

District 10 Project Update and Community Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2014 • 6:00 pm

Council Chambers

Reno Hills:

- Currently under construction – Magnolia Construction
- See FAQ sheet below*

Labarre Street Project:

- 99.9% complete
- The contractor will not be released until all punch list items are completed
- PW will mow/maintain the shoulders, top and slope of the pond
- The grass at the bottom of pond acts as a filter
- As the trees grow, the grass below will die
- The vegetation increases the capacity
- Our Environmental Specialist is looking at possible planting wildflowers in pond

HWY 190 Project (as of June 12):

- Installing curb and gutter along the EB roadway from Wisteria Drive to Lonesome Road. Also, they will soon be installing curb and gutter along the WB roadway from Meadowbrook Drive to LA 3228.
- Installing subsurface drainage from Chinchuba Creek to Wisteria Drive. They are also topping catch basins at multiple locations throughout the project prior to the installation of curb and gutter.
- The bridge subcontractor is currently removing the existing box culvert prior to continue to drive more piles for the new EB bridge
- Installing Class II Base Course on the WB roadway near LA 3228
- Prepping multiple locations so sidewalk can be installed at multiple locations throughout the project

Fracking Update (the following information was reviewed):

- Summary of the process for permitting oil and gas drilling in Louisiana
- Letter sent to Department of Environmental Quality and Office of Conservation from Parish President and Parish Council
- Resolution passed by Parish Council → Resolution C.S. No. C-4063, Resolution C.S. No. C-4065, and Resolution C.S. No. C-4095
- Applicable State Law and Jurisprudence
- Legislative Auditor's Summary
- Tax information

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Reno Hills Sewer Collection System Construction Project - FAQ's

- 1. Who is contractor for the construction project?** *Magnolia Construction Company, L.L.C., is the contractor. The Parish Government will also have a project manager on-site at the same location overseeing project progress and the work being completed by Magnolia Construction.*
- 2. If I have a question(s) or issue(s) regarding the project who should I call or contact?** *For questions directly related to ongoing construction work, call Magnolia Construction, 225-3557787, during normal work hours. For questions about sewer tie-ins, costs or other administrative matters please call the Department of Environmental Services, St. Tammany Parish Government, at (985) 898-2535 or email the department at EnvironmentalServices@stpgov.org and we will answer any question promptly. Emails are preferred.*
- 3. What are the project start and end dates?** *Magnolia Construction will be on-site the week of 6/12/14 and completing construction on 2/12/15 (if there are no substantive weather delays or project changes). Initially, Magnolia Construction will be starting work on the new sewer lift station at the corner of Lafitte and Orleans streets, installing sewer lines on Coffee and Foucher streets, and completing sewer service connections to the previously installed sewer lines on Calhoun Street. A project schedule will soon be placed on the Parish Government's website, www.stpgov.org, under a "Reno Hills" link.*
- 4. When will the new sewer collection system go on line?** *At the completion of all construction and the acceptance of the completed work by the Parish Government the new system will go on line.*
- 5. How will this affect me?** *Occasionally, some streets will have to be closed for the construction work. Residents will be informed in advance of the closures, local access will be maintained wherever possible, and disruption will be kept to a minimum. Cooperation with the road closures will help ensure the convenience and safety of both residents and workers. Also, any excavation in streets and yards will be restored to their existing conditions as quickly as practical.*
- 6. If I qualified for the no cost sewer service connection what will happen to my old on-site sewer treatment unit?** *If you qualify for a free hook-up the contractor will follow Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (LDHH) guidelines for abandonment of the system. This typically entails cleaning out the tank, crushing it in-place and backfilling with sand.*
- 7. If I DID NOT qualify for the no cost sewer service connection how will the Parish contractor connect my house to the new sewer collection system?** *The Parish Government secured enough funding to tie your house into the new sewer system. The contractor will not clean out or demolish the tank, this will be the responsibility of the homeowner. However, the homeowner is under no compulsion to do so, the tank can simply remain in place.*
- 8. What if I do not want to connect, can the Parish compel connection?** *Yes, the Parish Government can compel connection to the new sewer collection system if a residence is within 300 linear feet of the sewer line. At this time all residents within the project area will be connected to the new sewer system.*
- 9. What will be the sewer charge?** *The current Tammany Utilities monthly sewer service charge is 115% of the water rate with a minimum bill of \$28.60/month and a maximum bill of \$58.10/month.*
- 10. What if I am not connected to Tammany Utilities water service, can the Parish compel connection to its water system?** *Yes, the Parish Government can compel connection to its existing water distribution system if a residence is within 300 linear feet of the existing water line. At this point in time the Parish Government is focusing on the sewer collection system construction project and will approach those residents not currently on the water system at a later date to determine potential connections to the water system.*