



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS WEST OF LIVE OAK DRIVE BRIDGE OVER I-495 IN MCLEAN

Switchover to Newly Installed Water Line in March;
Partial-Day Water Service Interruptions Required

I-495 Express Lanes Northern Extension (495 NEXT) Project

Water Line Switchover and Brief Service Interruptions

The switchover to a newly installed water line along Live Oak Drive is confirmed to occur on Tuesday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 20. This work will require daytime interruptions of water service to the 48 homes west of the Live Oak Drive bridge over I-495.

During the week of March 11, Fairfax Water completed tests to ensure water meets quality requirements and will be delivered to homes at the correct pressure. In addition to this notice, Fairfax Water will distribute advance notices about the service interruptions to affected residents.



Viewed from across the Beltway, crews have removed a two-panel section of noise wall along Live Oak Drive (photo taken March 12).

A later water service interruption is planned to occur this spring to connect the water line with a line being installed across I-495. Additional notice will be shared closer to that service interruption.

The 495 NEXT team appreciates the community's understanding as this, and other impactful work is performed.

Noise Wall Removal

During the week of March 11, a two-panel section of the remaining noise wall along Live Oak Drive was removed to enable installation of the new water line in the direction of the Beltway. Subsequently, crews removed an 11-panel noise wall section to the north (toward the Potomac River) of the initial opening. The wall segment to the south (toward the Live Oak Drive bridge) is anticipated to be removed after the adjacent short stretch of the road is shifted.

Removal of the noise wall is necessary to enable construction of retaining walls and an upgraded replacement noise wall, which is planned to be completed in fall 2024.

What Should Neighbors Expect?

Water

For approximately two days after restoration of water service, residents may notice water being delivered in spurts, due to air pockets being flushed out of the system. For concerns or questions related to water quality, pressure or service, residents should contact Larry Brown, a Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector with Fairfax Water, at 571-286-9981.

Noise

Heavy equipment noise associated with wall removal and excavation will occur.

Traffic Operations

For the safety of the public and workers, the above work will require Live Oak Drive to be occasionally reduced to a single lane between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday. A team of flaggers will alternate the direction of traffic.

What Happens Next on Live Oak Drive?

Following water line work, crews will level the earth on the neighborhood side of Live Oak Drive adjacent to the Langley Swim and Tennis Club and adjoining homes, lay the foundation of the segment of road to be shifted west, and lay and roll asphalt to pave the road. This work is anticipated to be completed in April 2024, enabling traffic to be switched onto the new pavement. Demolition of the retired stretch of pavement will follow the traffic shift. Work associated with the road shift will be completed prior to the swim club's opening on Friday, May 24.

Working on the Beltway side of Live Oak Drive, work crews will then build retaining walls and the replacement noise wall, the latter anticipated to be completed in fall 2024.

Construction plans are subject to change due to weather, utility relocations performed by outside companies, re-sequencing of work and other factors to facilitate on-time completion of the project.

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