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RE: Appleton Infrastructure Improvements Project

## **PRE-CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY & UTILITY WORK NOTICE:** **Appleton Street (Brattle to Highland)**

Dear Residents,

As part of the **Appleton Street Infrastructure Improvements Project**, the City’s contractor, **P.Gioioso & Sons**, is scheduled to begin utility work on Appleton St between Brattle and Highland Streets the week of **August 22, weather permitting**. These improvements were presented at a community meeting held on March 30, 2016 at the Tobin School. A flyer was distributed to the neighborhood about this meeting. This contract also includes improvements on Newport Rd and Roseland St in Porter Square. Staff from the Department of Public Works (DPW) will manage this project, and contact information is provided below.

The scope of work includes water main replacement, drainage and sewer upgrades, reconstructed street and sidewalks, and a raised intersection at Appleton and Highland Streets. We expect the utility portion of the work to take about 2 months to complete, depending on the contractor’s schedule and weather conditions. All surface improvements will take place at a later date. We will update you as the construction progresses.

Leading up to the utility construction, you will notice various pre-construction activities, including baseline surveys, test pits, and tree protection measures, in preparation for construction. Disruption from the pre-construction work should be minimal.

During utility work, we ask you to pay attention to the “**NO PARKING**” signs, which will be posted 24-hours in advance. Please refrain from parking in these areas during the posted hours. Access will always be maintained to homes and businesses during road closures.

Please see the attached **Appleton Infrastructure Improvements Project Fact Sheet** for additional information to help you prepare for the construction process. If you have any questions about this work, or if you require special accommodations, please contact Eric Breen, DPW Resident Engineer or Kelly Dunn DPW Community Relations Manager.

For construction updates and potential schedule changes, please see the project website at: [www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/cityprojects/AppletonSt](http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/cityprojects/AppletonSt)

### **CONTACTS:**

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**Department of Public Works After-Hours Emergency Hotline: (617)349-4800**  
**Cambridge Water Department 24-Hour Emergency Contact: (617)349-4770**





## **Appleton Infrastructure Improvements Project Fact Sheet**

**Project website:** [www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/cityprojects/AppletonSt](http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/cityprojects/AppletonSt)

**Twitter:** [www.twitter.com/CambridgeDPW](https://www.twitter.com/CambridgeDPW)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/CambridgeDPW](https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeDPW)

### **Project Overview**

**Project Area:** Appleton (Brattle to Highland) Streets (contract also includes Newport & Roseland Sts)  
**Overall Schedule:** Pre-construction activities begin mid-August; utility work expected to last 2 months  
**Work Hours:** Monday-Friday, 7 am to 4 pm (evening & weekend are not planned, but possible)  
**Project Includes:** Repair and rehabilitation of some subsurface utilities; new roadways and sidewalks; and tree planting and landscaping.

### **Key Contacts**

**Eric Breen**, Resident Engineer, Cambridge DPW - (617)349-6954/ [ebreen@cambridgema.gov](mailto:ebreen@cambridgema.gov)

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Please contact Kelly to request any ***accommodations or continuation of services related to a disability or special need***, for general information or assistance, or to sign up to receive project updates by e-mail.

### **For assistance outside of work hours**

DPW *After-Hours* Emergency Line: (617)349-4800

Water Department 24 Hour Emergency Line: (617) 349-4770

### **Important Construction Information**

**Access to Your Property**— Residents will always have access to their homes, though there will be periodic disruptions to sidewalk and driveway access. We will work with you to minimize any inconveniences, and encourage you to contact us in advance if you know of a day when access is particularly important.

**Emergency Vehicles**— First responders will always have access to streets that are under construction.

**City Services**— The contractor is responsible for ensuring that snow clearing, recycling and trash pickups, and street cleaning continue throughout construction. Please contact us if you ever experience a disruption in service so we can ensure it is promptly rescheduled and not missed again.

**Dust Control**— The contractor is responsible for keeping dust at reasonable levels; please contact us if you have concerns about dust levels.

**Site Safety**— Please walk only in the marked pedestrian areas and avoid any excavations and equipment. Please feel free to ask project staff for information or assistance at any time if you need help safely getting through an area. Please make sure children know how to stay safe around work zones.

**Parking**— The contractor will post “No Parking” signs at least 24 hours in advance for “no parking” associated with construction activity. Please be sure to also check the “No Parking Street Cleaning” signs posted in your neighborhood to avoid a ticket or tow.

**Vibration**— Construction vibrations will likely occur. The contractor will be monitoring the vibration levels throughout construction, to assure they fall within an acceptable range. We recommend that you take preventative measures to safeguard your susceptible belongings during this construction activity.

