From:	Larry Essman
To:	"Jane"; "Sudhir Desai"
Cc:	"Steve Canter"; Richard.howerton@howertoneng.com; "Bob Forrey"; Prichard, Gary; Desai, Sudhir; "Ruth Marasek"
Subject:	RE: Grandview flooding
Date:	Saturday, July 04, 2015 11:04:15 AM

Jane and others,
I cannot really fault the city for the seepage we experienced, The rain were so hard and blowing against the side of the house that I am surprised we did not experience more.
The flooding on Grandview might be a different matter. But again, it may be partially blamed on the residents who grass clippings clogged the sewer.
You should have seen the mess the house south of us made when they cut their waste high grass. It all went into the street. I wish I could have taken a picture of it.

From: Jane [mailto:mjanemurray@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2015 7:52 PM
To: Sudhir Desai
Cc: Steve Canter; Richard.howerton@howertoneng.com; Larry Essman; Bob Forrey; ; desai.sudhir@epa.gov; Ruth Marasek
Subject: Re: Grandview flooding
Thank you very much, Sudhir. We look forward to your visit.
Jane

M. Jane Murray

On Jul 3, 2015, at 7:28 PM, Sudhir Desai <sudhirvdesai@aol.com> wrote:

> 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.

Sudhir Desai
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From: Jane
Sent: 7/3/2015 7:18 AM
To: sudhirvdesai@aol.com; Steve Canter; Richard.howerton@howertoneng.com
Cc: Larry Essman; Bob Forrey
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