

Dear Mr. Powell,

I apologize if my previous emails were not clear.

Once again, I'm attempting to clarify who's insurance company is responsible for the following;

1. Damage from the flooding event.
2. Damage to the sewer line in front of our building.
3. Damage to the brick facade caused by jackhammers.

Do I need to file separate claims and under who is the correct process? Under the city or under "your" contractor? If under "your" contractor please provide "your" contractors insurance information so that I may proceed. I understand it is supposed to be a public record.

Please understand I also have other responsibilities that are not being met due to these issues not be concluded and resolved.

The location pointed out to me was near the inside of the trench dug for the storm drains.

Respectfully,  
Larry Watts

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From: **Eric Powell** <[Powell.Eric@marshalltexas.net](mailto:Powell.Eric@marshalltexas.net)>

Date: Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 9:20AM

Subject: RE: Weekly Update

To: Larry Watts <[watts.larry@gmail.com](mailto:watts.larry@gmail.com)>, Terrell Smith <[Smith.Terrell@marshalltexas.net](mailto:Smith.Terrell@marshalltexas.net)>

My suggestion to you is to contact Casey Slone directly for his insurance information using his email. I understand you have already (or are about to) speak with Kristina Hamilton regarding filing with the City. The only other thing I need from you is about how far from the building was the blockage so my crews can dig in precise location. We have or are about to call in emergency locates so we can complete the repair as soon as this weather subsides a bit.

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**From:** Larry Watts [mailto:[watts.larry@gmail.com](mailto:watts.larry@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024 9:16 AM

**To:** Eric Powell <[Powell.Eric@marshalltexas.net](mailto:Powell.Eric@marshalltexas.net)>; Terrell Smith <[Smith.Terrell@marshalltexas.net](mailto:Smith.Terrell@marshalltexas.net)>

**Subject:** Re: Weekly Update

Dear Mr. Powell,

Thank you for your previous email. I apologize for the delayed reply due to a power outage yesterday afternoon that lasted throughout the evening (April 9th).

If I'm understanding your email correctly, should I be the one filing the claim with the city or the contractor's insurance company?

If so, please provide the insurance information, including insurance company and policy number, for the contractor so I can file that immediately. I want to be sure to comply with all and any of their requirements, throughout the repair process.

Thank you for your assistance in navigating this situation.

Respectfully,

Larry Watts

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On Tue, Apr 9, 2024 at 4:06 PM Eric Powell <[Powell.Eric@marshalltexas.net](mailto:Powell.Eric@marshalltexas.net)> wrote:

Larry,

If your plumber found a break\issue with the service line beyond the property line than my crews can make that repair as that would be the City side of the service. Obviously with the current weather we are experiencing that most likely will need to be sometime tomorrow if we can get a respite in the rain. Based on looking at the Harrison County Appraisal District it looks like the property line is very close to the front of the building. If your plumber provide you with a distance from the building to the break please provide that so we can pinpoint the location.

As far as filing any claim against the City or the contractor those would be separate filings, one with the City and one against the contractor. If you choose to file a claim against the city you would need to contact Kristina Hamilton at City Hall, 903-935-4447 to start that process.

I will have Mr. Kervin Crawford, Superintendent of Distribution and Collection call in emergency locates and we will make the repair to the service line as soon as it is feasible to get in there which may be as early as tomorrow based on the rain.

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**From:** Larry Watts [mailto:[watts.larry@gmail.com](mailto:watts.larry@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 3:34 PM

**To:** Eric Powell <[Powell.Eric@marshalltexas.net](mailto:Powell.Eric@marshalltexas.net)>

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**Subject:** Re: Weekly Update

On Tue, Apr 9, 2024 at 3:29 PM Larry Watts <[watts.larry@gmail.com](mailto:watts.larry@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Mr. Powell,

As you are aware, I have an emergency situation with the plumbing at 303 N. Washington Ave affecting three rentals, two of which live there. I have attempted to work with the city to amicably address this matter, however, I've been left to address it on my own with no assistance.

Attached you will see the invoice I received from Roto-Rooter today 04/09/2024 in the amount of \$428.00 indicating there is a break in the line in front of our building at 303 N. Washington Avenue.

Please advise where I should start sending the invoices for the needed repairs to the plumbing system and flooding event that you and I discussed on February 12, 2024.

Please also advise if you, or the city, will be filing a claim for these events under the city or contractors insurance policy so that I can be sure to fully cooperate with them and their requirements.

Time is of the essence, I do not have days or weeks to wait to address this issue. Your assistance in mitigating the damages and losses is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,  
Larry Watts

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On Sun, Apr 7, 2024 at 10:45 PM Larry Watts <[watts.larry@gmail.com](mailto:watts.larry@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good Evening Mr. Powell,

I have encountered a situation that may end up affecting others on the block as well.

I have been at 303 N. Washington Avenue since March 22, 1999, without any prior issues concerning the sewage drainage system. However, today, April 7, 2024, upon the return of the upstairs tenants to their apartments, the usage of water for showers and other purposes has seemingly exposed a disruption in the drainage of wastewater and sewage into the city's sewer system.

As a consequence, there has been an overflow of water and sewage from the front office's toilet, originating from the upstairs apartments. This suggests a potential issue with the wastewater drain pipe in front of our building. Notably, the toilet in question has not been used since Thursday when Gwenn was in her office, and it was not obstructed or backed up at that time. Hence, it is logical to deduce that the obstruction lies either in front of the building or further down the line.

We have taken immediate action by cleaning up the mess, installing two fans, turning off the water supply and informing the tenants that the plumbing will remain inoperative throughout the evening and likely into tomorrow.

Do you have access to a scope, or what is your recommendation from here?

Respectfully,

Larry Watts

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On Fri, Apr 5, 2024 at 11:10AM Eric Powell <[Powell.Eric@marshalltexas.net](mailto:Powell.Eric@marshalltexas.net)> wrote:

Good day everyone and welcome to another Friday update on the Streetscape Project on N Washington.

While there was more positive work happening this week we did hit a snag mid-week due to the fittings for the stormwater piping not being delivered when expected. The crews did return on Thursday to continue backfilling the stormwater pipe on the west side and opening up some pathways to the storefronts. The same crew also began tying in the roof drains and should have the complete early next week.

As far as the look ahead for next week this is what might occur:

- Crew will complete all tie ins of roof drains and setting the junction box in the northwest corner and complete backfilling
- Electrical conduit will be continued on the east side
- Sidewalk crew will begin pouring sidewalk sections starting at the northeast corner at Burleson and move south

As always I think you for your continued patience with this project and I will do everything I can to address all concerns. As far as next week's update I may not provide one as I will be at a water/wastewater conference in Ft. Worth. Please don't hesitate to send me an email with any concern's or questions you have.

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