



City of Fort Myers, Florida

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April 8, 2020

Name
Address
City/zip

Re: Evans Avenue Neighborhood Utility Improvements - Site address

Dear Property Owner/Resident:

The City of Fort Myers recognizes the need to replace utilities in the Evans Avenue Neighborhood where infrastructure has been in place for many years. Beginning this month, the City is scheduled to replace sanitary sewer and water mains and install storm drainage. The project also includes some new sidewalk and will replace disturbed sidewalk on both sides of Evans Avenue from Providence Street south to Dr. Ella Piper Way, and finally, roadway resurfacing. Crews are expected to work during daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The project is expected to be complete in early 2021.

Construction – What to Expect

Initially, crews will video the area to document existing conditions. Prior to the start of construction, a survey crew will stake the right-of-way (ROW) line on both sides of the street. Look for wood stakes marked with “R/W” and a flag as these stakes will help you determine if you have personal property items (lighting, irrigation, landscape or decorative features) located in the ROW. The planned improvements will require removal of personal property items in the ROW. **All personal property items in the ROW must be removed or relocated by the owner no later than April 26, 2020. Any personal property in the ROW after April 26, 2020 may be removed and disposed of by the contractor.**

Demolition will include removal of some asphalt roadway, personal property items, and driveway aprons within the ROW. Mailboxes may be temporarily relocated during construction and will be reinstalled during restoration at the end of the project. If you have questions about items in the ROW, please contact the City’s public information consultant for the project. Contact information can be found on the next page.

This project will be constructed in three (3) phases and the work will be completed generally north to south.

- Phase 1 is from Providence Street to Second Street
- Phase 2 is the Evans Avenue and Second Street intersection
- Phase 3 is from Second Street to Dr. Ella Piper Way

The progression of the work will be typical for all three phases. Crews may work on all phases concurrently.

Motorists should expect the following detours:

- Evans Avenue from Providence Street to Dr. Ella Piper Way will be open to local residential and business traffic only. Through traffic should follow posted detour signs.
- Avalon Place will be closed at Evans Avenue. Residents and businesses will be directed to First Street for access.
- Michigan Avenue, Guava Street and Dr. Ella Piper Way will be closed at Evans Avenue. Residents will be directed to Cranford Avenue for access.

After the ROW has been cleared, crews will begin installing sanitary sewer. Once all sewer lines are installed, they will be inspected and approved prior to individual connections. After individual sanitary sewer connections have been completed, crews will then install the storm drainage improvements on both sides of Evans Avenue followed by water main installation on the east side of Evans Avenue.

Prior to crews completing individual water service connections, the new water lines will be chlorinated and tested. Timely connections to residential service lines will be made during construction to minimize interruptions. Once the utility work is complete, crews will rebuild the road and install sidewalks on both sides of the road. Finally, the disturbed driveway aprons will be replaced, and disturbed ROW will be re-sodded. Upon completion of all three phases, a final layer of asphalt will be installed to provide a smooth finished surface.

Water Shut-off and Boil Water Notices

Water will be shut off to disconnect services from the old system and connect services to the new system. Every effort will be made to keep this time to a minimum and in most cases will not exceed six hours. Immediately following the water shut-off, you will be required to boil your water until satisfactory completion of bacteriological testing shows the water is safe to drink. This boil water period usually lasts approximately three days. You will receive written notice of planned water shut offs and water rescission notices that will inform you when the water is safe to drink.

You will receive advance notification of any planned utility shut offs. However, please keep in mind old water and sewer lines could be damaged or disintegrate unexpectedly due to the heavy construction equipment required to replace the systems. In the case of an emergency, we have a plan in place to notify you and will work to restore service as soon as possible. You may want to keep some extra bottled water on hand to use in case of an emergency water line break.

Access to Private Property for Driveway Tie-ins

The City's contractor may need access to your property to transition your driveway to the new roadways. We will contact you to obtain an executed Temporary Right of Entry if work outside of the City's ROW is required.

Public Services (i.e., mail, garbage, Police/Fire/EMS)

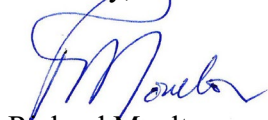
Once construction begins, the City's contractor will maintain public services such as mail delivery, garbage/recycle and bus services. Police/Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will be notified of road closures and water shut offs. If there is someone in your home that requires special needs transportation services, please contact the City's public information consultant for the project as outlined below.

Contact Information

Please refer to the City's Utilities website located at www.FortMyersUtilities.com for construction updates. If you have questions about the project or issues during construction, please contact the City's public information consultant, Cella Molnar & Associates, Inc. at 239-337-1071 or via e-mail to thayden@cella.cc.

Thank you and we look forward to rebuilding Fort Myers one neighborhood at a time!

Sincerely,



Richard Moulton
Director of Public Works