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Water Leak Closes Lincoln Way on Sunday May 29

Chambersburg – The Chambersburg Water Department reports a large water main has ruptured under US30, Lincoln Way East between Brumbaugh Avenue and Coldbrook Avenue in the Borough of Chambersburg.

It is assumed it is a high pressure main, because the leaking water did some damage to parts of the US30 roadway and adjacent sidewalks generally in the area of 1066 Lincoln Way East.

There is no water service for some customers in this area as crews are on scene digging to isolate the leak.

US30 in this area is currently closed to most traffic. Drivers are encouraged to use Wayne Ave, PA316 as an alternate route for the balance of today, Sunday.

It is anticipated the leak will be fixed today, Sunday 5/29/16.

There will be a limited boil water advisory for customers in this vicinity following the fix as a precautionary move, as is standard procedure. That will impact adjacent businesses as well.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is on scene with the Water Department, Lincoln Way is a State owned street.

After the fix, the damage to the street and sidewalk will need to be repaired and the Borough and PennDOT will cooperate upon this restoration.

We appreciate the patience of citizens and businesses as they deal with this situation. Water service will be restored shortly. Hydrants in the area will be flushed to clear the water.

The Water Department crew isolated the broken water main and repaired the broken section. They are doing great job getting this situation fixed on this holiday weekend. Thanks to the Water Department crew for working hard all day. Especially, Foreman Elwood Sord and Superintendent Lance Anderson.

Update: The repair is done and should be back filling the excavation by 8 pm. Once cleanup is complete, we can return the road to normal traffic this evening. Only four customers are affected by a boil water advisory. Water is safe for everyone else. Even for boil water advisory customers the water is safe with minor precautions. The Chambersburg Burger King is one of the four but they can reopen soon. Other businesses are already open.

Truth is the Chambersburg Water Department is an outstanding operation, supported by water fees & no tax money. Further, there have been no rate increases since 2001.

We will now work with PennDOT to make a permanent fix to Lincoln Way, but the patch will allow traffic to operate again soon.

Please refer all inquires to Chambersburg's 24/7 Customer Service Center, 263-4111 or by email at servicecenter@chambersburgpa.gov

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