

Village of Almont
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Village of Almont Locates Underground Broken Water Line, Water Boil Advisory Remains in Effect

On March 11, 2019, the Village of Almont Department of Public Works (DPW) working alongside with Aqua-line Leak Detection Service and Michigan Rural Water Association located an otherwise untraceable underground water leak that was draining into the sanitary sewer. The Village issued a water boil advisory to specific residential homes and businesses located along Water, Bristol and Spring Streets in the Village. Anticipating a 48 hour boil advisory, Almont staff delivered cases of bottled water to the 25 locations that were affected by the temporary water shut-off period. The one-inch service line was located and terminated by early evening and water was restored, with the exception of the defective service lead.

Almont DPW flushed hydrants and has tested water as required. Another sample will be taken Wednesday morning. Once samples are tested and cleared the water boil advisory will be lifted. Any discoloration in the water will need to be flushed as a result of the water line work. The next steps are to replace the defective service line and repair the section of sanitary sewer as a result of the water line break.

Additional Information

Almont DPW has been tirelessly working on identifying this puzzling leak since early January, working midnights to trouble shoot and isolating areas of 21 miles of water main and service leak piping. All hands were on deck to resolve this issue, including working with Rowe Professional Services, Great Lakes Water Authority, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Aqua-line Leak Detection, Michigan Rural Water Association, and Michigan Pipe Inspection. I'd like to acknowledge the hard work of Almont DPW who worked feverishly to bring resolve to locating and resolving an unnerving underground water leak. The Village of Almont is thankful to have a dedicated DPW staff who has sacrificed many nights and weekends away from family to tackle this issue. [Michael Connors]

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