

# Town of East Hartford

## Press Release

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### Oak Street Utility Improvements

*2011 Construction Activities*

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In 2005, as part of the Town's Road Improvement Program, pavement and other improvements were completed on Oak Street. In 2008, the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC), informed the Town that they would be installing new water mains to a portion of Silver Lane and the entire length of Oak Street up to the town line. Despite early efforts by the town to coordinate our roadwork with utility companies, the MDC missed the opportunity to complete their water main project in advance of our improvements. At the Town's request, the MDC agreed to resurface the road for the entire length of Oak Street upon completion of the pipe installation.

In 2010, pipe installation was completed and milling and paving restoration was scheduled to begin this month. However, Connecticut Natural Gas has now indicated that due to an increase in service repairs, they need to install a new gas main on Oak Street between Silver Lane and Forest Street. They will begin work this month and the final milling and paving restoration for Oak Street has been rescheduled for the spring of 2012.

The Town has mailed a notice to each of the properties along Oak Street from Silver Lane to Hills Street, noting that the Town is aware of the disruption and inconvenience that the residents of Oak Street have faced over the past several years. Mayor Leclerc stated that "The utility improvements are in the best interest of the residents, and that the Town continues to be vigilant in

protecting the investments made by the residents of East Hartford in our roads while trying to minimize the impact to the Oak Street neighborhood”.

Any questions may be directed to the Mayor's Office at (860) 291-7200.

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