

Watts & Drops

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Thank You for Patience During Sewer Construction

Thank you to all the Littleton residents, business owners, their employees and the drivers who pass through Littleton for your patience and understanding during sewer construction this year.

Installation of sewer and water mains has halted for the winter months. Crews continued to pressure test pipes and manholes for leaks in December. In addition, crews cleaned up, removed equipment, and painted lines on the municipal lot at Stevens Street.

Work on the sewer lines will resume in the spring with a section remaining on King Street approaching the Westford town line.

At the new wastewater recovery facility at 242 King Street, the steel framing is up and the walls and roof were to be completed this month. With the building enclosed, interior work will continue through the winter. At the sewer discharge site near the Littleton High School, testing of the leach field capacity is underway.

Water System Expansion Project Underway

Expansion of the Littleton public water system to serve a part of Boxborough began earlier this month. A newly installed 4.5-mile water main will run from Nancy's Way on Whitcomb Avenue to the western edge of Boxborough.

Work on Whitcomb Avenue and Littleton County Road to the Harvard town line was planned through December. In the spring, water main installation is scheduled to continue on Littleton County Road to Boxborough's Beaver Brook, Swanson, and Codman Hill roads.

About 1,100 Boxborough residents in condominiums on those roads and at 1740 Massachusetts Avenue are currently served by small, public water systems. Testing has detected sodium, chloride, and per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at levels exceeding the Massachusetts Drinking Water Standards. Long-term consumption of the pollutants poses significant health risks.

Along with expanding the system, Littleton Water will increase its water supply by developing the new Trumbull Well on Taylor Street, which will supply the Whitcomb Avenue plant. Once online, the Trumbull Well will supply about 250,000 gallons per day, of which 27% will be needed to meet the needs of the new Boxborough customers. Construction of the water main from the well to the treatment plant is planned to begin in early 2025. Construction of the new well is scheduled to start in the summer.

Development of the Trumbull Well and the extension of service to Boxborough are being financed by a zero-interest state loan because the project addresses PFAS pollution. Boxborough customers and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's salt remediation program will pay the portions of the project that benefit the new customers, which totals about \$11.7 million of the \$19 million project. The project was approved by the Spring 2023 Littleton Town Meeting.

Residential Rate Comparisons

12-Month Average Per 750 kWh

LELD*	\$106.46
Groton*	\$133.73
Concord*	\$164.62
Acton (Eversource)	\$257.99
Ayer (National Grid)	\$264.09
Unitil	\$328.52

*Municipally owned utility. Source: Residential rate comparison for 750 kWh based on 12-month average rate, Oct. 2023-Sept.2024, as provided by the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Co.



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Making the Holidays Brighter

LELWD continued its annual traditions to bring holiday cheer to Littleton and Boxborough. Line crews were busy stringing the lights on the Common trees in time for the Littleton Rotary Club's annual Common Tree Lighting ceremony earlier this month. Santa Claus threw the switch to turn on the lights after arriving in the bucket of Littleton Fire Department's Tower One ladder truck. LELWD employees donated food for Thanksgiving dinner baskets for three area families and provided toys for deserving children served through the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves' Toys for Tots. Thanks to the Littleton Council on Aging, the Blanchard Elementary School, Rep. James Arciero, and the Littleton Police Department for helping us spread the holiday cheer in our communities.

Tree Lighting Ceremony and Toys for Tots photos courtesy of

