From: Sudhir Desai
To: Jane; Steve Canter; Richard.howerton@howertoneng.com; Sudhir Desai
Cc: Larry Essman; Bob Forrey; Prichard, Gary; Desai, Sudhir
Subject: RE: Grandview flooding
Date: Friday, July 03, 2015 6:28:13 PM

Hi Jane,

Thank you for sharing the information about flooding in your neighborhood.

I had the opportunity to discuss this matter with the City of Portsmouth personnel earlier. Unless they have an official complaint about basement flooding, they are unable to address the issue. They would like to speak to the impacted citizens and verify their claims.

If you have additional citizens who may have been impacted by basement flooding, please let me know. Portsmouth will continue to work towards their efforts to address this issue via their administrative order on consent signed by the City.

At least we have an e mail from Professor Essman about this issue shared with the City folks

I plan to visit the community shortly.

Thank you.

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From: Jane
Sent: 7/3/2015 7:18 AM
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Subject: Fwd: Grandview flooding

Good morning:

Larry had seepage in his basement. I did not have any.

They reduced the size and number of storm drains uphill on 25th Streey and at the intersection with Grandview. It made no sense to us. I'll check and see if I have some photos.

Jane

M. Jane Murray

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Larry Essman" <lessman@roadrunner.com>
Date: July 2, 2015 at 10:47:36 AM EDT
To: "Derek Allen" <dallen@portsmouthoh.org>, "Gene Meadows" <councilmembermeadows@gmail.com>
Cc: "Ruth Marasek" <ruthmarasek1@msn.com>, "Jane Murray" <mjanemurray@yahoo.com>
Subject: Grandview flooding

During the torrential rains on Tuesday evening, Grandview became flooded again. We noticed that the runoff from twenty-fifth street did not reach the sewer in the middle of the intersection, but made a turn south at the southeast corner of 25th and Grandview.

This flooding was partially caused by the residents of Grandview. I told Councilmen Saddler and Kalb after the last council meeting that I watched my neighbors' lawn services blowing their grass clippings into the street. The first sewer on the southeast side of the intersection of 25th and Grandview was almost completely blocked by grass clippings and straw. When the drip sewer was in front of our house we [my wife and I] would be certain is was clean, sometimes clearing it in the middle of a storm. Unfortunately, I even witnessed one resident sweeping debris into the sewer.

Perhaps, the city might send out some letters to the same residents they provided updates on the construction advising them not to blow grass clippings into the streets or sweep debris into the sewers.

Thanks,
Larry & Loretta Essman