

MPNA News

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The News:

Work to Begin on Mill Run, near Cheltenham Avenue

The Philadelphia Water Department and Cheltenham Township have both contacted me about construction work to begin at Coventry and Cheltenham Avenues. The work will include the restoration of about 90 feet of stream banks, removal of the concrete pad at the opening of the outfall, and possibly the replacement of non-native trees with native ones. The trees to be removed now have yellow tape around them.

This is similar to the work being done on the stream banks on the Tacony Creek in the park between New Second Street and Central Avenue. Large wood poles are being used there. On Mill Run, huge granite boulders from Reading will be used instead.

Buckley & Company Inc. Contractors are scheduled to start November 22, 2004 with final completion anticipated in mid to late December 2004. It will be necessary to temporarily store construction materials in selected areas along the street until they are utilized on the project. Throughout construction, normal day to day street use may be disrupted, as temporary accommodations must be made for parking, vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

The Water Department wants everyone to know that during normal working hours, between 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM, it may be necessary to temporarily close the street to through traffic to accommodate such items as material delivery and tree trimming work. The contractor will post “No-Parking” signs or detour barricades as required by the work.

They have assigned to the project an inspector, Mr. Attasit Kaewvichien, who will be on-site every day. Should you experience any problems as a result of the work, please ask to talk with the Inspector on the job site; he will discuss the problem with the contractor and do whatever possible to assist you.

If you are unable to contact the Inspector at the job site or have any other questions concerning the work, please contact Anthony J. Kopicki, Water Department Division Engineer, at 215-685-6358 between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. You may also contact Mr. Bryan Havir, Assistant Township Manager for

Cheltenham Township, at 215-887-6200 ext. 112. Should an emergency occur during non-working hours, please call the Water Department hot line at 215-685-6300, where someone will take your call at any time.

Update on the Ashbourne Country Club Housing Development

Assistant Township Manager Bryan Havir says that several Township residents showed up at the Township Building and Zoning Board meeting on November 3rd to ask questions about the proposed 297 new dwelling units with all underground parking under the three high rise buildings on the grounds of the Ashbourne Country Club. As a result, the developers asked for a continuance. The main issues apparently involve water runoff and traffic. The Township did not have the report from their traffic consultant, Frank Tavini, for the November 3rd meeting. Mr. Tavini will present his analysis at the next meeting of the Building and Zoning Board on December 7th in the meeting room at the Township Building on Old York Road. The meeting begins at 8pm.

I have heard Frank Tavini speak to the Economic Development Task Force. The language about traffic is fascinating because of the many unique words used to describe traffic light intervals, arrows and so on.

This Newsletter

If you have any suggestions for items for this newsletter, feel free to email them to me at andrewrudin@earthlink.net.

Our best wishes to you for a pleasant Thanksgiving.