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Crews Continue Repair on South Main Street

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg’s Public Utilities Department will continue work next week to finalize the repair to a water main and other underground utilities.

On Sunday, April 23, crews temporarily repaired a 12 inch water main that had ruptured in the early morning hours. The underground break occurred on South Main Street, near the intersection of Port Republic Road.

After uncovering the damaged water line, it was also discovered that additional work would need to take place on other underground utilities. An old, six inch water line will be removed and customers, who received water service from that line, will be transitioned on to an existing, larger water line. A brick sanitary sewer manhole was also found to be in poor condition, which will need to be replaced before the final pavement is complete, and several valves will be repaired or replaced.

“While the majority of the work from the initial water main break is complete, we discovered other underground assets that need to be repaired in order to avoid a significant failure in our infrastructure,” explained David Gray, engineering superintendent with the Public Utilities Department.

Crews will be working on this repair project starting overnight on Sunday, May 7 and expect to be finished by Friday, May 19.

This schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions, unforeseen maintenance on equipment, or unexpected issues that arise as the work progresses.

Residents in the area will experience intermittent interruptions in their water service and work will take place both overnight and during the day.

Main Street, from Fairview to Maplehurst Avenues, will be closed during this work. Southbound traffic will be detoured on to Harrison Street and West Fairview Avenue. Northbound traffic will be detoured onto Moffett Terrace and Maplehurst Avenue. Motorists are also reminded to drive slow through the work zone and anticipate crews to be working in and around the roadway.

Changes in this schedule will be posted to the city’s [website](#) and [social media sites](#).

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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