

Water Main Replacement Underway On Seabury Road



Traffic is rerouted on Seabury Road

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YORK - The York Water District has begun a water main replacement on Seabury Road, a project that will take six weeks.

The project area is from the area of Harbor Lights, a private drive, to Southside Road. Work began Monday.

Construction will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. There will be some road closures on the Seabury Road project. Alternate routes will be available: It is advised that traffic on Route 103 and from Southside Road travel toward York Street to avoid delays. The Water District will develop a traffic plan to allow stop and go traffic through the work zone. Traffic will be controlled by police initially and then by flaggers.

For existing customers, temporary lines will be installed during the construction. There will be no cost to them to hook up to the new mains.

The Seabury Road project is one of 10 projects slated to replace three miles of pipe at a cost of \$3 million, Water District Superintendent Don Neumann said. The Seabury Road project itself will cost \$500,000.

In the fall of 2014, the Water District replaced 1,100 feet of pipe on Cape Neddick Road near VFW Post 6977. And this past spring, it replaced 1,100 feet on Church Street, 1,400 feet on Shore Road, and 3,200 feet on Organug Road. The Seabury Road project will replace 3,200 feet of pipe.

Important safety benefits will be derived from replacing the aging water mains, Neumann said. Utilizing "hydraulic models," the district conducted test "fire flows" to area hydrants all the way to the last hydrant on Southside Road, which could pump only 700 gallons a minute. But by replacing old water mains on Organug and Seabury roads with newer, larger pipes, the same hydrant will be able to pump up to 1,500 gallons a minute.

"It will double the fire flow to Southside Road and Jeffrey Drive," Neumann said. "It's pretty impressive to see the volume of water that's available."

Next year's plans include replacing water mains on Freeman Street, which will connect to the Bay Haven project near Freeman Street. "It all ties in together," Neumann said.



Superintendent Don Neumann of the York Water District turns a valve on Seabury Road.

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