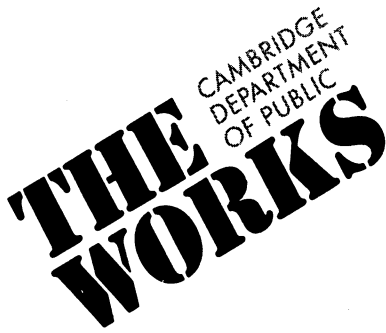




Ralph E. Dunphy
Commissioner

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TO: Robert W. Healy
City Manager

FROM: Ralph E. Dunphy
Public Works Commissioner

DATE: October 17, 1994

SUBJECT: **Council Order #18, dated 10/3/94**
RE: Relief For Residents Where There
Are Continual Sewer Backups

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Prevention of sewer and drain backups into homes and businesses may be accomplished by the use of back flow check valves. The check valve must be installed and maintained. When working properly, sewer water cannot back up into the house or building. Immediate relief can be realized if these valves are in place and working properly.

The DPW is presently coordinating the leaf pick-up program for this year. DPW is also prepared to check and remove leaves from catch basins during periods of rain to minimize local street flooding.

Catch basins become covered up and inhibit the flow of water that results in the local flooding of the street. Reasons/causes of the clogged catch basins include:

Natural falling of leaves

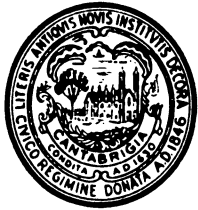
Residents placing leaves in the street and/or on the catch basins

Cars parked over the catch basins and the leaves cannot be removed

The DPW intends to pick up the leaves on schedule. Notices will be provided to Cable TV requesting the assistance of the community to keep the leaves clear of the catch basins. The notice will also include a telephone number for residents to call to have catch basins cleaned. The number is 349-4800 during normal working hours. 349-4860 should be used after normal working hours.

cc: Weekend Crew





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October 31, 1994

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 47, regarding relief for residents where there are continual sewer backups, received from Ralph E. Dunphy, Public Works Commissioner.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mev
attachment

Consent Agenda # 3

8-461

Response to Awaiting Report Item Number
Forty-Seven regarding relief for residents
where there are continual sewer backups.

for original order
see 1994 City Manager
Requests # 324

In City Council,

October 31, 1994

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