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"Submit Comment to City Council" from Karen Vanassenderp

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Your
comment to the
Bexley
City
Council:: Dear Mayor and City Council Members,
I have recently installed a sump pump in my basement to separate my perimeter drains from the sanitary line and a back flow preventer in my yard to prevent my basement from flooding. This was a very time consuming and costly project. The perimeter drains are required, or will soon be, by the city.
I have owned this home since the mid 90's and do not recall any basement flooding until 2 years ago when it flooded twice and this year it has flooded 3 times already. I'm told that this is due to climate change, population growth and perimeter drains connecting to sanitary lines.

I wish to go on record as being very disappointed in our city for not improving our infrastructure so as to avoid this problem. It seems that the sanitary and sewer pipes are not big enough to adequately drain a downpour and so water is now being pushed into our homes. I find this unacceptable. Bexley is a highly sought after community in which to live with high taxes that we are willing to pay for the quality schools and public services. It appears that there is enough money to plant trees and install medians but not enough to maintain or improve the 100 year old infrastructure.

I appreciate the city's \$2000 reimbursement, which I was told would pay for one of the repairs and I would pay for the other. My repair bill was substantially higher than double the reimbursement.. I worry about the residents who are unable to pay these costs. I was told by one of your recommended third party inspectors that such a resident could "just get a reverse mortgage" and then they would be able to pay for the repairs/improvements. I don't know whether this comment reflects the city's view but I found it to be very insensitive.

In sum, the basement flooding is a new issue. It is not the resident's fault and they should not be made to pay for it. The need to enlarge the pipes should've been planned and budgeted years ago. I am very disappointed that this was not done and feel that it reflects poorly on our otherwise great community. My perimeter drains were tied to the sanitary lines for probably 50+ years with zero problem.

Even if I agree that I need to change the perimeter drains because they are no longer up to code, this leaves the problem of my basement flooding and the need for the back flow preventer. I believe that this aspect of the problem should be paid for in full by the city.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Karen Bishoff Vanassenderp

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