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of  
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*Planned  
Improvements to  
your Water  
Supply*

***Update***

*Please Read the  
Following Public  
Service  
Announcement*

## Improving Your Water Supply Harmon Water Main Replacement Project

**Informational Meeting to be held on  
May 26th, 8PM, at the Harmon Fire  
House.**

An informational meeting for Harmon residents who will be affected by the project will be held at the Harmon fire house.

Village officials will be present to review the project and answer questions. More information follows.

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Richard F. Herbek, Village Manager

## **Village of Croton-on-Hudson** **Improving Your Water Supply**

### **Water Main Replacement Program Harmon Area.**

The Village Board has chosen Bilotta Construction Corporation as the lowest responsible bidder for the project following a competitive bidding process. Bilotta Construction has extensive experience in installing water mains and has performed similar work for the Village in the past.

Based on the results of the bidding process and cost involved, the Village Board has also decided to proceed with the total project rather than proceeding in stages as originally proposed.

They believe this will minimize inconveniences for residents and improve water quality for consumers sooner rather than later.

### **Coordination**

During construction, residents can expect some disruptions in water service as well as some inconveniences with construction activity on the roads and right-of-ways. The Village and the contractor will strive to keep these to a minimum and will maintain a supply of water to your home with outages not to exceed four hours in length.

The Village will also make a concerted effort to advise residents of planned shut-downs in advance utilizing the Village web site, and news media. We will also coordinate road work with the school bus schedule to minimize disruption.

The Village will also establish and email list for notification. Forward your email address to [smills@crotononhudson-ny.gov](mailto:smills@crotononhudson-ny.gov), if you wish to be contacted.

As part of the project the Village will be improving the character of the Harmon area by restoring the 3 foot planting strip between the street and the sidewalk, installing some added drainage basins, and planting additional trees. Residents can also avail themselves of the ongoing Village side walk replacement program by submitting an application.

### **Project Area**



Project Area Map: Benedict Blvd. Oneida Ave., Hastings Ave., Young Ave., Penfield Ave., Whelan Ave., Devon Ave. and Crest Street.

### **Your Service Line**

We would like to encourage consumers with older service lines to seriously consider replacement. When the water system was originally installed in the 1920's – 40s, galvanized pipe was utilized for most service lines. Over time, this galvanized pipe has deteriorated and presently contributes to reduced flow to your home as well as discolored water and frequent leaks. Galvanized pipe becomes severely restricted through a build up of rust inside the pipe that can restrict flows to a fraction of what a new copper service line can deliver.

The present water main replacement program provides a unique opportunity to allow for coordinating the installation of a new service line from the curb-box at your property line to your home. While the cost and arrangement for such an installation is the responsibility of the homeowner, the fact that a number of contractors may be performing such work in the Harmon area should provide economies of scale that will reduce the cost for individual homeowners.

Similarly, some homes constructed in the 1940s –60s have bituminous sewer services. It is likely that this type of piping material has also reached the end of its service life. Residents should consider replacing old bituminous pipe sewer laterals while the water main repair work is ongoing and the streets have not yet been repaved.

In order to provide some assistance to residents who decide to proceed with replacement work, the Village will waive all connection and inspection fees for service line and sewer lateral replacements. We will also be accepting one "blanket" bond from contractor for the work performed in the Harmon area. This will represent a savings to the contractor over individual

bonds for each connection and this savings will hopefully be passed along to the homeowner.

If you have a question as to what type of water service line you have to your home, take a look at the water pipe as it enters the house before the water meter. If you still have a question, the water department will be happy to take a look and identify the piping material for you. The type of sewer lateral you have is more difficult to determine. It is recommended that you request the assistance of a local contractor for this identification.

A list of reputable contractors who perform such work is available at the Village Engineer's Office. Contractors can also be found in the yellow pages. The Village does not recommend a particular contractor and provides the list only to assist the homeowner.

For record keeping purposes the contractor will be required to complete an application form for service line or sewer lateral replacement, however, as stated previously, no fee will be charged.

### **Schedule**

We expect the project to last about 6 to 8 months commencing in June '05. We will provide progress reports and outage notices on the Village's web site as the work progresses.

Please plan to attend the informational meeting on May 26th, 8PM, at the Harmon Fire House if you have any additional questions, or contact the Village Engineering Department 271-4783.

*Dan O'Connor, Village Engineer*

