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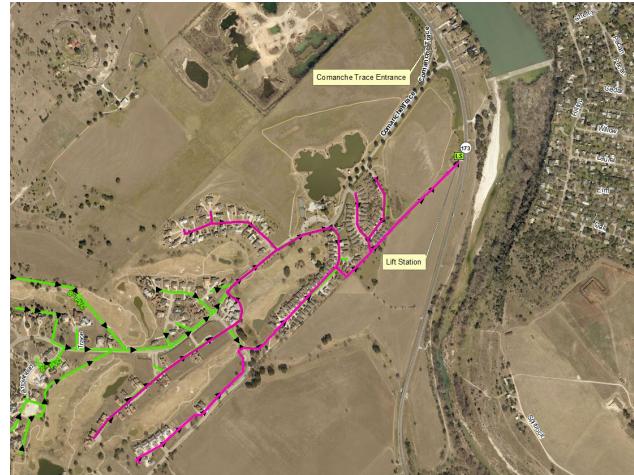
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City to conduct smoke testing June 14-15 at Comanche Trace

Kerrville, Texas (June 12, 2023) – The City of Kerrville’s Wastewater Collections department will be performing smoke testing in the Comanche Trace subdivision on Wednesday and Thursday, June 14-15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

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 a heavy rain won't overwhelm the sanitary sewer system or interfere with the operation of the wastewater treatment plant.

During the test, City of Kerrville employees will blow a 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 detect smoke on your premises, do not be alarmed. Open a door or window for ventilation and call the number listed below to report the smoke. Smoke should only enter your premises if the traps in your home are dry or defective, or if you have uncapped or broken drain pipes.

The June 14 smoke testing will begin near Lift Station and work through Indian Wells Drive, Rock Barn Drive, Pinnacle Club Drive, and Toscano Drive.

The June 15 smoke testing will begin on Comanche Trace Road, Dry Hollow Drive, Mulligan Way, and Double Eagle Drive.

Some street crossover will occur because of sewer system connections.

For more information or to report an issue, call Wastewater Collections Superintendent Matthew Zapata at (830) 258-1224.

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