



# City of Havre de Grace

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To: Downtown Business Owners and Landlords  
Fr: Patrick Sypolt  
Re: Scheduling of Downtown Revitalization

Dear Owner;

At long last the work to repair and replace the utilities along North Washington Street will soon begin. The first utility to be rejuvenated is the sewer main (that portion that runs under the west side of the street, under the travel lane. There are five steps to this overall process:

- 1.) Open the road in three locations to physically replace and realign the sewer main.  
Close the open trench and blacktop.
- 2.) Clean and prepare the sewer main for lining.
- 3.) Line the sewer main.
- 4.) Install the lining for the sewer laterals at the main (laterals are branches which ultimately connect to your respective buildings.
- 5.) Pressure test the linings.

Lining the sewer main versus replacing the entire line minimizes disruption and noise in the street, shortens the overall amount of time to reconstitute the utility and is more cost effective.

The first two steps; listed above, will be performed with little to no interruption to the operation of your business or to the upstairs residences.

The balance of the steps will require interruptions to the water servicing your buildings as there can be no external infiltration during the lining and pressure testing processes.

If you could let me know what days of the week that you operate your business and the hours of operation, I will try to generate a schedule to minimize any negative impact; which may include working throughout the night.

A brief narrative of timing:

- Day 1 through day 6 ~ replacement of the damaged sewer line; one open pit in the 100 block of N. Washington St. and two open pits in the 200 block of N. Washington St. Each pit could take up to two days work but no disruption to services is expected. This work will be performed during the daytime.
- Day 7 through day 8 ~ the sewer main is inspected via camera to assess the work and determine if additional work is warranted and the materials for the lining are procured. No disruption to services is expected.

- Day 9 through day 21 ~ work is staged for the lining of the sewer main. No disruption to services is expected.
- Day 22 through day 24 ~ the sewer is cleaned and lined. No external water can enter the system and services will be turned off for approximately 8 to 10 hours.
- Day 25 through day 39 ~ the sewer lateral connections are installed. During this process service is disrupted on an individual basis as opposed to an entire block for a duration of 2 to 4 hours.

During this process we will not be entering your business for the utility work. All of this work will remain in the street. There may be some temporary loss of parking spaces and traffic control during the processes. The street will be restored and open to conduct First Friday in June.

As we all know, there is no perfect time that will satisfy everyone but I will make every effort to minimize the impact.

Please email me your business/tenant information and I will create the schedule and send it back to you. I anticipate the first step to begin during the week of May 20<sup>th</sup> but no later than May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your cooperation with this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Sypolt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patrick Sypolt

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me:  
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