

RECONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND NOTIFICATION

Borough: Brooklyn

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RECONSTRUCTION OF COLUMBIA STREET

Project ID#: HWK700a

DDC CONTINUES WORK ON COLUMBIA STREET

The NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is administering a capital construction project along Columbia Street. On this project, DDC will reconstruct/replace existing sewer, water mains, roadways, curbs and sidewalks and street lighting. In addition many trees will be planted within the project limits.

PROJECT STATUS

After coming back from the holiday break the contractor is will resume installing trunk water main on Van Brunt Street, between Degraw Street and Hamilton Avenue

WORK COMPLETED: DECEMBER, 2007

The installation of the trunk water main from Columbia Street to Van Brunt Street along Degraw. The installation of Cobblestones around the tree pits on Columbia Street from Degraw to Hamilton Ave.

WORK TO BE COMPLETED: JANUARY 2008

Completion of the trunk water main from Van Brunt to Hamilton Ave Reconstruction of sidewalks, and curbs from Atlantic Ave to Degraw Street.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

DDC is committed to maintaining a work site that is safe and clean. However, dust, noise and heavy equipment are intrusive but common elements of construction and we ask for your patience during the project.

During construction hours, you can expect the following.

- Increased levels of noise during construction. The construction workday generally begins at 7:00 AM.
- Some traffic lane changes, roadway closings and delays.
- Possible driveway and street parking restriction (to proceed safely). Signs will be posted in advance, as required. Vehicles in violation may be towed.
- Signs, advisories, and temporary construction barriers, which will guide traffic, pedestrians and promote safety.
- Dust, dirt, and mud typically associated with construction.
- Interruption in water service.
- Possible interference with telephone, cable, and electric services.

WATER SERVICE INTERRUPTION

During the course of the project there will be service interruptions. To allow water replacement, the existing water service must be shut off by closing the valves at either end of the section to be worked on. **Advance notice will be given for all planned interruptions.** Water service will be restored at the end of the day. Residents are advised to fill sinks and containers for essential water needs during the shutdown. When the water is turned on again it may be discolored. This is due to mineral sediments that are stirred up by the shut down.

The discoloration is not hazardous and will clear up if the cold water is allowed to run for a while.



SPECIAL NEEDS

Please let the Community Construction Liaison know if there is anyone in your household or building who has special needs (dialysis, wheelchair user, etc.) so that we can coordinate our construction activities.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

You are advised to inform DDC or the Contractor of any property damage that you may have, and if the contractor fails to respond within 10 days, you should inform the DDC Borough Director in writing. If you intend to file a claim you must do so within 90 days of the occurrence with the New York City Comptroller's Office.

COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION LIAISON

DDC has assigned **Kijana Wright** of Ammann & Whitney as the Community Construction Liaison (CCL). Please contact Mr. Wright for all project related inquiries/concerns or to be added to the e-mail distribution list at:

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Project updates are also available through the NYCDDC website at www.nyc.gov/buildnyc.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Construction Newsletters will be distributed in the area under Construction and at key locations including:

- ◆ Red Apple Chinese Restaurant
- ◆ Margert Placa Bakery

