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Work on Underground Utilities Continues

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg’s Public Utilities Department continues working on a section of underground utilities on Main Street in downtown Harrisonburg.

On Sunday, January 8, crews closed a section of Main Street and disrupted water service overnight to install two upsized water services and a fire line. These installations were part of two separate renovation projects by private developers.

The work was complete and water service was restored to customers; however, while performing the work, it was discovered that other unexpected repairs needed to be fixed to the underground utilities. A leak in an underground service line was also discovered this morning.

Main Street, from the north side of Newman Avenue to Court Square, will remain closed until the work is completed. Access to businesses in this area is still permitted. Motorists are encouraged to use Mason Street as a detour to avoid congestion downtown.

“While this is an inconvenience to motorists and the businesses, we appreciate your patience,” explained Ed Roach, Public Utilities planner. “Our crews have been working in this area since Sunday night and are committed to the project and to making the unexpected repairs.”

Motorists are reminded to use caution in this area, slow down, and watch for workers in and near the roadway.

Once the roadway reopens, additional information will be distributed to the public.

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Map of the downtown street closure.

Follow the city on one of its social media sites and website to always stay informed.

The Harrisonburg Department of Public Utilities is responsible for providing water and sewer services to residences and businesses. The Department currently manages approximately 16,000 accounts. For more information about these functions of the city, visit www.harrisonburgva.gov/public-utilities.

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