

# **Altamesa, Hulen, Wedgmont, Winifred and Misty Water and Sewer Improvements Community WebEx Design Meeting**

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162 evites mailed; 1 resident participated (tornado warning in effect during meeting)

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## **Summary**

Water and sanitary sewer mains will be replaced in an area bound by Winifred Drive to the north, McCart Avenue to the east, Sycamore School Road to the south and South Hulen Street to the west.

Construction will impact the Wedgwood Square neighborhood association and the Wedgwood East neighborhood association.

### **What streets are impacted?**

- Altamesa Boulevard from Vega Drive to 820 feet west (sewer);
- South Hulen Street from Wheelock Drive to Wilton Drive (water/sewer);
- Easement east of Wedgmont Circle from 115 feet east of the Winifred Drive/Wedgmont Circle intersection to 140 feet east (sewer);
- Easement south of Winifred Drive from 150 feet east of the Wedgmont Circle at the Winifred intersection to 140 feet east (sewer);
- Easement between 7021 S. Misty Meadow Drive and 7025 S. Misty Meadow Drive from Misty Meadow Drive to 150 feet east (sewer).

### **Why is Fort Worth Water doing this project?**

Fort Worth prioritizes water and sewer line replacements based on available data which includes the water main break history, leak history, CCTV (closed circuit TV) inspection, age of the line, line material and whether there are lead service lines or cast iron service lines.

- In this instance, the project was created because of the water cast iron pipe initiative the City of Fort Worth is implementing to reduce the amount of water main breaks, as well as the condition and age of the sanitary sewer lines in the area.

### **Will you need access to our property?**

This construction is in the public right-of-way and/or in utility easements. If Fort Worth Water needs access to your property we will contact you prior to the start of construction.

### **Will our sewer service be disrupted?**

Sanitary sewer service will not be interrupted. New sewer cleanouts will be installed at the property line. The sewer cleanout provides crews easy access if a backup or blockage occurs. The sewer line from the cleanout to the house is the owner's responsibility to maintain.

### **What part of the sewer line is the customer's responsibility?**

The City side of the line starts at the main in the street and goes to the customer's sewer cleanout.

The customer's side of the service line goes from the sewer cleanout to the house and includes all plumbing inside the house.

### **Will our water be turned off?**

Water will be turned off for 15-30 minutes when service is transferred from the existing line to a temporary water line, and when the service is transferred from the temporary to the new line. Switchovers are done during the day.

The contractor will knock on the door and let customers know when the water will be turned off. The transfer typically takes 30 minutes per house or business.

### **How does the temporary line impact my home & water bill?**

The temporary water line insures that you are not without water during construction.

In the summer months the continuous flow keeps the water from becoming stagnant in the above-ground line. The bill for your water usage while you are on the temporary line during the warmer months is based on an average of the previous months' usage.

During the winter months, water must be continually flowing through the temporary line to keep the line from freezing. Customers should also keep their faucets dripping.

### **If you see water running down the street, don't turn it off**

Before we can connect your services to the new water line, the inspector has to take water samples. We call that "flushing the line."

The water flow – from flushing the line – will be continuous until the inspector gets the samples for that day. You will be connected to the new water main after two consecutive samples pass the bacteriological test.

When it is time to sample the water flowing through the new water main, the contractor will place traffic cones around the valve to prevent anyone from parking over the valve. Don't move the cones, do not park over the cones and don't turn off the water valve.

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### **Are we getting new curb, gutter and sidewalks?**

Existing curb/gutter, sidewalks and driveways will not be replaced except in certain circumstances, which includes those that are damaged by the contractor during construction.

The contractor may need to remove and replace some curb, gutter and sidewalks to restore services. The contractor will also remove and replace driveway approaches that currently have water meters located in the approach that must be relocated.

### **What happens if my property is damaged?**

The contractor will take pictures and video of the property before breaking ground. We also encourage property owners to take pictures and video of their property before construction commences.

Damage resulting from the contractor's activities during construction is the responsibility of the contractor.

### **Will the water and sewer construction affect my irrigation?**

The contractor has to cap irrigation lines before construction starts.

The contractor will ask property owners to turn on their irrigation systems so the sprinkler heads can be located and flagged.

The contractor will replace capped or damaged irrigation systems.

### **Are there restrictions on watering our lawns?**

Yes, the requirements include:

- No watering by irrigation systems or sprinklers between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.;
- Watering by hand-held hose, drip irrigation or soaker hose *is allowed at any time*;
- A twice-a-week irrigation system or sprinkler schedule with assigned day for all water customers
  - Monday – no watering allowed
  - Tuesday and Friday – Non-residential sites (apartments, businesses, parks and common areas)

- Wednesday and Saturday (even numbers) – Residential addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8
- Thursday and Sunday (odd numbers) – Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7 9

### **Will there be lane closures during construction?**

Expect lane closures when the contractor is installing the water and sewer lines. Signs will be posted to alert motorists.

The hours of construction are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday and, if requested by the contractor, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m./5 p.m. on Saturdays.

### **Will the city's trash truck be able to pick up my trash and recycling during construction?**

If your side of the street is closed on your scheduled trash collection day, the contractor will take your trash and recycling carts to the opposite side of the street so the trash collection vehicle can pick it up.

### **What is the timeline for this project?**

This is a design meeting. The next steps include:

- Finalizing the design
- Advertising for bids for construction
- Opening bids
- City council approval to award the bid to the contractor
- Pre-construction meeting with the contractor and inspector
- A community construction meeting to update those impacted by the project

### **Where can I get more information?**

Progress will be updated on the City of Fort Worth website at <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/projects/cfw-altamesa-hulen-wedgmont-winifred-and-misty-sewer-improvements>.

You can also go to [www.FortWorthTexas.gov](http://www.FortWorthTexas.gov) and put the project number – 102785-2 - in the search bar on the home page.

The link to this meeting video, the project map, and the project summary/frequently asked questions will be linked to this project page.

## How do I report an emergency or non-emergency?

### Emergencies

Water main breaks, sewer backups - 24 hours a day

817-392-4477, Select Option 1

### Water Call Center (non-emergency)

- 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday
- 817-392-4477
- Closed City holidays

Download the MyFW app from the App Store or Google Play. You can report sewer overflows, leaks and water main breaks, missing or broken meter lids, water theft, water violations, no water service, water pressure issues and other sewer concerns.

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