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Improvements to
Goulart Lane Water Storage Tank

On Wednesday April 1, 2009, the improvements to the Goulart Lane Water Storage Tank located on Goulart Lane, Portsmouth will begin. The City of Newport, Water Division awarded a contract to Rockwood Corp., Syracuse, NY for the improvements to the one and one half (1.5) million gallon storage tank. The work includes the repainting of the interior and exterior of the tank, minor repairs to the tank, installation of a new tank mixing system, and upgraded lighting and fencing.

The tank will be drained in preparation for the work. The work is scheduled to be completed in approximately six to eight weeks in order to have the tank back in service no later than June 1st. The work will be inspected by both Water Division staff and our engineering consultant, Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.

Some customers in Middletown will experience reduced water pressures in their system, due to the Tank being off-line, however the water treatment plants will be operated and monitored to maintain adequate water pressure and flow within the system while the tank is out of service. The affected areas of the reduced water pressures include East Main Road, east of Valley Road and from Green End Avenue in the south to Wyatt Road to the north. The Water Department is coordinating with the Middletown Fire Department to assure adequate fire fighting capabilities are maintained.

The Newport Water Division should be contacted at 845-5600 if there are any questions at anytime on this important water infrastructure improvement project.