



March 3, 2011

To: Residents of the 1000 block of S. Cuyler

Dear Resident:

The Village of Oak Park awarded a contract to Knowles Construction of New Lenox, Illinois for replacement of the water and sewer mains and reconstruction of your street. The contractor will prepare the site and deliver materials starting Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Actual underground construction will begin at the Harvard intersection during spring break, the week of March 28<sup>th</sup>.

During construction you will be inconvenienced for a time. Cuyler will be closed to all traffic while construction is taking place. There will be no parking on Cuyler between Harvard and Garfield. Parking will be allowed on Fillmore and Harvard between Ridgeland and Highland. If you have any parking related questions or concerns please call the parking advocate at 358-5750.

This project consists of replacing the water and sewer mains, installing new water service lines up to the valve (buffalo box) in the parkway for each property, replacing the sewer services to each house up to the back of the curb, replacing the curbs and sidewalks in the parkway, resurfacing the street, and restoring the parkways. The work will be done in four stages and take approximately 3-4 months to complete. The first stage will be the installation of the new sewer and water mains. This will take approximately 2-3 months to complete.

The second stage involves the installation of new sewer and water services to the individual properties. New sewer services will be installed between the sewer main in the street and the curb. New water services will be installed between the new water main and the buffalo box in the parkway. The water will need to be shut off to your building temporarily, typically less than one hour. It is not unusual to experience discolored water and low pressure immediately following this stage. We recommend that you remove and clean the aerators from each faucet and let the water run for a few minutes. Sometimes material deposits become dislodged from the pipes and get clogged in the aerators causing low pressure and restricting flow of water.

The third stage involves the reconstruction of your street. During this stage of construction the curbs, driveways, and parkway sidewalks will be removed and replaced and the existing street pavement will be completely removed to a depth of approximately one foot. The street will then be replaced and opened up to traffic. If you would like to have your sidewalks replaced and/or would like information about the 50/50 program, please contact Bill McKenna at your earliest convenience and he will provide you with an estimate. The final stage will be the restoration of the parkways with sod and other areas disturbed by construction.

In order to avoid damage to any in-ground sprinkler system during construction, please contact Bill McKenna to inform him if a sprinkler system exists at your property. Residents are also urged to mark the locations of sprinkler heads in the field with small flags or stakes.

We apologize for any inconvenience this project may cause and ask for your patience during these next few months. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call Tom Tretowicz (Engineering Technician) 358-5731, or myself at 358-5728.

Sincerely,  
THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK

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