

March 17, 2011

Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of the Department of Public Works
Zeidler Municipal Building, Room 603

Dear Commissioner Mantes:

I am requesting information from your office relating to the occurrences of sinkholes at the intersections of N. Humboldt Avenue and N. Riverboat Road and N. Oakland and E. North Avenues. Because these sinkholes are located in close proximity to each other, the nature of this request is related to addressing my concerns regarding the status of the City's underground utilities.

Please be advised that I will be introducing a communication file at the March 23, 2011 Common Council meeting for the purposes of facilitating the provision of information to members of the Common Council and the public regarding the status of the City's underground utilities, particularly as it concerns recent sinkhole incidents. .

I specifically request that the response from your office include information related, but not limited to, the following issues:

1. The status of the sinkhole repair work being performed at N. Humboldt Avenue and N. Riverboat Road.
2. Information relating to contributing factors to sinkholes.
3. The average age of sewer and water mains in the City.
4. The replacement and maintenance cycles for sewer and water mains.

Please let me know if you have any question regarding this request for information.

Sincerely,

Milele A. Coggs
Alderwoman, 6TH District