



**Detroit Water and Sewerage Department**

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Mac Farr  
Executive Director  
Villages Community Development Corporation  
7900 Mack Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Farr,

Thank you for attending the Board of Water Commissioners on August 21 and outlining the concerns related to Mrs. Tamara Johns' home at 4265 Seminole and the sewer lateral service line connection, along with the several blocked catch basin concerns. We appreciate your positive feedback about the outreach and contractor performance related to the Lead Service Line Replacement in Pingree Park.

We have spoken with Mrs. Johns and provided her a letter in writing about a full sewer condition assessment for her block on Seminole. I will communicate directly with her regarding timeline and next steps based on the assessment. Until that inspection is completed, we cannot at this time outline next steps and who is responsible for the repairs.

Given the repeated street flooding and collapsing private sewer connections in Pingree Park, the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD) through the Board of Water Commissioners is making the following commitments.

- Advocate to add Pingree Park to the Private Sewer Repair Program. This will involve securing approval from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) , which we will work toward with our colleagues at the City of Detroit Housing & Revitalization Department (HRD).
- Any open work orders in your neighborhood by DWSD will be fully investigated and repairs will be made as necessary. We heard your concerns about possible damage to catch basin leads due to the basins continuing to not take on water, even after cleaning and rodding, and will have our Team Leaders investigate and determine next steps.

I will continue to be in contact with you by phone at 313-410-2954 and email ([bryan.peckinpaugh@detroitmi.gov](mailto:bryan.peckinpaugh@detroitmi.gov)) regarding these actions and the outcomes. Thank you for your time, collaboration and patience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan Peckinpaugh".

Bryan Peckinpaugh  
Public Affairs Director

cc: Board of Water Commissioners