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To: Residents of Forest Avenue between Canal and Lafayette Street, and
Laurel Street between Lafayette and Canal Street

Re: Notice of Traffic Detour during the upcoming Canal Street Utility Improvement Project

Dear Residents:

This correspondence has been prepared to inform you of the City's plan to detour traffic off Canal Street and onto your streets, during a critical phase of the upcoming above referenced project. The first month of the utility project, starting in mid July, 2013, will involve the City's Contractor, DeFelice Construction Co. of Dracut, Massachusetts, working at the intersection of Canal Street, Ocean Avenue and Broadway. Due to the magnitude of utility work expected at this intersection, we will close the intersection to thru-traffic during normal work hours of 7 am to 3:30 pm each weekday. Normal traffic patterns will return after work hours and on weekends and holidays.

While the intersection is closed, traffic from the south will be detoured off Canal Street onto Forest Avenue to Lafayette Street, then onto Laurel Street from Lafayette Street, back to Canal Street. The reverse route will be used for traffic from the north on Canal Street. If necessary, parking may be limited on your street to facilitate the detour traffic, with appropriate advance signage. At the conclusion of each work day, and on weekends and holidays, on street parking will be allowed.

Once the work in the intersection is completed (expected to end in mid August, 2013), the detour will no longer be utilized. For the remaining parts of the project, we expect to maintain at least one-way alternating traffic on Canal Street at all times, with only smaller, localized detours utilized when the side streets of Forest Avenue, Hersey, Meadow and Laurel Streets are directly impacted by the construction.

For more information on the proposed detours and the overall project in general, please visit the City's Engineering Dept. website at: http://www.salem.com/Pages/SalemMA_Engineer/index. We thank you in advance for your patience and forbearance as we complete this important project. If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please call the Engineering Department at 978.619.5673.

Very truly yours,

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