

HUNTLEY WASTEWATER PROJECT UPDATE



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CHECK/RELEASE VALVES WHAT ARE THEY, AND HOW DO THEY WORK?

CHECK VALVES ARE SELF-ACTIVATING SAFETY VALVES THAT PERMIT GASES AND LIQUIDS TO FLOW IN ONLY ONE DIRECTION, PREVENTING FLOW FROM REVERSING. THEY ARE CLASSIFIED AS ONE-WAY DIRECTIONAL VALVES.

AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE WASTEWATER PROJECT FOR HUNTLEY, WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE POTENTIAL NEED FOR THE RESIDENTS TO LOOK AT THE INSTALLATION OF THESE VALVES. AGAIN, THE PURPOSE OF THIS DEVICE IS TO STOP ANY BACK FLOW FROM THE COUNTY TILE MAKING ITS WAY BACK INTO BASEMENTS, PERIMETER TILE, ETC. ALL HOUSES ARE DIFFERENT, AND ONCE THE SERVICE LINE IS ESTABLISHED YOUR SEWER STACK INCLUDING FLOOR DRAINS WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE NEW SEWER LINE. THIS CONNECTION SHOULD MEAN A BACKUP THROUGH THE FLOOR DRAIN WOULD NOT OCCUR. HOWEVER, SOME HOUSES IN HUNTLEY HAVE PERIMETER TILE, LEADER TILE TO TAKE ROOF WATER, AND MISC. OTHER CONNECTIONS WHICH NEED TO CONTINUE TO DRAIN TO THE COUNTY TILE AND THESE ARE THE CONNECTIONS WITH THE POTENTIAL TO SEE A BACKUP.

THE COUNTY HAS BEEN CHECKING INTO A COUPLE OPTIONS, AND IS ENCOURAGING EACH HOMEOWNER TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER INSTALLING THIS ON INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PROPERTY. THE EASIEST WAY TO GET THIS DONE WOULD BE TO CALL A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR AND HAVE THEM INSTALL PRIOR TO THE END OF THE PROJECT SO THAT RESTORATION WILL ONLY NEED TO OCCUR ON YOUR PROPERTY ONCE. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS WILL ALSO BE AN ADDITIONAL COST TO THE HOMEOWNERS.

If you are interested in seeing what this valve looks like, a sample is being displayed at the Huntley Bank. Any other questions you may have, can be directed to our office at 507-526-2300/2388.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

The main line from Huntley to Winnebago is completed, and will be pressure tested in the next few weeks.

The Public Line within Huntley is complete except for the portion that is west of the tracks.

Private lines have started to be installed on private property. The private connections will continue to be installed, with the final hook ups probably not starting until sometime in November.

Good news: Restoration work on some of the major roads in town will begin the first part of October.

Again, YOUR PATIENCE THROUGHOUT THIS PROJECT IS MUCH APPRECIATED.



HUNTLEY SEWER DISTRICT:



The Sewer District will continue to meet on a quarterly basis.

It is the intent of the Sewer District to adopt the current sewer ordinance that is in effect for the city of Winnebago.

One thing to point out is that floor drains will need to discharge into the sanitary sewer line. Any failures to do so within a timely fashion will result in fines.

More details on the ordinance and its adoption will follow in upcoming project updates.

Please keep Dick and Don updated on any concerns that may need to be discussed at the Sewer District meetings.

The County Staff would like to THANK the residents for being Helpful, Kind, and Considerate through the house inspection process.



This process has allowed us to work with each homeowner, assess current plumbing situations, and work together to identify and modify situations to help ensure that our final project is as water tight as possible.

This process will help to minimize unnecessary operating and treatment costs.

TO AVOID ACCIDENTS DURING THE CONSTRUCTION, PLEASE:

- KEEP AWAY FROM ANY AND ALL - EQUIPMENT TRENCHES DEBRIS SUPPLY PILES, ETC.
- USE CAUTION WHEN DRIVING

