



## Construction Notice

### **Project: Columbia Ave. Water Main Replacement**

North Penn Water Authority (NPWA) will begin construction to replace older water main with 8-inch ductile iron pipe and install new water meter pits on Columbia Avenue, from Valley Forge Road to Cannon Avenue in Lansdale Borough.

### **Project Summary:**

This new water main will replace an older 4-inch water main prone to breakage and will improve system reliability, water quality and fire protection in this area.

NPWA's contractor will begin mobilization and construction in late September-October 2020. **NPWA will provide a second notice with more specific information to customers prior to construction starting on each individual street.**

After completion of the water main installation, the water services will be renewed from the new water main to the property owner's curb stop located in the utility right of way behind the curb in the grass or sidewalk. In conjunction with the service renewal work, new water meter pits will be installed just past the new curb stops at all properties. Please see attached letter for more details related to the meter pit installations. Once all construction is complete, restoration will begin, including soil, grass, concrete and trench restoration.

We anticipate the construction work for the water project to take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete, weather permitting.

### **Timeline:**

Fall 2020 - (Late September/Early October) Mobilization and construction will begin. Construction will take approximately 6-8 weeks, weather permitting.

### **Customer Impact:**

In order to ensure the public and workers' safety, the road will be reduced to one lane of traffic during the hours of work (7:00 am – 3:30 pm, Monday-Friday).

"No Parking" signs will be placed out the day before to designate the area of construction for that day. We kindly ask that you have your vehicle moved when your section of street is posted during construction hours.

At the end of each workday, the roadway will be open and traversable.

School buses, emergency vehicles and residents will have access to their homes, but may experience minor delays in some instances.

We will make every effort to keep unobstructed access open to local residents to the fullest extent possible.

We have notified the School District and your local emergency response units to assure they will have access and that your essential services are not interrupted.

For your protection, we have videotaped the property frontage of your curbs, sidewalks, blacktop, lawns and driveways to ensure that any damage that may be caused is restored to a condition that is at least equal to the current condition. All concrete, blacktop, or grassy areas that are dug up will be restored.

### **Our Commitment:**

We regret any inconvenience that you may experience during this period. This improvement project is part of our ongoing, asset management plan to replace older water mains in order to continue to provide our customers with high quality drinking water and adequate fire protection.

### **Questions:**

Please call Jim Sharayko, NPWA Construction Superintendent, at 215-855-3617 x 137 Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.



## **Safety Requirements for Construction Work**

### **Construction during the Covid-19 Crisis:**

During these difficult and trying times, NPWA wants to reassure our customers that we are doing what we must to ensure safe potable water to our customers.

First, we want to confirm that the Covid-19 virus is not in and cannot be transmitted through our potable water system. Your drinking water quality will continue to be excellent.

Second, we would like to review some of the more important steps our employees and contractors will be taking to ensure everyone's general well-being during this time.

1. If any worker on this job is showing symptoms of an illness they will stay home or will be removed from the worksite immediately, pending proper quarantine requirements.
2. Practice Social Distancing: Every step will be taken to establish this at all times, but due to the nature of the work some close contact among the workers will be necessary by the contractor.
3. Proper Personnel Protection Equipment (PPE) will be worn at all times, including but not limited to, gloves, hard hats, eye protection and masks.
4. Increased cleanliness, specifically the washing of hands with soap and water or the use of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. An onsite mobile hand washing station will be provided for the jobsite.

### **Customer Impact:**

NPWA will do everything we can to eliminate any need for personal contact or the need to enter your property for any reason. Please note that emergency situations can occur that may require contact with the resident or entry into the property.

For these specific but infrequent situations, NPWA will first try to contact the property by phone to discuss the situation. If we cannot reach the resident or need to obtain access to the property, we will ensure that our employee is supplied with the proper PPE, which include gloves and protective mask for any customer contacts, along with proper social distancing.

If for any reason, you have a need or desire to discuss an issue related to this project, we ask that you not interact with the field personnel onsite, but instead contact our office at 215-855-3617. The proper representative will respond and provide all the necessary support at that time.

### **Our Commitment:**

We regret any inconvenience that you may experience during this period. This improvement project is part of our ongoing, asset management plan to upgrade our water system in order to continue to provide our customers with high quality drinking water and adequate fire protection.

