

May 22, 2012

NOTICE OF UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION ON IRVING & SCOTT STREETS

Dear Irving St and Scott St Neighbor,

Over the last 2 years, the Community Development Department has worked with residents to develop traffic calming improvements for the intersection of Scott / Irving / Farrar, as well as Irving and Kirkland Streets. The focus has been on reducing vehicle speeds, enhancing safety for pedestrians, narrowing the overly wide intersections and reconstructing the deteriorated street and sidewalks. See attached plan for details.

During the community process, it became clear that the sidewalks and roadway on Scott St between Irving and Bryant were also in deteriorated condition and a high priority for residents. Over the last six months, the City has evaluated the existing infrastructure and identified funding that will allow sewer, drain, water and sidewalk improvements on that section of Scott St to be included in the project. Below is a summary of the improvements and the construction schedule.

Construction Schedule

- Field inspections: May – June 2012
- Utility Construction: June – September 2012
- Street and Sidewalk Construction: Fall 2012 – Summer 2013

Traffic Calming Improvements (see attached plan for details):

- Scott / Irving / Farrar Intersection
 - Raised intersection
 - Squared off corners
 - Addition of two green spaces for plantings.
- Irving / Kirkland Intersection
 - Narrow Irving St at Kirkland St to match the rest of Irving Street
 - New crosswalk across Kirkland St
 - Curb extensions
 - Addition of green space for plantings.

Sidewalk Reconstruction and Roadway Paving:

- Irving St between Kirkland and Scott St
- Scott St between Irving St and Bryant St

Utilities:

- Scott St between Irving St and Bryant St
 - New Water Main: The existing 6” water main will be replaced.
 - New Drain Line: A new drain line will be constructed. As part of this work, information about some properties is needed to verify the design of these improvements. If your property needs to be inspected, you will receive a separate notification with more details.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO Property Owners and Residents at
2, 5, 6-8, 7, 11, 12-12A, 14, 18, and 20-20A Scott Street
20-20A Bryant Street

RE: Request to Schedule Building Inspections

DATE: May 22, 2012

Dear Resident,

The Cambridge Department of Public Works (DPW) is designing improvements to the sanitary sewer and storm water improvements on Scott Street between Irving and Bryant streets.

As part of this effort, information about your property is needed to verify the design of these improvements. The information is being collected to help reduce flooding and back-ups in your neighborhood and reduce polluted discharges to the Charles River. DPW therefore requests your permission to conduct a brief inspection of your building and property as soon as May 23, 2012.

**TO SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION OF YOUR BUILDING, PLEASE CONTACT:
Michael Abcunas: Sewer Use Compliance Officer; 617-349-4887; mabcunas@cambridgema.gov**

DPW will attempt to schedule the inspection by phone, email or house call. DPW staff will have proper identification and will not access your home or business without your permission. Inspections will attempt to determine how sump pumps, roof drains and/or area drains could be separated from the sanitary sewer plumbing on your property. The inspections will require access to your yard, basement and possibly other levels of your building. This determination will be made by visual observation and conversation with the property owner/tenant. The inspection will require approximately one hour.

If you have additional questions regarding the purpose and method of building inspection, please contact Jim Wilcox, DPW Project Manager at 617-349-6426 or by email at jwilcox@cambridgema.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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