

## Water System Improvement Project Update

The purpose of this update is to inform the public of the work this spring and summer to improve the Village of Franklinville's water system. This project has been in the works for several years, beginning with an engineering study and report of the system in 2017, income survey in 2018 which qualified us for low interest financing, grant and funding applications in 2019 and 2020, and finally design and bidding of the project.

The purpose of this project is to build onto the county funded project that helped to supply the necessary water to Great Lakes Cheese and to other developing industries. The work will help to ensure our system is resilient and robust in the future and will help to prepare us for continued growth.

Beginning Monday, March 25, 2024, the contractor awarded this project will begin work installing new water mains and service connections on Chestnut St near Cherry St and continue working up toward the village line. They will then work, beginning at the Chestnut St-Crestview Dr intersection toward the Crestview Dr dead end. Once completed they will move back down toward Howard St.

Traffic control, in the form of cones and signage, and/or temporary stop lights, will be installed near the work site and will be relocated as the construction progresses. Please use caution and be patient as they work.

Due to Health Department regulations, the new water mains must be located a minimum of 10' horizontally from the existing sanitary sewer mains, which means in most cases the new water mains will be located in the subway, or tree lawn area between the sidewalk and street. The contractor and engineer will work hard to preserve any existing trees, but in many locations the trees within the village right-of-way will need to be removed to facilitate the pipe installation. The village Tree Commission along with the DPW will work to replace trees wherever possible, and as soon as possible.

Driveway aprons between the sidewalk and road(within village right of way) will likely be disturbed as part of this improvement. If the water main location requires the contractor to dig through an existing driveway, it will be restored. If the affected driveway is asphalt or concrete, the driveway will be cut near, but not beyond the right-of-way boundary, and will be restored using the same material. The contractor will take care to only disturb what is necessary.

Again, please be patient as we work to improve our water system infrastructure. This will surely cause some temporary traffic delays, inconveniences, water service interruptions, rough roads and mud and dust. The contractor will clean up and restore it to existing condition as soon as they are able. The contractor will be overseen by an inspector to ensure work is completed to village specifications.

We will continue to provide updates as to where the work will be taking place and to any water service interruptions as we are able.