



Sanitary Sewer Main Lining Project

January 18, 2021

CURRENT RESIDENT

Upcoming Sewer Maintenance

A majority of the sewer mains in the City were installed over 40 years ago. The material that was used was clay pipe. Over the years, cracks have developed in the pipe due to tree roots and ground water. These cracks can create issues for the capacity of these sewers. Some sewer lines can be rehabilitated through “trenchless technology”.

During our routine televising of the City sewer mains, a segment of main on your road was identified as needing rehabilitation. The City has hired **Visu-Sewer, Inc.** to rehabilitate this pipe. Since this is a maintenance project, there will be no assessments for your property.

- **This newsletter is being sent to all property owners that live in the areas impacted.**
- **The work is anticipated to occur in phases:**
 - Pre-lining cleaning: February to May**
 - Lining: February to May**
- **When your sewer service is being disrupted during this work, the Contractor will notify you 24 hours in advance of that disruption.**

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

The City of Falcon Heights and the Contractor have modified our standard construction practices to limit exposure to the virus and impacts to residents during construction. The city will work with project contractors to follow workplace hygiene and social distancing recommendations from the CDC and Minnesota Department of Health to slow the spread of COVID-19. Please practice social distancing with

construction and field staff and contact city staff directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Service Disruption

When the contractor is working in your area, they will let you know by leaving a door hanger on your door at least 24 hours in advance of the work. They will request that you refrain from using water for baths, showers, dishwashers and washing machines during the times indicated on the door hanger.

You can continue to use water for activities like washing your hands or flushing the toilet at all times.

More info can be found on the project website:
www.cityofroseville.com/sewerlining

Sump Pump Connections

Water that discharges from sump pumps is called *clear water*. Clear water is rain water, groundwater, storm water or snow melt that flows into area streams, ponds and lakes. The sanitary sewer system is meant for *wastewater*, which is water from sinks, showers, tubs, toilets and washing machines. Wastewater must be treated at a wastewater treatment plant before it can be discharged into the environment.

When clear water is added to wastewater, it can overload the sanitary sewer system, and ultimately, the wastewater treatment plant. It also costs the City and its residents money for treating water that does not need to be treated.

Falcon Heights City Code, Section 50-35 (b), states: “*Discharge of surface waters prohibited.* It shall be unlawful to discharge or cause to be discharged into the sewer system, either directly or indirectly, any roof, storm water, surface water or groundwater of any type or kind, or water

discharged from any air conditioning unit or system.”

If you have a sump pump in your home, it is not allowed to be connected to your sanitary sewer service. Please disconnect it and redirect the discharge onto the ground outside your home. Care should be taken to ensure that the discharge is not directed back into your house or into a neighbor’s yard. Discharge points should be at least 20 feet from the house so that the water does not find its way back to your house.

Jetting and Cleaning

Before any actual lining work is done, the sewer line is jetted and cleaned with a high pressure water hose. Grease and accumulated buildup is removed, and any tree roots intruding into the sewer line are cut and eliminated.

Possible Schedule Changes

As with any construction work, the schedule and completion of the project may be somewhat dependent on the weather. We ask for your patience with projected weather delays throughout this project.

Safety

We remind you to use caution around the work site. Your assistance in reminding area children to stay clear of construction equipment is helpful in maintaining a safe environment. Your patience and cooperation during this construction is appreciated.



Traffic Delays

The Contractor will be responsible for traffic control as a result of this project. We do not anticipate any significant traffic delays.

Falcon Heights E-mail Listserv

With just a few clicks you'll begin to receive emails on crime alerts, news updates, community meetings, weekly project updates, and much more. Sign up at the City website: www.falconheights.org

The City of Roseville Engineering Department will be managing this construction contract with assistance from Falcon Heights staff.



Please use water for going to the bathroom and hand washing as needed.

SEWER UTILITY WORK

Dear Homeowner/Rental/Business Owner:

Visu-Sewer has been contracted to reline the mainline sanitary sewer that your property is connected to. Relineing allows for renewing the existing sewer without the inconvenience of conventional digging and relaying. *During this work, your sewer lateral will be temporarily disconnected from the main sewer.* Relineing is normally completed in one day, within two shifts. The first shift crew installs the liner. The second shift crew re-connects the building laterals to the new liner.

To avoid problems, we need your cooperation. Reduce possible odors by pouring approximately one gallon of water down each of your floor drains and basement sinks before the date/time listed below. If your sump pump flows into the sanitary sewer place damp cloth over the sump/crock. Use your toilet only if necessary and ***discontinue further use of all water including; washing machines, dish washers, bath tubs, showers, sinks and sump pumps (if hooked to sanitary sewer) on the following date:***

DATE: _____

TIME: _____ UNTIL _____

Visu-Sewer will not be held responsible for damaged resulting from failure to comply with these procedures.

Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions please feel free to call **1-800-876-8478.**

VISU-SEWER, INC.