



April 14, 2026

Dear Neighbor,

We are writing to let you know that the contractor working on the rehabilitation of the Greenbelt Standpipe will begin mobilizing a piece of equipment called a Faster Blaster **beginning next week (on or about Tuesday, April 21).**

The Faster Blaster is a self-contained robotic blasting and painting machine that is raised and lowered along the walls of the standpipe. It is expected to complete approximately 80% of the blasting required for the standpipe rehabilitation. Although still noticeably audible, this equipment operates at a lower noise level than the conventional blasting equipment that was used on site 3 to 4 weeks ago. Using it now will also help reduce the amount of time the conventional equipment will need to be used on site later this summer.

**At this time, the expected duration for this phase of work is approximately 2 to 3 months. As work gets underway and we see how much square footage can be completed each day, we will be able to provide a more accurate estimate for the overall duration. The contractor's normal working hours will be 8 am to 5 pm. Crews may arrive on site before 8 am and leave after 5 pm, but active work will take place during normal working hours.**

Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we continue this important project to help maintain reliable water service for the community.

For additional information, please contact me at **301-206-8560** or by email at **[christopher.deherde@wsscwater.com](mailto:christopher.deherde@wsscwater.com)**

Sincerely,

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