CITY of SPRINGFIELD

Wednesday, March 12, 2003

Mr. John Metcalf
3176 S. Parkview Ave.
Springfield, MO 65804-4742

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Dear Mr. Metcalf:

While aiding the Springfield-Greene County Health Department in an investigation of sewage related problems in your neighborhood, it was determined that your residence is connected to the City sanitary sewer line by the way of what appears to be a privately owned common building sewer. On March 6, 2003 City crews placed dye in your building sewer and observed the presence of dye in the City sewer a few minutes later. The addresses determined to be connected to this common line are located at 3166, 3176, 3204, and 3220 S. Parkview. Please be advised that maintenance and repair of this privately owned common building sewer is the responsibility of the property owners all of the way to the point of connection to the City sewer in Parkview Ave. If one does not exist, it is recommended that the affected property owners get together and execute a legal agreement in order to specify how maintenance, repair, and financial responsibility for the common line is handled. Another option would be for the affected property owners to petition the City for a publicly owned sewer line to be constructed to serve these properties. Costs of the project would be the responsibility of the affected property owners and are normally handled through tax bills that are rendered annually over a 15 year period.

Based on these findings, if you are not currently paying a monthly sanitary sewer service charge, your residence will soon be placed on monthly billing for sanitary sewer service charges. The City sewer system contracts with City Utilities to render sewer service charges on the monthly utility bills. Sewer use is based on an average of the City Utiliities water usage during the three winter months. This period of time should normally reflect water usage which is discharged to the City sewer system; i.e. no lawn watering, gardening, or other outdoor usage of water. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 864-1924.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Schaefer, P.E.,
Asst. Director of Public Works

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