



Borough of Merchantville
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Dear Residents:

As you know, the Borough began reconstruction of portions of E. Cedar and Gilmore Avenues this fall. The specifications for the job called for milling and paving the roadway, but also replacing curb and driveway aprons. During the job, it became apparent that the work the contractor was providing was slow and subpar. They were notified on a number of occasions by the Borough and our representatives that the work was not acceptable and that replacing a portion of the concrete work was necessary. Unfortunately, despite our repeated attempts to resolve the issue, the contractor continued to refuse to comply with the direction of the Borough relative to replacement of certain curb. This clear breach of the contract forced the Borough to remove the contractor from the project site. This is an unfortunate turn of events and although removing the contractor is not ideal, the Borough has to make decisions with an eye toward the long term best interest of the residents, even when it may cause additional short term aggravation.

As a result, the Borough has taken steps to have a replacement contractor come to the site to complete the concrete work per the direction of the Borough. However, this process of removing a contractor and finding a suitable replacement has taken some time and caused additional delay to the project which will not allow us to complete the project by Thanksgiving as anticipated. Understanding that we have the Turkey Trot 5K scheduled to come down E. Cedar and that many of you will have family in town and thus traveling on the street for Thanksgiving, we have requested that the replacement contractor complete two things before Thursday – make improvements to the roadway to ensure safety and integrity of the roadway for our visitors and have E. Cedar cleaned of the debris and dirt as a result of the actions of the prior contractor. The replacement contractor will be performing both minor road improvements and cleaning of E. Cedar beginning today. I will note that No Parking signs will be placed on E. Cedar beginning today and we ask for your assistance in complying with such notice. This will allow for effective street cleaning of E. Cedar on Wednesday, November 22, 2017.

After the Thanksgiving holiday, on Monday, November 27, 2017, the replacement contractor will begin the process of replacing the subpar concrete work per the direction of the Borough. Thereafter, scheduling of the milling and overlay of the road surface will occur. We will provide additional communication to the residents with an updated schedule by the end of next week.

I thank you all for your patience during this frustrating process. I have heard your concerns and the Borough aims to address or respond to them all. Should you have any questions or concerns about anything above or anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at mayor@merchantvillenj.gov or 856-662-2474 x. 319.

Very truly yours,

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