



To our neighbors in Raritan,

On or about Friday 8/1/25 New Jersey American Water will begin a water main replacement project on First Ave from Rt 28 south ending just north of the Rt 202 exit ramp. Schilke construction will begin by digging test holes on service lines just behind the curb to identify NJAW material/size of water service lines. In the next few days following Schilke construction will return and start the water main replacement in the street. This project will replace the aging 6" Cast iron water main with new 12" Ductile Iron main. This is being done to improve water service reliability as well as increase water volume for firefighting purposes. New fire hydrants will be installed, as well as new 1" service lines for each home/building from the street to the curb valve.

The project will progress in the following stages:

- 1) Digging Test holes behind the curb at shut off valve (**water will remain on**) to verify material of water service lines
- 2) Installation of new 12" Ductile Iron pipe
- 3) Flushing/water quality sampling
- 4) Installation of new service lines for homes/buildings
- 5) Disconnecting and capping old water main

In the event that an unknown water line is hit during excavation it may be necessary to shut down the water main in order to SAFELY repair the broken line. If that occurs we will do everything in our power to notify the residents but in emergency situations sometimes it's **NOT** possible. I will work with Schilke to fix the problem as quick as possible and get the water back on. Aside from any unforeseen situations (i.e., damaging a water line that was not known to exist, the old pipe leaking, etc.) water service will NOT be interrupted during the project with the exception of connecting the individual new service line into customers line at the curb (approx. 1-

2 hours)

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More information will be given to residents prior to this phase of the project taking place.

Traffic control will be coordinated through Schilke Construction & Raritan Police. Working hours will be Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm. Resident access in/out will be maintained as much as possible with the help of Raritan PD. Full access to/normal parking on the street will remain in place after hours and on weekends. Trenches will be base (Asphalt) paved at the end of each workday. Any required ground/sidewalk restorations will be completed at the conclusion of the project. Final paving of the street will eventually happen after sufficient time has passed allowing everything time to settle. NJAW & Schilke Construction will make every effort to make things as convenient as possible for everyone while the job is progressing. If you have any questions, special requests or special accommodations needed, please do not hesitate to reach out to me Frank Price (Inspector).

Again, NJAW thanks you for your patience and understanding as we work to improve your water service on First Ave.

Sincerely,
NJ American Water

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