

## Notice to Residents

**Re: Lake Ravines Water Main and Paving Improvements Project - City of Southfield**

Dear Homeowner/Resident:

This letter is written to inform residents of upcoming road improvements and water main replacement within your neighborhood. This project is funded by the City's \$99 million Road Improvement Bond and the Water & Sewer Bond.

The work is divided into two phases per the attached map. The City's work started on the Phase I streets last construction season and work will begin on the Phase II streets this season. In conjunction with the City's project, Consumer's Energy replaced all the gas piping in the neighborhood last year. Communication regarding the gas company's project should be directed to Consumer's or their contractor.

**SCHEDULE:** The City's Contractor will begin work as early as the week of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Work for both Phase I and Phase II will be completed by the end of July 2021.

**CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER:** **OHM Advisors, Inc. (OHM)**  
34000 Plymouth Road  
Livonia MI 48150

**CONTRACTOR:** **Superior Excavating**  
2420 Auburn Road  
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

**QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:** Questions concerning the project will be handled through OHM on behalf of the City. Please contact in the order shown:

1. Katie Schroeder, Construction Technician, OHM 734-466-4409  
Email: [katie.schroeder@ohm-advisors.com](mailto:katie.schroeder@ohm-advisors.com)
2. OHM Main Office (Toll Free) 888-522-6711
3. City of Southfield Engineering Department (M-F, 8 am to 5 pm) 248-796-4810
4. City of Southfield Water Department, (M-F, 7 am to 4 pm) 248-796-4850

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- *How will water service be affected?*  
During water main construction, your water service will be temporarily disrupted when the new main is connected to the existing system and when the service to your house is moved from the old main to the new main. A flyer will be distributed prior to the anticipated service disruption, and the re-connection should be completed in no more than four hours.

Your water service may be unexpectedly interrupted during construction due to water main breaks caused from work on or near the existing aged mains. In the event of a break, OHM, the City, and



the Contactor will repair the system and get it running as quickly as possible. If you are out of water and work is not ongoing, please call us immediately.

If the property owner's water service line outside the public right-of-way is found to be deteriorated or a material other than copper, the property owner will be notified in writing. At that point, the resident will be presented with a waiver; signing said waiver will allow the city to replace the non-copper service up to 3 feet within the house. This will be done at no cost to the resident.

- *What will happen to the road?*  
Road construction will occur after the water main is complete. Road work will include asphalt reconstruction and asphalt rehabilitation. After road work is completed, driveway approaches will be replaced in kind where necessary to meet the new road surface or if they are removed as part of the water main work.
- *How will access to homes be maintained?*  
There may be intermittent traffic delays on the roads, intersections, and drive approaches as construction equipment moves around and the work is being performed. The Contractor will attempt to minimize delays to the traveling public and maintain temporary access to homes throughout the project. Residents may occasionally experience delays. During paving operations, temporary driveway closures may be necessary. You will be notified prior to any extended driveway closures resulting from curb or driveway construction.
- *Will there be provisions for residents with special needs?*  
Residents with special needs should contact one of the persons listed under “**Questions or Concerns.**”
- *Will trees be removed as part of the construction project?*  
This project may require isolated tree removal. The trees will only be removed as necessary to install the new water main. Trees scheduled for removal will be marked with green tape in advance of removal.
- *Will mail delivery be affected?*  
Mail service will continue throughout the duration of the project with minimal interruptions.
- *Will trash pickup be affected?*  
Provisions will be made to ensure that the contractor allows trash service to be maintained.
- *What about lawn restoration?*  
Disturbed lawn areas will be restored with top soil and hydro seed.
- *Will existing landscape features be impacted?*  
Landscaping, lights, sprinklers, fences, or other personal property located within the public road right-of-way could be impacted during construction. When practical, we request that you remove these items prior to the start of construction.
- *How will school buses be affected?*  
School bus routes and pick-up locations may be affected during the project. This will be coordinated with City of Southfield Public School District.
- *Can homeowners get additional work done by the contractor for the project?*  
The contractor and any subcontractors are prohibited from performing any private work within the project area until the work governed by the City contract is completed.



**ROAD CLOSURES:** During construction, you may experience situations where portions of the street are not accessible for up to a day. Please be patient during these times when access is not readily available. Advanced notices will be given if vehicles need to be moved or parked elsewhere for a temporary duration.

**COST:** Homeowners will not have any direct cost for this work. Funding for the project will come from the City's Water Bond and the Street Improvement Bond. The influence of construction will be confined as much as possible to the immediate roadway to minimize costs as well as expedite the work.

**SAFETY:** This is the most important aspect of the project. Please work with us in respecting all signs and construction zones and driving at a prudent speed. During the placement and curing of concrete, please remain off the concrete while barricades are in place. Avoid contact with concrete to minimize delays in construction.

We realize this project will be an inconvenience but replacing aging water mains and repairing roads will improve the community for years to come by providing safe roads and reliable water service to residents in the area. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Katie Schroeder

734-466-4409

cc: Leigh Schultz, P.E. City Engineer, Engineering Division  
Larry Sirls, Justin Beck, Henry Gordon - City of Southfield DPW  
Rhett Gronewelt, P.E., OHM