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Dear Resident,

RE: Backyard Utility Easement – Morrow Village, Ceres

This letter is to remind you that there is a utility easement in your backyard. This easement extends the entire length of your backyard, to five feet into your yard. The easement contains your Sanitary Sewer Line. Only ground cover or grass may be placed in the easement. No other plants or materials (wood, concrete pads, dog houses, etc.) may be placed within the easement. This is necessary to allow the City's crews to maintain the sewer line and respond to sewer line emergencies (an average of eight occurrences per year). Homes with manholes in their backyards should either leave their gates unlocked or issue the City a key to the gate lock. A five-foot pathway should be cleared from the gate to the manhole to allow equipment access to the manhole.

We will begin cleaning these lines in the next few weeks, starting **October 1, 2019**. City staff will be performing the maintenance procedures **Tuesdays thru Thursdays**. If you have materials other than ground cover or grass in your easement, please remove them. If it is necessary to access a manhole or dig up the sewer line in your backyard, any materials that impede the City crews from performing these functions will be removed at the homeowner's expense. The materials will not be replaced by the City.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please call me at 538-3269 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Terry Turner
Wastewater System Supervisor