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FACT SHEET

LAKE TARPON SEWER PROJECT Phase 2A

Due to some residents' concerns that have arisen as a result of the construction taking place in your neighborhood, we have developed the following information that might help to answer some of the questions being asked:

The City of Tarpon Springs is mandated by State Statute to provide centralized sanitary sewer to its residents. The Lake Tarpon area is listed as the highest priority area in a 2000 study that was performed to establish the need for sewers, due to its proximity to Lake Tarpon.

The City reviewed designs for the sewer system in your area, and the vacuum type system is the only feasible, cost effective solution, since the system can utilize smaller pipes and requires the least amount of excavation and disruption. The vacuum system is approximately 5 feet deep and requires only one lift station. Regardless of which system is utilized, the installation of manholes or valve pits is necessary. They have been placed in the green area of the utility strip to minimize disruption to the roadway. This also provides easier future access for maintenance and continuous access to your homes during the construction process.

A vacuum system requires air intake pedestals that draw air into the system, which is necessary for the operation of the system. A vacuum system is self contained, safer for our workers and rarely if ever creates any odors. Vacuum systems are not a new design and have been in successful use in the US for over 40 years. The municipality of Englewood, Florida has no gravity sewers and relies totally on vacuum sewers.

During construction the intake pedestals have been placed in a temporary position, which will be adjusted as low to the ground and as close to your side lot line as possible. Your front yard will be restored after installation is complete. The purpose of placing them loosely at this point in time is only to protect the system from dirt and debris.

In addition to staff being available to meet with you on an individual basis, the City is planning to hold a public meeting at the Tarpon Springs Community Center, 400 S. Walton Street on Saturday, February 4, 2012 between 9:00 and 11:00 am. In the meantime if you have any questions please call the number listed above.