

October 21, 2008

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Director and Councilmembers:

As you know, the stormwater system problems affecting the neighborhood of SW 165th Street between 16th Ave SW and 19th Ave SW, which were the subject of much discussion between the City of Burien and neighborhood residents last year, have not yet been corrected. This means there still remains the potential for stormwater to back up in the current stormwater system and overflow through the storm drains into people's yards.

During discussions with neighborhood residents last year, Dan Bath said that one of the reasons the stormwater backs up and overflows in the pipe that runs along the north side of the houses on the north side of the street is that the downstream stormwater pipe intersection(s) under and near 16th Ave SW need to be cleaned out regularly or they will clog. In addition, if the same stormwater pipe gets blocked or clogged upstream of the pipe intersection(s), the storm water in the pipe will back up and overflow through drains upstream of the clog and then flow downhill into resident's yards.

With the arrival of the rainy season, the purpose of this letter is to request, if the City of Burien has not cleaned out the intersection(s) mentioned above or the stormwater pipe mentioned above since the beginning of October, that the City perform these two routine maintenance tasks by the end of this month and as often as necessary throughout this fall, winter, and spring to keep stormwater from backing up and overflowing because of clogged pipes.

Sincerely,



Darcy Hilby
1612 SW 165th Street
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cc: James C. Harrison
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December 1, 2008

Darcy Hilby
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RE: Stormwater System in the SW 165th Street Neighborhood

Dear Ms. Hilby:

Thank you for your letter of October 21, 2008. In response to your concern regarding stormwater, the Public Works Department has, to date, conducted a video inspection of the stormwater pipe in your neighborhood between 16th and 19th Avenues SW. Although this inspection did not identify any specific problems with the existing pipe that would require repairs, the existing pipe was cleaned.

In addition, we will monitor the stormwater flow in the existing pipe and evaluate the capacity of the pipeline and its ability to service the neighborhood. If our analysis determines that the existing pipe needs to be replaced with a large size, we will contact the adjacent property owners in order to coordinate access and restoration issues. If a new line is required, our goal would be to install it during the summer of 2009.

We will update you and your neighbors periodically as our study advances. In the interim, please do not hesitate to call me at 206/248-5514.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Clark
Public Works Director

Cc: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Mike Martin, City Manager
Heungkook Lim, PE, SWM Engineer

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