

Dear Ward 4 and Fairview Park Residents,

On Saturday, June 27th, Northeast Ohio was hit with a severe storm that dropped 2-3 inches of rain in just a few hours. That storm capped off the 3rd wettest June on record. Flooding was reported all throughout North East Ohio, and Fairview Park was unfortunately no exception. Perhaps the hardest part of dealing with flooding is hearing about the damage people suffer. It causes a dirty disgusting mess, and destroys valuables and property. This is why I remain committed to working with the Council, Administration and the Engineering Firm of Black & Veatch to reduce flooding and continue to update our aging infrastructure.

I wanted to provide an update on actions taken since my last newsletter in March. Flow meters have been in place all over Fairview Park and are gathering data on where issues in the system exist. Council has approved the purchase of more flow meters to cover even more piping and thus speed up data collection. A status on the early results was provided to Council in May and covered in both the WestLife and Sun Newspapers. Those articles are out on the Council's Flooding Information page: <http://www.fairviewpark.org/government/city-council/flooding-information-resources/>

On this page are sections for News, sewer-related Ordinances passed, and helpful links for folks affected by flooding. There are several documents that I would like to specifically point out because they highlight a systematic approach to addressing this issue:

05.27.14 – Sewer Diagnostics Program Overview – provides an overview of Phase 1 Activities, which consisted of gathering source data for our engineering firm to use in the creation of our action plan.

10.31.14 – Black & Veatch Final Overview and Recommendations for Sewer System Report – provides the detailed recommendations for Phase 1 components by the Engineering Firm of Black & Veatch

01.20.15 – Council OKs engineering firm to create model for solving Fairview flooding issues_SunNews Article – This article talks about the City moving forward with the recommendations of Black & Veatch

Our City has actively worked on this issue and has made progress. However, there remains much to do, and that was the motivation to expand our effort, which includes working with Black & Veatch. We continue to apply for grants to finance our efforts, and have prioritized flooding as our primary concern. We have opted to not spend money on other projects to free up money for flooding. There will be more updates throughout the year, and those updates will be passed along via this newsletter.

If you have not already signed up to receive updates, please email clerkofcouncil@fairviewpark.org to be added to the list.

Sincerely,

John M Hinkel, Ward 4 Councilman