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Portion of 26th Street closed for emergency sewer line repair
Between W Main Street and Slevin Street

LOUISVILLE, KY – During a routine inspection, MSD crews discovered that the sewer pipe under 26th Street between W Main and Slevin streets is partially blocked with debris and severely deteriorated in several areas. This section of 26th Street is now closed for emergency repair work on the sewer line. Detour signs are in place, with local access for businesses and residents.

Repairs and rehabilitation work will take place from the inside of the pipe. The tedious job of removing debris consisting of rocks, dirt, sand, and fallen bricks built up over time inside the pipe, is ongoing. A pump-around is in place to ensure there is no disruption of sewer service during the repair, which will continue into the fall.

This 60-to-72-inch brick sewer was constructed in sections from 1871 to 1875, serving our community for more than 146 years.

Background
MSD maintains more than 3,300 miles of sewer lines – enough to stretch from California to Maine, and many dating back 75 years or more.