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Portion of Willow Avenue to close for critical sewer line repair — Between Eastern Parkway and Cherokee Road —

LOUISVILLE, KY – Willow Avenue—between Eastern Parkway and Cherokee Road—will close starting Monday, October 6, for essential sewer line repairs. Traffic detours will also begin Monday morning. (*Please see the map on page 2.*)

The repairs will take a month or more to complete. It's important to note that sewer services will not be disrupted during the repair work.

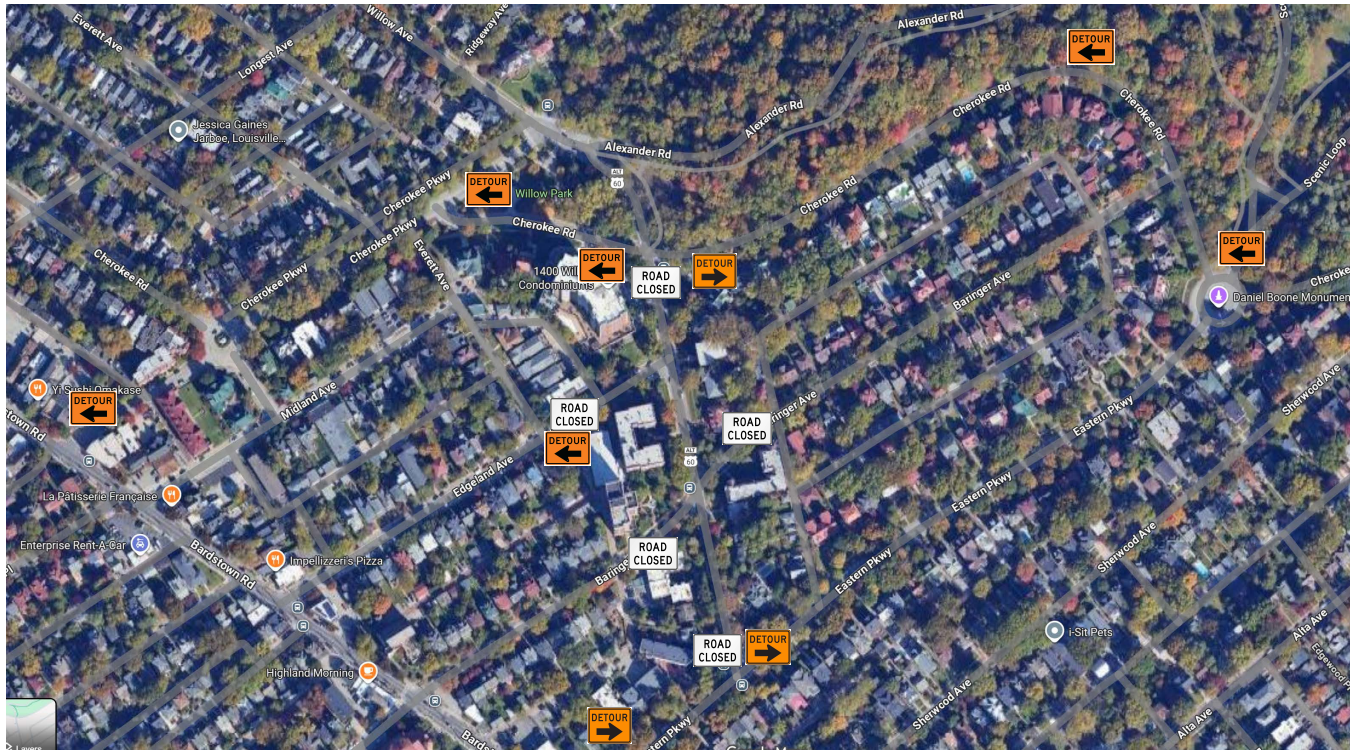
For now, sidewalks will remain open. They will close if crews discover voids or hollowed-out areas under the sidewalk.

During a routine inspection, MSD crews found that this section of the sewer line is in critical need of repair. Point repairs will be made in several locations, followed by the slip-lining of the entire length of the pipe, effectively creating a new pipe within the old one.

Nearby Cherokee Park opened in 1891, and the neighborhood grew up around it. These are the original brick sewers from that time. This 30-inch brick sewer line under Willow Avenue, initially constructed by hand, has been serving the community since 1907.

Background

MSD is responsible for an extensive network of sewer lines, maintaining more than 3,600 miles – a distance that surpasses the width of the continental United States from California to Maine. Many of these lines have been in operation for over 75 years, with approximately 43 miles made of brick.



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About MSD

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) works to achieve and maintain clean, environmentally safe waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. The organization's 800 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro, and wastewater service in portions of Bullitt and Oldham counties. In addition to operating and maintaining Louisville Metro's sewer system, floodwall system, water quality treatment centers and flood pumping stations, MSD invests in hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects each year, plants more than 1,000 trees and other vegetation annually to enhance water filtration and reduce runoff, and provides numerous outreach programs to inform and educate the community about protecting our waterways