

ATTENTION RESIDENTS: SEWER WORK NOTICE

The Town is continuing work on a sewer system study to locate storm water sources that may be connected to the Town of Hudson sanitary sewer system. Field work is planned to begin on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 in the neighborhood including the following areas: A Street, Belknap Terrace, C Street, D Street, Lorraine Street, Lowell Road, Melendy Road, Nevens Street, Pelham Road, Regina Avenue, Rhona Street, Rickey Drive, Tate Street, and a cross country sewer segment from Lorraine Street to Cape Drive.

Connections such as catch basins, roof drains, and area drains as well as broken sewer pipes and open pipe joints, will be located through a method called “smoke testing.” Identification of these sources is critical to ensure the availability of sewer system and wastewater treatment plant allocation for the Town’s sewer customers both now and into the future.

The testing is performed on sewer manholes that are typically located in the streets or near your residence. Non-toxic and non-staining, white smoke is inserted into the sanitary sewer system by means of a smoke generating device. During the test, smoke will be observed emitting from the manhole covers on the street and vent pipes located on adjacent buildings.

More than likely smoke will **not** enter buildings unless the plumbing is defective, but, smoke could enter homes if there are dry plumbing traps within the premises. Traps may be associated with basement floor drains or some unused plumbing fixture, *i.e.* an old sink or shower stall that is seldom used. Advance preparation for the smoke test can be performed by pouring water down the drains or seldom used fixtures prior to smoke testing to help to assure that smoke does not enter affected buildings.

In the unlikely event that smoke enters a building, it may set off smoke detectors. **Do not be alarmed; however, if you have any reason to believe there is a fire, please call 911.** If you are home, open windows and doors to ventilate the building and contact the people outside performing the smoke tests. The crew will try to assist you in locating the source that allowed smoke to enter your building. The smoke should dissipate in 15 to 20 minutes. Locating the source is important because presence of smoke is indicative of an unprotected connection to the sewer. Such connections routinely allow potentially hazardous fumes and gases to enter the building.

The Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments are aware of the work being performed and will assist as necessary.

It is not necessary for you to be home during testing. The testing is planned to begin on August 30 and will be performed weekdays between 8 AM and 5 PM. The work in the above area is expected to be complete by September 30, 2016.

Should you have any technical questions about this process, you may call Jess Forrence, Town of Hudson Highway Supervisor at (603) 235-4917. If you have additional questions or have a disabled person that may be home alone during testing, please call the Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, PE at (603) 886-6008.

Thank you for your cooperation in this most worthwhile effort.