

March 14, 2022 Update

Bordentown City – Public Property, Streets, and Water

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Highlights: (a) The water main upgrades for Union Street will be starting this week and Brooks Avenue will be later this month; (b) In light of upcoming federal funding opportunities, city is working to develop a comprehensive facilities, infrastructure and transportation prioritization plan; and (c) The state recently passed a law directing all utilities that they are required to inventory all water services throughout the distribution system, notify residents of the potential presence of lead in their service lines, and begin to develop a plan for the replacement of all lead service lines within the next ten years. In compliance with these state regulations, the City mailed out 267 individual letters. These letters noted that the privately owned water service line (the lateral from the curb to the home underneath the sidewalks) was known to be a galvanized pipe, which the state now classifies as “lead” service. Additional efforts are under way to identify any additional homes with galvanized service lines; these homes will be notified as the information becomes available. This is just the beginning of our outreach process. There will be many more communications and meetings and we will pursue whatever funding may be available to help mitigate the cost for everyone involved. As demonstrated in the past, the City is committed to open and transparent communication. There is also educational information on the city website.

1. Roadways

- a. Chestnut flooding: While this flooding mitigation and the rebuilding of retaining wall are not a city project, we thank NJDOT and the Commissioner for leading and resolving it.
- b. Maintenance bond phase: Second and West Streets
- c. Oliver Street: Punchlist is done, waiting for NJDOT inspection and final closeout
- d. Union Street: (a) Road: City will be sharing initial concepts with the community in the next thirty days; and (b) Water: Contractor bid was approved last month and construction for the water improvements will start this week
- e. Crosswicks Repaving: Working with county on few minor punchlist items
- f. Brooks Ave: Contractor bid was approved and construction will start this month.
- g. NJDOT Application: Following the city’s asset management plan, city received a NJDOT grant for the following in 2023 (Carpenter, Leyden, Myrtle, Borden, and Hopkinson). Next steps will be hosting a community meeting this spring and field surveying this summer.

2. Projects

- a. Divine Word: DPW staff have completed a large portion of the interior renovations and will now be hiring a few specialties to finish. Simultaneously, the city is waiting for final approval from the state on the police station design plans. Furthermore, a contract was awarded by the state so we expect the demolition of the one state building to begin this spring.
- b. Parks/Recreational Facilities:
 - i. Oliver Street Park: Utilizing the resident surveys, city is working with its engineer and evaluating the site’s existing conditions (surveying)
 - ii. West Street Park: DPW will be taking down the existing playground equipment in the next thirty days, in anticipation of the new playground equipment getting installed this spring.
 - iii. West/Borden City Lot: City engineer drafted concepts and shared with the community. We will be looking to host a community meeting in the next month.
 - iv. Ann Street: City’s LSRP completed its remedial investigative report.
- c. Pedestrian safety: (i) City will be including the annual sidewalks into the budget; and (ii) City will be extending the county crosswalks program.
- d. EV Grant: City is working with our state vendor to install a station in a first phase at Divine Word.

3. Water Department: The city was recently notified about its excellent water sampling results. For the fourth straight monitoring period, the city maintained its compliant status (lowest detection results since 2014 and almost 80% of the total samples were non-detectable).