



CITY OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

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Mayor

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Dear Canal Street Area Resident:

As you may know, the City has been working on plans to improve both the drainage and aesthetics along Canal Street. The first phase of drainage upgrades will begin this month and we expect curb to curb enhancements to the roadway will begin in 2014.

With that in mind, I am writing to inform you about some of the specifics, in particular expected traffic impacts, associated with the Canal Street Utility Improvement Project that will be underway this week. This project involves the installation of new sewer, drain, and water mains along Canal Street, between Loring Avenue and Washington Street (Mill Hill).

This is a major undertaking and the project will require some temporary road closures and detours that will likely impact residents and businesses living in or traveling through the surrounding area. There will be a need to detour traffic at various times when work is taking place at the following intersections:

- Canal Street, Broadway and Ocean Avenue
- Canal Street and Forest Avenue
- Canal Street and Hersey Street
- Canal Street and Meadow Street
- Canal Street and Laurel Street

Work will begin at the intersection of Canal Street, Broadway and Ocean Avenue the week of July 22nd. Due to the large scale nature of the work at this intersection, it will be necessary to close Canal Street to through traffic for approximately one month between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M., Monday –Friday. The intersection will be open after work hours and on weekends and holidays. All businesses will be open during construction.

While the intersection is closed, traffic will be detoured off Canal Street and up to Lafayette Street. If necessary, parking may be limited on sections your street to facilitate

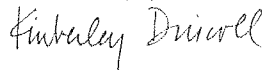
the detour traffic. At the conclusion of each work day and on weekends and holidays, regular on street parking will be allowed.

As work is done at the other intersections, each side street will likely be closed between 7-3:30 P.M. Monday-Friday for a one week period, with the exception of Meadow Street which will likely be closed for two weeks during construction. The side street will be reopened at the end of each workday and open on weekends and holidays. Canal Street will remain open at all times during the work at the other intersections.

Signs will be posted on both ends of work area and at each connecting side street. Traffic details staffed by police officers will be utilized at intersections in the detour zone. Construction is expected to be fully completed in December 2013, with the bulk of the work taking place between now and October.

While we recognize this project will cause some disruption, we want to keep you apprised of conditions. Frequent construction updates will be provided on www.BuildingSalem.com and on the city's website at www.salem.com. The City has also established a BuildingSalem hotline at 978-619-5605 to address resident concerns during this construction project. Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns. In the meantime, thank you in advance for your patience during this much needed upgrade to the Canal Street corridor.

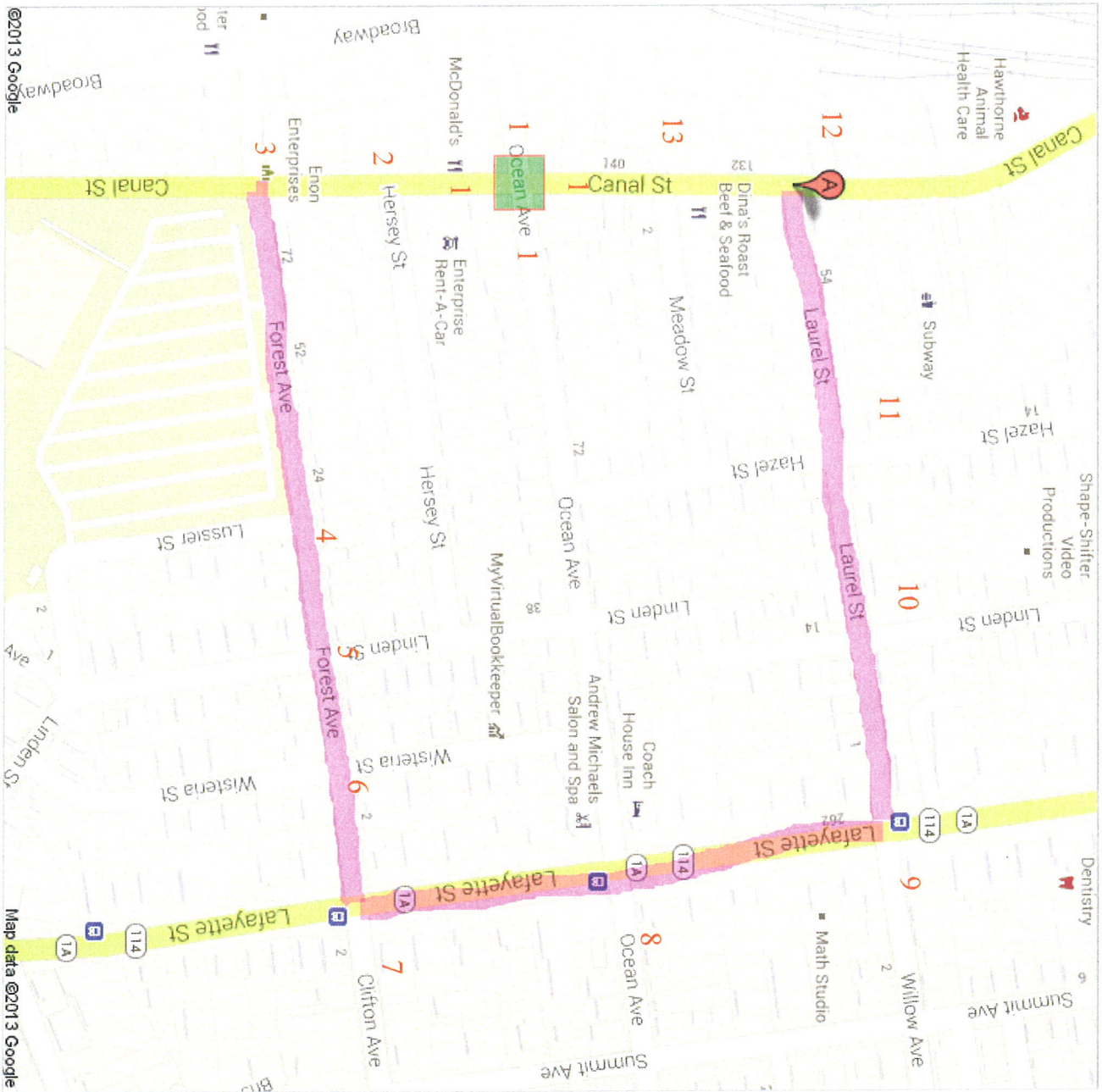
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Detour Route

Work Zone

On street parking on detour route may be limited during work hours