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spring lake township

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Dear Water Customer:

Spring Lake Township will be replacing polybutylene (blue plastic) water services (public service lines) between the water main and the curb stop with copper service lines. The work will generally be within the road right-of-way, and does not include the replacement of the lines between the right-of-way and your house (customer service line).

Polybutylene water service tubing is being replaced due to the failure rate we have experienced over the last few years.

The township has awarded a contract for the replacement of 300 services to Site Work Solutions of Zeeland, MI. The work will begin in your area soon and includes digging up the water service between the main and the curb stop. Disturbed areas will be restored with top soil and seed, or appropriate material to closely match existing conditions. There will be no charge to the customer for work done within the road right-of way associated with the replacement of the public service lines.

The township does not own the water line between the right-of-way and the house. Homeowners wishing to replace blue plastic house services should contact private contractors. The township does not intend to require blue plastic customer service lines to be replaced unless, or until those services have failed. Once they have failed, Section 22 of the Water System Ordinance requires the total replacement of the failed line from the building to the right-of-way. A list of area contractors who do customer service line replacements is available at the township hall or at springlaketwp.org.

Site Work Solutions intends to complete all line replacements on each street prior to returning to do the restoration. They anticipate being able to replace three or four lines per day. Residents are asked to run the water for five minutes following line replacement to give the new service a thorough flushing.

A list of streets and addresses to be included in the 2008 public service line replacement project is attached, and is also available on the Township Web Site, springlaketwp.org. Some addresses will be added if lines are discovered to be plastic.

You may direct questions to Ron Brondyke, DPW Director at 846-2422.