

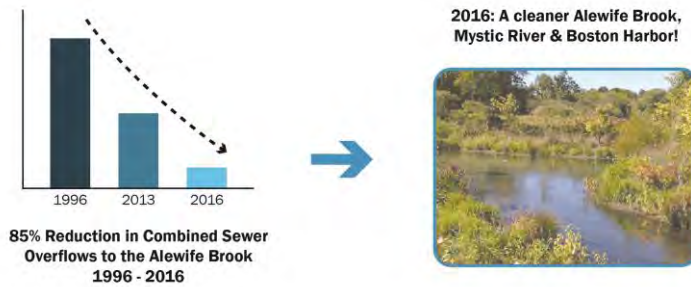


# Alewife Sewer Separation Project Update Spring 2015

Dear Cambridge Neighbor:

As we approach the spring months, construction activity will be ramping up within the Alewife Sewer Separation Project contract areas. For the past several weeks, contractors have been removing snow in these areas to prepare for this upcoming work.

As construction continues, I wanted to reach out to you and reiterate the significant amount of progress that has been made so far, and to remind you of why we are doing this work. The primary purpose of these projects is to **eliminate combined sewer overflows (CSOs) to the Alewife Brook from your neighborhood, thereby improving the water quality of the Alewife Brook and the Boston Harbor**. The City is working with the MWRA, who is under court order as part of the Boston Harbor cleanup case, to complete sewer separation in this area by December 2015. While much of the water quality work happens underground, significant improvements will also happen above ground in your neighborhood. This includes tree plantings and street and sidewalk reconstruction which will continue through the fall of 2016. When the projects are completed, there will be **new streets and accessible sidewalks, enhanced pedestrian improvements, over 300 additional street trees**, and significantly reduced combined sewer overflows to the Alewife Brook.



We recognize this has been an incredibly challenging winter, impacting residents and local businesses as never before, with this spring construction activity adding another layer of complexity to these neighborhoods. In response to these challenges, the City of Cambridge, in connection with Cambridge Local First, have launched the **Lovin' Local** loyalty card initiative from **March 16<sup>th</sup> - April 3<sup>rd</sup>** to remind everyone to support their local businesses to keep Cambridge the vibrant and independently owned culture that it is. For more details, visit: [www.CambridgeMA.gov/LovinLocal](http://www.CambridgeMA.gov/LovinLocal). With supplemental snow clearing in the Huron Village area and adjacent side streets, along with the parking modifications (*temporary through construction*) introduced last year, the City will continue to support local businesses, by making customer parking, outside of construction work zones, as convenient as possible now through construction completion.

We understand how challenging and lengthy this construction project has been, and we're committed to working with residents and businesses for its duration to help you through this process. You will find in this flyer a number of upcoming community events to help keep you informed of construction updates and to also say thank you for your continued patience, as construction continues to progress.

Sincerely,

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City Engineer

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# Upcoming Community Events



## Alewife Sewer Separation Spring Update Meeting

We invite you to join us at the Tobin School (197 Vassal) on **Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** from **6pm-8pm** to learn more about the spring construction schedules and future activities. The project staff will be on hand to answer any of your project questions or concerns. Food from local vendors will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Clean Car for a Cause?** To keep things cleaner during construction, come enjoy a **free** car wash! Drive to either **Alewife Sewer Separation Car Wash** locations to get your car washed for **free** by a local Cambridge youth group, sponsored by a project donation. Come get a clean ride, support a great cause and get your project questions answered!

- **May 30<sup>th</sup>** @ Tobin School (197 Vassal) 11am-1pm
- **June 6<sup>th</sup>** @ St. Peter's School (96 Concord) 11am-2pm (Rain date: June 13<sup>th</sup>)



**Come to Coffee Talk!** We understand living through construction is difficult, and you may have questions or comments for us. **We are here to listen!** Please drop in to join project team members for **Coffee Talk** at **Sarah's Market** (200 Concord) from **7-11am** on the following Thursdays:

- **May 7<sup>th</sup>**
- **June 4<sup>th</sup>**
- **August 6<sup>th</sup>**

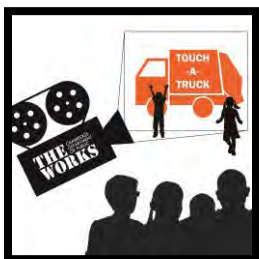
**Bike Need a Tune-Up?** Ride your bike down to our Bike Kiosks for a **free tune-up** by **Broadway Bikes**, sponsored by the City of Cambridge. Get your **ride** ready and ask questions in the process!

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- **June 6<sup>th</sup>** @ St. Peter's School Car Wash 11am-2pm (Rain date: June 13<sup>th</sup>)
- **July 9<sup>th</sup>** @ Huron Village 5pm-8pm



**Alewife Stormwater Wetland Tour** Ever wonder where your stormwater drains to? Visit the award-winning stormwater wetland and recreation trails near Alewife Station. Please join the wetland team members for a guided walking tour on **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** from **9am to 11am** (Meet at entrance adjacent to 200 CambridgePark Drive). (Rain date: June 13<sup>th</sup>)

**Summertime in the Village!** Help support local businesses by visiting the Village for a night of browsing, shopping, and chatting with your neighbors. Staff will be on hand to answer project questions on **Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm**



**Touch-A-Truck and Movie Night** Bring the family to the Tobin School (197 Vassal) on **Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm** to get an up-close view of construction vehicles, grab some free popcorn and soda and enjoy a family-friendly movie on us!

# Construction Update

March/April 2015

## New Tree Stickers Coming Your Way!

Beginning this spring, you may notice this tree sticker decal applied to the sidewalks throughout the **Huron B** and **Concord Ave** areas. These decals will be locating where new street trees are to be planted. Questions about a specific location? **Let us know!**

For additional tree information, please visit: [www.cambridgema.gov/alewifetrees](http://www.cambridgema.gov/alewifetrees)



## **HURON A**

[www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/HuronA](http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/HuronA)

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**Contractor:** P.Gioioso & Sons, Inc.

### **Upcoming & Current Activity\*:**

- Cured in Place Lining activities on Lakeview (N), Lexington (N), and Standish anticipated to be completed mid to late April
- Porous Pavement installation will be in Spring 2015
- Curb and sidewalk on Larch (S) and the intersection of Lakeview and Vassal Spring 2015
- Final Paving on Lakeview (S), Larch (N & S), Lexington (S), and Standish Spring 2015
- All remaining plantings areas/bio-basin plantings and tree plantings will resume in Spring 2015
- Punch list work project wide through Spring 2015
- Construction completion scheduled for June 30, 2015!

## **HURON B**

[www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/HuronB](http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/HuronB)

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**Contractor:** Barletta Heavy Division

### **Upcoming & Current Activity\*:**

- Drain work on Manassas was completed in February
- Drain work on Hutchinson anticipated to be completed by the end of March
- Drain and sewer work on Appleton anticipated to be complete mid- April
- Drain and sewer work on Wyman anticipated to begin end of March
- Fayerweather water work anticipated to begin early April
- Sewer and drain lateral work and catch basin installation on Huron Ave (Appleton to Fresh Pond Parkway) anticipated to occur between mid-March through Mid-April
- Catch basin on Grozier anticipated to be installed in the beginning of April

## **CONCORD**

[www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/ConcordArea](http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/ConcordArea)

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### **Upcoming & Current Activity\*:**

- Water, sewer and drain work on Alpine (Field to Vassal) anticipated to be completed mid-March
- Water work on Field (Alpine to Fayerweather) anticipated to begin in late March
- Sewer, drain and water work on Chilton anticipated to begin in March and continue through April
- Private inflow work on Walden and Alpine anticipated to begin in mid-March
- Gas work on Baystate, Field, and Garden anticipated to begin in late March and continue through April

*\*Construction activity subject to change. Project Websites updated weekly and include suggested traffic routing.*

For general project information or assistance, or to sign up to receive project updates by email, you may contact KyAnn Anderson, Community Relations Manager, Kleinfelder, at (617) 498-4708 / [kanderson@kleinfelder.com](mailto:kanderson@kleinfelder.com).

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