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Subject: Storm drain in the right of way behind my house

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Date: Tue, March 22, 2011 8:32 am

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Hello Don,

This is John Siino and I live at 14 Parkwood St. We have a storm drain in the right away, directly behind my fence. This storm drain is full and is leaking water like crazy. Donna Markesenis and Steve Campbell who live at 10 and 8 respectively have major, major problems with the water flowing into their basements. I also still have a lot of water running into my basement but I have a sump pump. Unfortunately though the pump is going off every 30 seconds, and not sure how long it can keep up this pace. I am telling you this to give you indication of how bad the situation is getting since there is not snow and it is not raining. The town has lent a pump to Donna to pump the on rush of water into the street. The fire dept has been called numerous times to pump out her cellar. I know they are very frustrated over this situation.

I spoke with Ken Runion yesterday for about 15 minutes. He was cordial, understanding and filled me in on the situation. He said they are thinking of putting a camera down there to see if they can see a hole, or tear in the storm drain. He also said he was going to consult with an engineer about this problem. Donna and Steve have had many numerous conversations with Ken. He says the storm drain is NOT owned by the town and is not liable for the drain or any repair of the drain. The developer who built our houses on Glenwood, Elmwood, and Parkwood installed the drain way back in the 30's without the town's knowledge. Their must have been a homeowner's association back then, and that is how the drain was maintained. I am sure you know about that more than I do.

The reason for this email is to make sure you are aware of the situation as President of the McKownville Improvement Association. I just got back from my yard and it is filling with water from the numerous sinkholes that have formed. The flow of water has deteriorated (sp) the bottom of my fence, and now if this continues into the spring we will have a major mosquito situation. Also, we will not be able to use the enjoyment of our land.

Would you please get back to me and let me know what you think we should do about this problem. You can email me or call my cell # at the bottom.

Thank you,
John Siino
518.421.7350

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