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West Virginia American Water Announces Significant Infrastructure Investments in Belle

Charleston, W.Va., (Aug. 19, 2024) – West Virginia American Water announced today two infrastructure initiatives to replace approximately 2,760 feet of water main in Belle. The company will invest over $1,000,000 in system improvements in this area.

“These upgrades to our town's water mains will boost water pressure and enhance infrastructure for both residents and businesses,” said Belle Mayor Dave Fletcher. “The improvements also include the installation of three new fire hydrants, one of which will be located near the elementary school, to strengthen fire service capabilities.”

The East Riverview Drive project, which started July 29, includes replacing 1,460 feet of aging water main with 8-inch and 2-inch PVC main. Construction will take place along

East Riverview Drive from 8th Street East to 13th Street East. This project will help improve water service reliability and increase water flows for household use and firefighting.

Crews will work Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Traffic restrictions will be in place during construction. The company expects to complete the water main installation, connect all customer service lines to the new main and finish street restoration and paving by the end of September.

The East 6th Street project, which started August 5, includes replacing 1,300 feet of aging water main with 6-inch and 2-inch PVC main. Construction will take place from US Route 60 to the end of East 6th Street and along East Central Avenue from East 6th Street to 5th Street East. These upgrades will help improve water service reliability and increase water flows for household use and firefighting.

Crews will work Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Traffic restrictions will be in place during construction. The company expects to complete the water main installation, connect all customer service lines to the new main and finish street restoration and paving by the end of October.

These infrastructure upgrade projects are an important investment in public health and safety, and they also help support the economic health of the communities served by West Virginia American Water. Economic impact studies show that for every $1 million invested in water infrastructure, upwards of 15 jobs are generated throughout local economies.

Over the past decade, West Virginia American Water has invested over $736 million, in infrastructure projects and capital upgrades to address aging infrastructure across the Mountain State, including more than 168 miles of new water main. To learn more about our ongoing investment in infrastructure, visit the company’s interactive upgrade map.

During construction, customers may experience temporary service interruptions, discolored water, and/or lower than normal water pressure. Crews will work as quickly as possible to shorten the length of these temporary inconveniences. To report water related emergencies such as leaks, main breaks or other service disruptions, customers can submit a service request on the company’s website.

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