

TOWN OF BATAVIA
3833 WEST MAIN STREET ROAD
BATAVIA, NEW YORK 14020

March 2, 2015

TOWNLINE WATER PROJECT

Town of Batavia ~ Town of Elba ~ Town of Oakfield

OUTGOING NAME
ADDRESS

Re: **Construction & Obtaining Service**

Dear Property Owner,

The Town of Batavia – Batavia North Water District, Town of Elba Water District No. 1, and Town of Oakfield Water District No. 6 have each been established by their respective town board. These districts include all or portions of Batavia-Oakfield Townline Road, Hutton Road, Lewiston Road, Fisher Road, Batavia-Elba Townline Road, Pekin Road, Oak Orchard Road, State Street Road, Bank Street Road, Norton Road, and Batavia-Stafford Townline Road. Water lines will be installed along these roads through a single construction project known as the Townline Water Project, consisting of the installation of approximately 104,700 linear feet of new 8-inch and 12-inch diameter water main.

Through inter-municipal agreements, the Town of Batavia will be responsible to oversee the construction of the Townline Water Project as well as perform the long-term operation and maintenance of the water system serving these districts. As a result, much of the correspondence, forms, and water service requirements will be administered by the Town of Batavia.

A contract has been awarded to Sergi Construction, Inc. to install water lines along Batavia-Oakfield Townline Road, Hutton Road, Lewiston Road, Fisher Road, Pekin Road, and Batavia-Elba Townline Road west of Pekin Road. A separate contract has been awarded to Visone Construction, Inc. to install water lines along Batavia-Elba Townline Road east of Pekin Road, Oak Orchard Road, State Street Road, Bank Street Road, Norton Road, and Batavia-Stafford Townline Road. Dividing the project into two contracts has allowed the Townline Water Project to receive the best pricing and will allow the project to progress more quickly.

Construction is expected to begin in March 2015 (weather dependent) and anticipated to be complete by October 2015. The contractors will independently determine the actual construction schedule for each section of the project. This letter is being sent out to all property owners who will be directly affected by the project.

What Is Involved In The Water Main Construction?

The work can generally be divided into four steps:

1. Main line installation.
2. Testing.
3. Service line installations.
4. Final restoration.

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The first step of the work is the new main installation, including the pipelines, fire hydrants, and valves. The rate at which the water main is installed will average between 600 and 1200 feet per day. The trench is backfilled at the end of each day, with the dirt mounded slightly to allow for settlement of the backfilled materials before the final restoration is completed near the end of the project. When the excavation crosses a driveway or is in the roadway, temporary asphalt or stone is placed in the trench area until final restoration phases. (This is also done to allow settlement to occur before the final pavement is placed.)

After the main is installed, the next step of the work is the testing of the main. First the main is pressure tested, and if any leaks are found, they are repaired. Then the new main is disinfected and flushed. The last element of the testing phase is sampling and water quality testing by the Department of Health.

Each contractor will divide their portion of the Townline Water Project into three phases. Each phase will include the first three steps listed above. This will allow service lines to be installed to the property lines and water made available to those properties before water mains are installed in the next phase of the project. The contractors have the option to use a second crew to start work in the next phase while services are being installed by the preceding phase, but service connections will not be held up in order to move onto the next phase.

What Is Involved In The Installation of Water Services?

The project contractors will install the water service connections which will extend from the water main to just beyond the existing right-of-way line. The project contractors will install a shut-off valve (curb stop) at the right-of-way line and a meter pit a few feet onto each property. The right-of-way line is usually defined by the location of right-of-way markers, property pins, or utility poles.

The water service from the water main to, and including, the meter pit is the Town's portion of the water service. You will not have to pay for the Town's portion of the water service as it is being included in the cost of construction. You will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of all remaining portions of the service including your internal plumbing.

The project contractors or your plumber, depending on the timing of the installation, will complete the connection at the meter pit. The Town of Batavia will install the water meter once the entire service is completed. All application fees will be waived for this project.

Please note that, regardless of which Town you live in, a water service application must be submitted to the Town of Batavia and approved before your connection can be made. The "Water & Sewer Service Application" is enclosed along with the associated installation details and material list.

What Can I Do With My Well?

Property owners who choose to connect to the public water system have three options concerning their existing well: *abandonment*; *separation*; *backflow device installation*.

1. Well *abandonment* involves completely discontinuing use of the well forever.
2. Well *separation* involves reconfiguring the existing internal plumbing so public water and well water do not mix, resulting in two separate internal plumbing systems.
3. *Backflow device installation* involves the installation of an approved backflow device, designed by a Licensed Engineer, on the service line coming into your structure.

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All three of these options include pros and cons which are described in the "Private Well Separation" enclosure. The ultimate goal is the protect the public water supply from being contaminated with water that the Town has no ability to treat or control.

Please note that the internal separation of your well must be completed by the time the Town of Batavia is ready to install the meter (usually the separation is done the same day so you are not without water for too long).

Final Restoration Work

The final restoration will likely take place after all three phases of construction are complete and will include returning lawns, driveways, and pavement to their pre-existing condition. The temporary asphalt in the roads and paved driveways will be removed, straight edges will be cut and permanent pavement placed. Lawn areas will be graded and seeded. If any area fails to grow properly, the project contractors are required to return to correct the problem.

Construction News and Updates

Updates for the Townline Water Project will be posted to projects.townofbatavia.com. Please visit this website frequently to view update messages, download important documentation, or submit questions/concerns.

For inspecting well separation, your water service installation, water service connection information, and water application and layout questions please contact ***Paul Barrett at 585-356-4900***.

The Towns of Batavia, Elba, and Oakfield are glad to have helped make public water available to you. We will strive to make the construction project a streamline process so that you can soon receive safe and reliable water.

On behalf of all Towns,



Steven J. Mountain, P.E.