



CITY OF GROVEPORT
REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

July 14, 2016

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- Capital Projects:

Links at Groveport: Hillside - Per contract, significant construction suspended until August, when upper area will be completed. New patio is now open.

West Bixby Road Reconstruction Design is underway. Coordinating with land owners for easements.

Hendron Road Reconstruction Design is underway. Construction for this OPWC-funded project will begin spring 2017. Project will extend from Main Street north to Glendening with sidewalk continued to Cherry Blossom Dr.

- Streets/Street:

2016 Street Program Sidewalks along Wirt Rd complete and area has been seeded. Paving activities expected to begin week of July 21 along College St. and Walnut St. south of Main Street and along Cherry Street, east of West Street.

Wirt Road Ped Imprvts Phase 2 See above

- Development projects:

Groveport II (Pontius Rd) [Northpointe Development] Site grading and building construction proceeding

Pontius/Rohr Rd Project substantially complete. County is inspecting this work as this intersection is in their jurisdiction.

Rohr Rd west of Port Rd Project substantially complete. Final inspections underway.

- Other:

CMOM program As part of our “Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance” program for our sanitary collection system, public information on appropriate disposal of fats, oil and grease was delivered to all residential properties served by our sanitary sewer pump stations north of the railroad (Elmont, Founders Bend, Hickory Grove, Grovepointe and Bixford Green). Notices such as this help to educate the public that properly disposed waste of this type reduces cost on private sanitary sewer laterals and the public system. See attached flyer, which was distributed to about 630 households.

Please contact Steve Farst with any questions or concerns.



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ATTENTION

Founders Bend Residents

Did you know that sewer backups and flooded basements can be caused by grease being dumped into the sanitary sewer system? This is something you have the power to change, and here's how.....



Eliminating Fats, Oils and Grease from Sanitary Sewers

Just as grease clogs your arteries, it clogs your sewer system...



Where does this grease come from?

Grease is often formed as a byproduct of cooking. Grease is found in such things as:

- Meat fats, Lard, Cooking oil, Shortening
- Food scraps and Sauces
- Dairy products like Butter and Margarine

Too often, grease is washed into the plumbing system, usually through the kitchen sink. Grease sticks to the inside of sewer pipes (both on your property and in the streets). Over time, the grease can build up and block the entire pipe.

Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system. These units only shred solid material into smaller pieces and do not prevent grease from going down the drain.

Commercial additives, including detergents that claim to dissolve grease, may pass grease down the line and cause problems in other areas.

The results of a grease-blocked sewer pipe can be:

- Raw sewage overflowing in your home or your neighbor's home.
- An expensive and unpleasant cleanup that most times must be paid for by **you, the homeowner** (the average cleanup cost is about \$3,000; this does not include replacing carpets and repairing walls)
- Potential contact with disease-causing organisms
- An increase in operation and maintenance costs by the City's Public Works Department staff, which causes higher sewer bills for customer

Please do your part to keep fats, oils and greases out of our sewers: Dispose of fats, oils and grease properly!

Founders Bend Residents. What you can do to help us AND help yourselves save thousands of dollars:

Grease poured down kitchen drains can clog sewer pipes, spewing sewage into the streams and rivers or into your basement...

Follow these easy steps to prevent sewage back-ups and overflows:

- After grilling or frying, don't put fats, oils or grease down the sink-drain or down the toilet.
- Putting grease down the drain can eventually mean clogs for you, potential backups into your basement and sewage overflows in the sewer system.
- Never pour kitchen grease or oil down the drain, even if you are "washing it down" with hot water.
- Pour cooled grease into a can (a soup can works great) and throw in the trash.
- Some food and sauces have oils in them. Scrape food into the trash or put into your compost pile.
- Some cooking oils can be recycled into biofuels. For more information please visit www.swaco.org to find an acceptable facility near you.



So please do your part by disposing of fats, oils and grease the proper way.

To dispose of grease properly:

- Pour the hot grease into a can
- Put a lid on the can
- Put the can in the refrigerator to let the grease cool
- Repeat above until can is full
- Once the can is full, throw the can into the trash
- And keep the can covered so the melted grease doesn't spill into your trash

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

**CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF
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Can it. Cool it. Throw it away.