

# Altamesa, Hulen, Wedgmont, Winifred and Misty Water and Sewer Improvements

*In-person community construction meeting*

*Thursday, November 17, 6 p.m.*

*Wedgwood Baptist Church, 5522 Whitman Avenue (east entrance)*

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*8 attended, 162 mailers sent*

### **Why are we doing this project?**

Fort Worth prioritizes replacing water and sewer lines that have a high risk of failure.

This is based on available data, which includes:

- Water main break history
- Leak history
- CCTV (closed circuit TV) inspection
- Age of the line
- Line material
- Lead service lines and cast iron service lines

### **Which issue is specific to this capital improvement project?**

In this instance, the project was created as part of the water cast iron pipe initiative that the City of Fort Worth is implementing to reduce the amount of water main breaks. The condition and age of the sanitary sewer lines is also an issue.

### **Project Overview**

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

Construction will impact the Wedgwood Square neighborhood association and the Wedgwood East neighborhood association. Landmarks include JT Stevens Elementary School, Bruce Shulkey Elementary School, Southwest High School, Wedgwood Park and Wedgwood Baptist Church.

### **Project Area**

- Altamesa Boulevard from Vega Drive to 820 feet west (sewer)
- South Hulen Street from Wheelock Drive to Wilton Drive (water and 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 east of Misty Meadow Drive from Misty Meadow Drive to 147 feet east (sewer)

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

One traffic lane may be closed on Altamesa, Hulen, Wedgmont Circle and Misty Meadow Drive when lines are replaced and the trench is being repaired. Signs will be posted to alert motorists.

### **What are the construction hours?**

The hours of construction are 7 am to 6 pm, Monday-Friday and, if requested by the contractor, 9 am to 4 pm or 5 pm on Saturdays.

### **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.

### **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.

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

The sewer line from the cleanout to the house is the owner's responsibility to maintain.

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

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

### **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 (with a date stamp) of their property prior to construction.

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

### **Will construction affect my irrigation system?**

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 if they were damaged as a result of construction.

### **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. These 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 water line impact my home and my 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. 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.

The bill for your water usage while you are on the temporary line is based on an average of the previous months' usage.

### **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.

### **If you see water running down the street, do not turn it off**

Before we can connect your services to the new water line, we have to flush 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. Do not move the cones, do not park over the cones and do not turn off the water valve.

### **How will we know construction is starting?**

If you live in an area impacted by the construction, keep an eye on your front door for a door hanger from the City of Fort Worth.

You will receive two door hangers. The first one says “Construction Starts in 7 days.” The second door hanger says “Construction Starts Tomorrow.”

The inspector will include his/her business card and contact information on the door hanger.

### **What is the timeline for construction?**

Construction starts January 4, 2023. The projected end date is the Fall of 2023. The contractor will start on Hulen Street.

Generally, the sewer main is installed first, and then the water line is installed if the street is getting both water and sewer replaced. The streets will be repaved with asphalt.

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

Go to [www.FortWorthTexas.gov](http://www.FortWorthTexas.gov) and type the project number – 102785-4 – in the search bar on the home page. Altamesa, Hulen, Wedgmont, Winifred and Misty Water and Sewer will pop up.

To get project page updates, scroll down to the bottom of the project page and click on “Subscribe to this Page.” The project map, project summary/frequently asked questions and the PowerPoint will be linked to this project page.

## How do I report a water or sewer 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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# Altamesa, Hulen, Wedgmont, Winifred and Misty Water and Sewer Improvements - Map 1



## Altamesa, Hulen, Wedgmont, Winifred and Misty Water and Sewer Improvements Map 2

