

## **PRESS RELEASE: City to Begin Testing of Sanitary Sewer Mains**

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A preconstruction meeting pertaining to the study and testing of sanitary sewer mains was held at Louisiana City Hall on Monday, June 6, 2016. Mark Bross with Klingner and Associates and Mark Calvert with ACE Pipe Cleaning were in attendance. Numerous items and issues were discussed during the meeting, but the issues of note involved scheduling and the impact on citizens and building owners.

It was announced that ACE Pipe Cleaning will bring in the first of numerous crews on June 20, 2016. The first cruise to arrive will be a Jetting crew, followed the next day by a Camera crew. Work will begin out around the Stark Brothers Nursery area and move east.

It was noted during the discussion of the jetting that a very small number of structures with improper sanitary sewer plumbing may see water come up in floor drains or toilets. It was noted that most, if not all sewer mains in the City of Louisiana have been jetted before, with very few citizens ever reporting the problem. **During this time of water jetting the sewer mains, the city is advising citizens to close the lid on their toilet as a precaution.**

ACE Pipe Cleaning will then dispatch a manhole inspection team closely after the Independence Day holiday. Then in late July a smoke testing crew will arrive in Louisiana. **When smoke testing sewer mains, it is common to see smoke admitting from different areas in the ground, building gutters, and floor drains** (if the trap has gone dry). The City of Louisiana plans a meeting with all related staff and emergency providers to inform them of the schedule and prepare them for anticipated events during the smoke testing. The smoke testing phase should take 2 to 4 weeks to complete.

The project should be completed in September or October 2016. Should a citizen have questions or concerns regarding the effects of the sewer main testing, they are encouraged to contact the Louisiana Water Department, 202 S.3rd Street or call 754-4591.

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