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To: Portland Water Bureau Customers

RE: Water Main Replacement in your neighborhood

A contractor for the Portland Water Bureau will be replacing 634 feet of a leaking 2-inch galvanized water main with new, larger diameter water main on SW Cross, SW Commonwealth and SW Sheffield avenues. Two new fire hydrants will also be installed to improve fire protection and comply with city code. The work will begin in early July 2016 and take approximately 90 days. Work hours are Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**As the roads are very narrow, this will be a challenging project for both residents and construction crews. The goal is to complete this project quickly as possible while maintaining a safe work zone for both workers and neighbors.**

Water main installation will involve cutting the road surface the length and width of the pipe trench, excavating a trench, replacing old pipe or installing new pipe, filling the trench and resurfacing/restoring the road surface that was removed.

#### **What to Expect:**

- “No Parking” barricades may be used in order to reserve room for the equipment needed for the project. Street parking will be limited.
- Your street will be closed to all but local traffic, or closed to all **traffic during construction hours**. Crews will try to keep driveways accessible, but you may have to park on a side street during construction hours.
- Your water service may be disrupted for several hours. Customers will be notified of shut downs to the water system 24 hours in advance. This notification will be done by placing a door hanger on your front door the day before the scheduled shut down.
- You may experience noise, dust and traffic delays while we conduct this work.
- Delivery services, waste management trucks, mail carriers, and emergency vehicles will have access.

Please call me if you have any questions or concerns. Also feel free to ask the crew leader on site any questions or direct any of your concerns to him/her.

Thank you for your patience while we work to improve your water system.

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