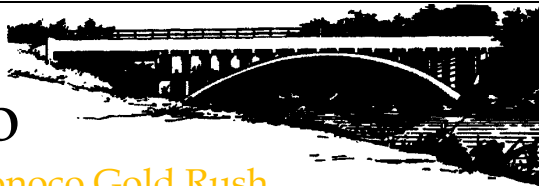


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# City of Oronoco

Home of Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush



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March 13, 2024

**Reference: Oronoco Wastewater System – Startup Schedule Notification Letter #2**

Construction of Oronoco’s Wastewater System is nearing completion as critical electrical components have been shipped and are being installed. As a result, startup of Oronoco’s municipal of wastewater system and commencement of wastewater collection and treatment services will begin as summarized below:

1. Sanitary Sewer Lift Station commissioning and startup March 18-20, 2024.
2. Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) to commence operation on March 27, 2024.
3. Oronoco’s Contractor (Fitzgerald Excavating and Trucking) will construct the pipe improvements needed to divert sanitary sewer flows to the municipal wastewater system in accordance with the following schedule:
  - a. Oronoco Estates Mobile Home Community: Sanitary sewer flow diversion from the existing wastewater stabilization pond to the municipal WWTF on March 27, 2024.
  - b. Riverwood Hills Subdivisions: Sanitary sewer flow diversion from five developer operated subsurface wastewater treatment systems to the municipal WWTF from March 27 to March 30, 2024.
  - c. River Park Subdivision: Sanitary sewer flow diversion from developer operated subsurface wastewater treatment system to the municipal WWTF from March 28 to approximately April 5, 2024.
  - d. River Park – Timberline Drive: Sanitary sewer flow diversion from developer constructed lift station and subsurface wastewater treatment system to the municipal WWTF from ~April 5 to April 12, 2024.
  - e. Oronoco Crossing Subdivision: Sanitary sewer flow diversion from HOA operated subsurface wastewater treatment facility to the municipal WWTF from approximately April 5 to April 12, 2024.
  - f. Cedar Woodlands Subdivision 1 & 2: Sanitary sewer flow diversion from HOA operated subsurface wastewater treatment systems to the municipal WWTF from approximately April 5 to April 17, 2024.
  - g. City of Oronoco to commence billing for wastewater service at the end of each month of service. Sanitary sewer bills will be issued in conjunction with monthly water bills.
  - h. Developer operated subsurface wastewater treatment systems in Riverwood Hills, River Park, and Cedar Woodland subdivisions will be decommissioned by the City’s contractor between April and June.
4. Low pressure sanitary sewer (grinder stations serving homes) construction completion and service startup between March 27, 2024 and May 31, 2024. Oronoco’s Contractor (Ellingson Drainage) will coordinate construction of the grinder station, connection of the grinder station to each home, and abandonment of existing septic systems. Note: Property owners must have an electrician complete the installation of the electrical service and disconnect needed to power the grinder station before March 27, 2024.
5. Gravity sanitary sewer connections to individual homes and businesses in downtown Oronoco may begin on April 15, 2024. Each resident is required to complete a City sewer permit & construction of the private sewer service from the property line to the home & abandon the existing septic system by April 30, 2025.
6. Property owners receiving a new water service as part of the Phase 1A Wastewater and Water project may connect to the municipal water system now. Please remember to contact City Hall for a water permit and to get a water meter.

Please note that the schedule information provided is subject to change based upon spring weather conditions. We appreciate your patience and will continue to provide additional updates to all stakeholders. If you have questions regarding the wastewater or water system construction, connection requirements, or the project schedule information please feel free to call me at (507) 529-6036 or email me at [joseph.palen@stantec.com](mailto:joseph.palen@stantec.com)

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