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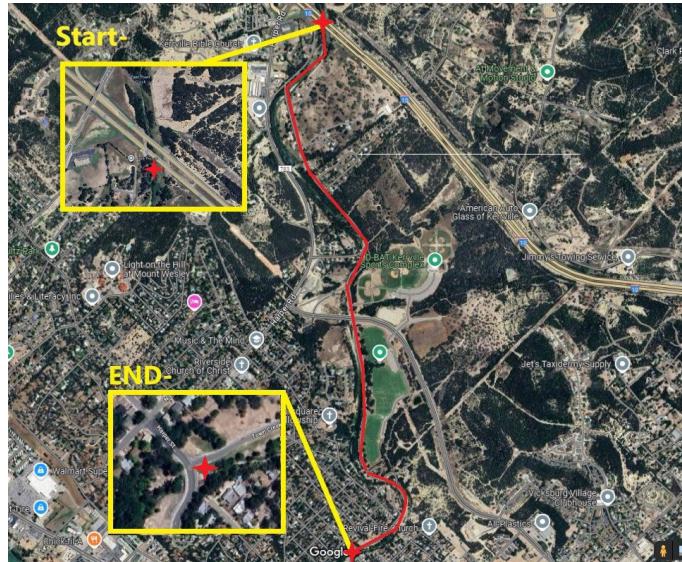
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City to conduct two-day smoke testing along Town Creek beginning Sept. 25

Kerrville, Texas (Sept. 23, 2024) – The City of Kerrville's Wastewater Collections Department

will perform two days of smoke testing along Town Creek beginning Sept. 25. Operations on both days will run from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., and there will be no road closures as testing will not affect the flow of traffic.

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, testing



will extend from the Harper Road exit at Interstate 10 down Old Harper Road and the full length of Town Creek Road.

On Thursday, Sept. 26, testing will resume and conclude at the intersection of Town Creek and Harper Street.

About Smoke Testing

Smoke testing is a common test method used to identify sections of the sanitary sewer collection system that have defects such as cracks, leaks, or faulty connections that allow rainwater to enter the underground pipe network. Since the sanitary sewer system is only designed to handle sewage, the addition of rainwater/storm water causes many problems in the city's collection system. The City of Kerrville intends to locate and repair as many of these rainwater connections as possible so that heavy rain does not overwhelm the sanitary sewer system or interfere with the operation of the wastewater treatment plant.

During the test, personnel will blow dense white smoke into the sanitary sewer system. The smoke will escape again through openings such as holes in manhole covers and plumbing vent pipes located on or near rooftops. Smoke will also escape through defects such as cracks or breaks, open or broken cleanout covers, damaged or defective manhole frame seals, illegally connected roof or area drains, and any other opening(s). The smoke is odorless, non-toxic, and non-staining. It will dissipate quickly. It will not harm pets or plants or leave a residue. If you see smoke in these areas, do not be alarmed.

For more information or to report an issue, call Assistant Utility Director Chris Clark at (830)-258-1231 or Wastewater Superintendent Matthew Zapata at (830) 258-1224. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

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