

Lake View Sewer line Repair Update, 3-30-26

Ran into complications of orangeburg
piping

Orangeburg pipe, or bituminous fiber pipe, was a popular, lightweight sewer and conduit material used primarily from the 1940s to the 1970s, manufactured by layering wood pulp and coal tar pitch. Originally produced in the 1890s for electrical conduit, its use surged post-WWII due to metal shortages and a housing boom, but it is notorious for failing after 30-50 years



A rotted piece of old orangeburg pipe filled with dirt.

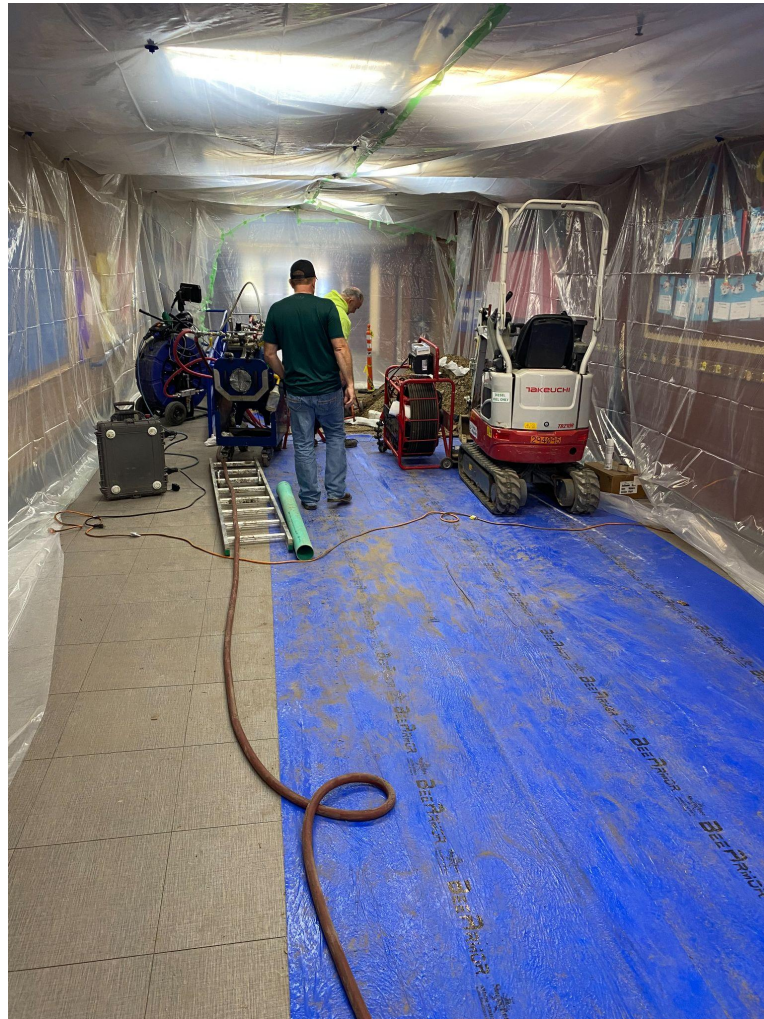


The new lining is as rigid as PVC, commonly used for sewer pipe



Hallway at Lake View

The hallway is protected.
The contractor had to cut a hole to replace some of the collapsed orangeburg pipe



The amount of dirt pulled out to access the pipe. Their plan is to still be finished lining the old buried pipe this week. Replacing the old pipe in tunnels will take place this summer.



Depth to replace old pipe.

We are concerned this is the same issue in other parts of Lake View and also North Park. We suggest starting the process to investigate a cost to line and replace all sewer pipe at both Lake View and North Park this summer.

