

# North Side and Diamond Hill Jarvis Water and Sewer Improvements Community WebEx Construction Meeting

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223 evites mailed; 4 residents participated

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## Summary

This project is in Council District 2. The construction will impact the North Side neighborhood association, Diamond Hill-Jarvis neighborhood association, Far Greater Northside Historical neighborhood association and the Inter-District 2 Alliance.

Existing water and sewer mains will be replaced in the North Side and Diamond Hill-Jarvis neighborhoods. The project is bound by NE 31st Street to the north, Schadt Street to the east, NW 25th Street to the south and Roosevelt Avenue to the west.

## What streets are impacted?

- Schadt Street from NE 28th Street to NE 31st Street (water)
  - Schadt Street ends just north of Trail Drivers Park and is one street east of the North Side TEXRail Station.
- Roosevelt Avenue from NW 25th Street to NW 28th Street (water and sewer)
  - Roosevelt is a mixture of residential and commercial property. It includes Sam Rosen Elementary School.
- Columbus Avenue from NW 26th Street to NW 28th Street (water and sewer)
- Market Avenue from NW 25th Street to NW 26th Street (water)
- Prospect Avenue from Cliff Street to south 470 feet (sewer)

## Why are we 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.

This project is being done because the majority of the existing water lines are cast iron pipes.

## Do you replace the water service line up to my house?

We replace the City-owned service line - to the property line. We also replace the water meter and meter box and will repair impacted areas on your property. We do not replace the water line from the water meter to your home or business.

The service line from the water meter to your home or business is considered private plumbing and, in the event of a leak, repairs need to be done by a licensed plumber at the homeowner's expense.

## Will you need access to our property?

This construction is in the public right-of-way or in the street. 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.

### **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. Water must be continually flowing through the temporary line during the winter months to keep the line from freezing. Customers should also keep their faucets dripping.

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

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

All of the segments in this project are in the street. There will be one-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.

### **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 construction affect my irrigation?**

The contractor will ask property owners to turn on the irrigation system so sprinkler heads can be located and flagged. The contractor has to cap irrigation lines before construction starts. The contractor will replace capped lines after construction is complete. Again, damage to irrigation systems during construction is the responsibility of the contractor.

### **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 and gutter and sidewalk 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.

### **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?**

March 2022 is the projected start date for construction.

The contractor will start on Columbus Avenue.

The projected end date is the spring of 2023.

### **Do you have a timeline for the construction on Roosevelt Avenue between 26<sup>th</sup> Street and 27<sup>th</sup> Street where Sam Rosen Elementary is located?**

Construction in front of Sam Rosen will not start until the summer of 2022 when school is out. That construction will take three to four months so we should be wrapping up in September/October 2022.

### **Who should the customer contact if they have pictures of damage to the sprinkler system, yard, or curb? We are getting complaints about curb lines and sidewalks where only a percent was damaged and the city does a fix and replace.**

Tammy Vaughn is our inspector. Email pictures to [Tamara.Vaughn@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:Tamara.Vaughn@fortworthtexas.gov). She will be on site daily taking pictures to document what is being done. We monitor projects street by street and we monitor the contractor's impact on the residents. When the contractor moves on to the next street we make sure that everything is cleaned up. There is also a final walk through at the end of 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-northside-diamond-hill-jarvis-water-and-sewer>.

You can also go to [www.FortWorthTexas.gov](http://www.FortWorthTexas.gov) and enter “1929-2” 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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