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WASTEWATER SYSTEM OVERFLOWS IN THE LAKE GROVE AREA

LAKE OSWEGO – Wastewater infrastructure experienced overflow conditions on Tuesday, October 23 on Boones Ferry Road at Oakridge Road and also near the Lake Grove Swim Park on Lakeview Boulevard. Thanks to calls from the public, crews from the City Maintenance Services Department were able to respond quickly.

Crews responded by vactoring the spill at the manhole and investigating downstream. A downstream manhole (in the middle of Boones Ferry) was found to be blocked by a large amount of asphalt (likely from the recent paving project), causing the upstream line to slowly back up until it overflowed. Crews were able to restore flow. The paving contractor is working to remove the full blockage.

The cause of blockage near the Swim Park is unclear but was likely caused by the surge of flow from the opening of the Boones Ferry line. The overflow amount was about 300 gallons at the Swim Park.

As a result of the overflow in Oswego Lake, City officials advise residents in the vicinity to protect themselves, children and pets from direct contact with lake water that has been subjected to contact with untreated sanitary wastewater for the next 72 hours. If contact with untreated wastewater cannot be avoided, residents are advised to use rubber boots, gloves and other protective wear in good condition to prevent direct contact.

Neither of the overflow issues were related to capacity constraints of the Oswego Lake Interceptor Sewer.

If you have questions about this advisory, please contact the City public information office at 503-635-0257. For specific questions related to public health concerns please contact the Clackamas County Health Department at 503-655-8478.

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