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NOTICE

Sewer Force Main Failure

United Water personnel, the City's contractor for Water Pollution Control Services, responded to Long Wharf on April 7, 2009 and identified a failure in the sewer force main that exits the Long Wharf Sewage Pumping Station. Wastewater from the leak is being chlorinated prior to discharge into a catch basin. The force main is used to pump wastewater to the Water Pollution Control Facility on Connell Hwy. United Water has contracted with CB Utility to make the necessary repair. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management was notified of the sanitary sewer overflow and all actions being taken. The Rhode Island Department of Transportation has also been notified of the planned work associated with the repair.

Repair work will begin Wednesday morning April 8th and will proceed until completion of the repair. Above ground by pass piping will be required to be installed prior to repair of the force main. The by pass piping will be installed from the Long Wharf Pump Station to a manhole at the intersection of America's Cup Avenue and Bridge Street. Long Wharf will be closed to through traffic when work on the repair is underway. Delays on America's Cup Avenue can also be expected while the work to repair the sewer force main is underway.