

WESTERN AVENUE – CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Over the past month, the City's Contractor, D'Allessandro Corp., continued to make great progress on the Western Avenue Reconstruction Project. To date, the contractor has:

- Installed the new water main from Memorial Drive to Pleasant Street.
- Installed the new 36" drain line from Memorial Drive to Dodge Street.
- Constructed the new stormwater outfall at the Charles River and restored the landscaping around the outfall.
- Installed new catch basins and fire hydrants on Western Ave.



Upcoming & Current Activity:

- Western Ave. Informational Cookout event will be held on **September 7, 2013 at 12pm at Hoyt Field**. Please see other side for more details.
- During the week of August 12, crews began to reconstruct the street and sidewalk between Blackstone Street and Montague Street. The beginning of the surface restoration is a key milestone for the project. Over the next several weeks they will be installing conduit for the new street lights, reconstructing the roadway surface and placing the new sidewalks. While crews are performing sidewalk work, please pay special attention to the signage directing pedestrians safely around the work zone.
- Installation of new water main between Memorial Drive and Green Street is expected to be completed this fall.
- Crews are currently working on the sewer and drain infrastructures in the Soden Street area and will continue to progress towards Central Square.
- Installation of the 36" drain line and 24" sewer line at Dodge Street. Given the large nature of the new pipe and extensive utilities in the corridor, work will be disruptive and traffic management plans will vary daily.
- The contractor is also:
 - Installing manholes and other drainage structures along the Avenue.
 - paving temporary asphalt patches over the excavated areas where water mains and drain lines were installed.

Other Construction Projects in the Area

Construction of the new Martin Luther King Jr. School on Putnam Ave. is underway. Current activities include delivery of trailers for the contractor. Visit www.cambridgema.gov/cmanager/mlkjrnschoolconstruction for updates and more information.

Harvard University completed repairs to its steam tunnel (near the Memorial Drive intersection).

WESTERN AVENUE PROJECT COOKOUT



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When: Saturday, September 7 (Rain date: September 8, 1pm-3pm)

Time: 12pm-2pm

Where: Hoyt Field (In front of the Moore Community Center)

As the second year of the Western Ave Reconstruction Project begins, we would like to invite you to speak with project staff about the project, enjoy some food and drink, and have the opportunity to social with neighbors on Saturday, September 7. We are currently seeking residents and business owners in the Western Ave area to represent their neighborhood as a Community Block Captain for the project. The Block Captain will meet with project staff on a monthly basis to address concerns in the community. More information will be available at the event.

Celebrate “The Coast” initiative. We are excited to announce an initiative to incorporate the rich history and stories of the Riverside Neighborhood (“The Coast”) into the Western Avenue reconstruction project. This initiative will include a commemorative sculpture at Cronin Park at the corner of Pleasant and Franklin, along with 10 small cast metal plaques imbedded into decorative boulders placed at various points along the stretch of Western Avenue. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please bring ideas, images, memorabilia, and stories about the historic PLACES, EVENTS, AND PEOPLE that you want to see celebrated as part of this initiative to the cookout (we will have a computer and scanner). You can also email your ideas to us at ethorne@cambridgema.gov, or call 617.349.4648. You can snap a digital photo of your items and email them to us as well. Nothing has been designed yet! In the coming months, we will assemble all the ideas we have collected and come to the community with some preliminary designs. Please note that this initiative comes from CDD and DPW, and is not affiliated with the Cambridge Arts Council, and that the Cambridge Arts Council’s “Breaking Bread” project will no longer be incorporated into Cronin Park.

Please call 617.349.4825 if weather seems questionable. We look forward to seeing you there!