As everyone may have observed, a number of activities starting the Culvert Project occurred this past week and new tasks are planned for next week.

First, though, there is very good news to announce: new, added alternative parking in the vicinity is available beginning Monday, July 12th for businesses, employees and their customers! The East Aurora School District has graciously agreed that the very large parking lot and all spaces adjoining Parkdale Elementary School can be used at this time for persons displaced from the lot where the construction is occurring.

Note there are two areas available around the school. The first is a row of parking with a number of spots on the east side of the school. Those are adjacent to a very convenient walking path nearby that goes along the south side of the school property out to Buffalo Road. From there, it is an easy distance along the sidewalk to the Circle and all the area businesses on Main Street. Added parking is also available in the main, very large school lot. It is a little farther, but definitely within walking distance in the beautiful summer weather. Early next week, the Village will issue a map and post it on the Village website highlighting this newly available parking area.

Many thanks to the EASD for their support of the Village and all the area businesses and customers!

Now, for the report from our engineer...

Upcoming activities planned for the week of Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16:

- Begin installing sheet piling behind 227 Main Street in preparation for constructing the new transition chamber. Sheet piling will most likely begin mid-week. Pre-monitoring survey for vibration is scheduled for Tuesday and monitoring will start on Wednesday.
- Continue excavating behind 205 Main Street for the new concrete transition chamber and the corresponding box culvert sections.
- General Contractor Mark Cerrone, Inc. (Cerrone) plans on installing large stone fill and the cut-off wall for the box culvert's end section behind 185 Main Street.

Activities that occurred this past week, from Tuesday, July 7 through Friday, July 9, included:

- Cerrone continued to mobilize materials and equipment to the job site.
- Temporary fencing and jersey barriers were placed to setup Cerrone's work zone in relation to easement lines.
- Began excavating test pits behind 227 Main Street to confirm location and measurements of the existing concrete transition piece.
- Cerrone's surveyor was on-site confirming the project's work limits, easement lines, existing structures and proposed construction.
- Cerrone installed a temporary bulkhead/dam at the existing box culvert's north inlet that is located
 just north of Main Street and just to the east of 242 Main Street. The bulkhead will help aid in the
 constructability of the new culvert sections by minimizing the amount of creek water Cerrone will
 encounter. Temporary by-pass pumping of water will be performed as needed.
- Began excavating in preparation for the new concrete transition chamber behind 205 Main Street, within the easement.
- Cerrone also performed some site work in the creek bed where the new box culvert outfall will be located.