difficulty involved..

If you are unable to contact the Inspector at the job site or have any other questions concerning the work, please contact me at the number listed below between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. Should an emergency occur during non-working hours, please call the Water Department hot line at 215-685-6300, where someone will take your call at any time. Please keep these phone numbers handy in the event you find a need for our assistance, and thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

Very truly yours,



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