

Notice of CIPP Sewer Rehabilitation

Project Description

The City of Rock Rapids has contracted with Visu-Sewer of Pewaukee, Wisconsin to reline certain portions of the City's sanitary sewer system. Areas to be relined are as follows: Park Drive from Louis to Fairlamb; South 3rd Ave from Dickinson to Union; Dickinson and Randall from 3rd Ave to one-half block south of 4th Ave; Greene St from Main to 8th Ave; Grant Drive from one-half block west of Carroll to Tama; Alley west of Marshall from 7th Ave to 9th Ave; South 5th Ave from Boone to Story; Tama from Main to 9th Ave; East Street from Highway to Sterling Drive.

During the sewer rehabilitation, a liner is inserted into the public sewer that will seal the building sewer service connection, preventing it from flowing into the public sewer. Consequently, the City requests that when the contractor is rehabilitating the sewer line in front of your building, that you limit water usage by limiting the use of bathroom facilities and refraining from doing laundry or washing dishes. Also, any sump pumps that are connected to the combined sewer system should be disconnected during this period. When installation of the liner is completed, the contractor will reestablish flow from the building sewer service to the public sewer.

Schedule

The sewer lining work on this segment is scheduled to start during the 2nd week of December and be completed by end of month, provided weather is mild enough to permit work. **A notice will be placed on the front doorknob of the affected buildings advising the occupants 24 hours in advance of the specific date and time that the sewer lining work will be performed and the sewer service connection will be sealed.** This work should take approximately 12 hours to complete. If you do not receive a notice, the process will not affect your building. "No Parking" signs will be posted in the area where the rehabilitation work will restrict parking.

Information on Styrene

The resins used in the lining process have been used in the fiberglass industry for many years. These resins contain a chemical called styrene that hardens when heated. Although styrene has an unpleasant odor, it is not dangerous at the levels at which people can detect it. If you smell the styrene while the contractor's personnel are working in your area, do not be alarmed. **An easy way to prevent the styrene odor from occurring in your building is to pour a gallon of water into each drain (particularly basement floor drains). This keeps the drain "trap" full and prevents sewer gases from coming into your building.** Because the water in the drain traps evaporates over time, this practice should be done regularly.

City Monitoring

This project will be monitored by the City's Public Works Department, Rock Rapids Utilities and DGR Engineering. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the City Office at 472-2553 or city@rockrapids.net.