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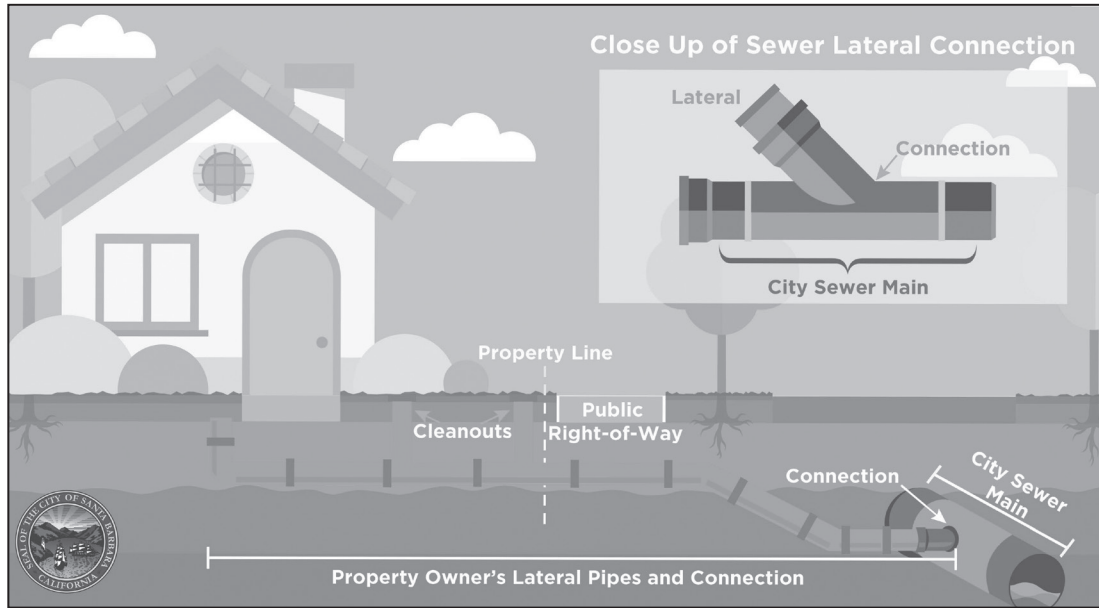


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## SEWER LATERAL MAINTENANCE



*Protect your property and the environment from costly sewage backups by properly maintaining your private sewer lateral.*

In the City of Santa Barbara property owners are responsible for maintaining their sewer lateral, or the private sewer pipe that connects their house or building to the public sewer main. The responsibility for maintenance also includes the connection fitting, or the “wye,” that attaches the lateral to the public sewer main, which conveys the community’s sewage.

Like your roof, pipes deteriorate over time and require maintenance. Common issues with aging sewer laterals include failed joints or cracks, broken or separated joints, or complete collapses. As your pipe deteriorates, joints may begin to fail, allowing roots to enter into the barrel of the sewer lateral. If the roots are not discovered in time, they can cause a blockage leading to a sewage spill that could cause costly damage to your private property and environmental harm.

If you experience a sewage backup, have a household drain emptying slower than usual, or find patches in your yard that are always wet, you should contact a City Certified Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Inspector to have your sewer lateral inspected as soon as possible. It is good practice to clean your sewer lateral annually and inspect it every four to five years to prevent a Private Lateral Sewage Discharge (PLSD). A CCTV Inspector can perform a video inspection of your sewer lateral to determine if it is damaged or simply clogged by grease or

debris such as disposable wipes, which should never be flushed even if labeled “flushable”. To find a list of City Certified CCTV Inspectors, please visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SLIPplumber](https://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SLIPplumber).

In the event of a PLSD you should contact your plumber immediately. Your plumber will be able to prevent the spillage from leaving your property, clean up the spill, and re-establish service. It is essential that you contact your plumber immediately to prevent the spillage from entering the public right-of-way. Once sewage enters the public right-of-way, City staff must respond, to alert the City that a sewage spill has entered the public-right-of-way, please call (805) 564-5413. Please note the property owner will be responsible for reimbursing the City for staff time utilized to respond to the private spill, currently \$399 per hour for a two person crew with heavy equipment. Please refer to the City’s Sewer Rate and Fee schedule located at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterRates](https://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterRates) under Wastewater Miscellaneous Fees for the current fee schedule.

For more information on sewer lateral maintenance visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SLIP](https://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SLIP).

## \$1.5M IN FEDERAL FUNDING SECURED FOR DWIGHT MURPHY FIELD RENOVATION

Congressman Salud Carbajal recently visited Dwight Murphy Field to highlight the federal Community Project Funding he secured to help fund the park's upcoming full-scale renovation. In addition to creating a high-quality sports facility with a youth baseball field and a multi-sport field, the renovation will also build the City's first inclusive, all-abilities playground.



*Congressman Carbajal joined County Supervisor Laura Capps, City of Santa Barbara Mayor Randy Rowse, Councilmembers Eric Friedman and Oscar Gutierrez, and Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary at Dwight Murphy Field.*

The Dwight Murphy Field Renovation Project is one of 14 projects across the Central Coast to receive federal Community Project Funding. For more information and to learn more, visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/DwightMurphyField](https://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/DwightMurphyField).

## ABANDONED TURTLES RELOCATED FROM PARK TO RESCUE



*The current population of red-eared sliders is estimated to be over 200.*

86 red-eared sliders have been relocated from Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden to the Turtle and Tortoise Rescue in Arroyo Grande. They will be included in a new outdoor exhibit at the five-acre sanctuary to educate children and adults about animal diversity and conservation.

The invasive species was first introduced by pet owners releasing unwanted animals in the park.

Relocating the turtles will provide them with a location designed to meet their unique habitat needs, including pristine water quality and a strong filtration system to remove waste. Because the pond at Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden is not equipped to meet these needs or provide the specialized care that turtles require, the Parks and Recreation Department hopes to relocate the remaining animals as sanctuary space allows. Relocation of the invasive turtles is also expected to improve the pond's water quality and ecosystem

## CITY'S BICYCLE SHARE PILOT PROGRAM REACHES GOAL OF 250 ELECTRIC BIKES

At the beginning of April, BCycle, the City's bicycle share operator, completed installation of the initial goal for the Bicycle Share Pilot Program: 250 pedal-assist electric bikes and 500 docks in service at 86 different bike share stations throughout the City.

Have a location where you'd like to see a bike share station? Contact BCycle at [SantaBarbara@BCycle.com](mailto:SantaBarbara@BCycle.com) to request a station near you.



*To date, riders have travelled over 900,000 miles on BCycle bikes.*

For more information, visit <https://SantaBarbara.BCycle.com> for the latest on BCycle in Santa Barbara.

## SUNFLOWER PROGRAM AT SBA

Globally, one in seven people live with a disability - and many of those are non-visible. This spring, Santa Barbara Airport is joining 200 airports across the world to offer the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program to passengers. By wearing a Sunflower lanyard, passengers with non-visible disabilities can indicate to staff that they may require a little extra patience, time, or assistance during their travel experience.



*To learn more and request Sunflower materials, visit [www.flysba.com/sunflower](http://www.flysba.com/sunflower).*

## CITY HALL OPEN HOUSE IS MAY 17

Get a behind the scenes look at City operations on Wednesday, May 17. Learn about our efforts to create a pathway toward smart government at our City Open House!

Take a tour of Council Chambers, Touch-a-Truck, play games and meet City Councilmembers. It's free and family-friendly with entertainment and treats for the kids (while supplies last).



*Come on out to De La Guerra Plaza Wednesday, May 17 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. See you at the City Open House!*