

CLARIFICATION ON PROGRAM TO INSURE WATER AND SEWER LINES

Within the past several weeks, Lexington residents should have received one or more letters from Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA), offering insurance coverage on the water and sewer/septic lines that run from the City Meters to your home. They also offer a plan to protect you from water or sewer leaks within your home itself.

I discussed this issue in my column several weeks ago, but I thought that I might go back and revisit the topic again this week, since there appears to be some confusion in the Community, as some folks who have received the letter(s) seem to believe that this is a program or a service that is being officially endorsed by the City of Lexington.

As I pointed out in my original article, the Lexington City Council voted several months ago to allow SLWA to offer a voluntary program to Lexington residents that would provide protection from any leaks in your water or sewer/septic system that occurs on your property or inside of your home. The City is responsible for leaks up to and including their meter and sewer/septic equipment, but the property owner is responsible for anything on your property itself.

The City Council agreed to allow this company to offer this insurance, only as a potential voluntary service to any Lexington residents who choose to take advantage of it. The City has not endorsed this service, and we are not involved in any formal partnership with this company. In Fact, if you will look near the bottom of the first letter that you received from SLWA, you will see the statement that says; **“The City of Lexington has no responsibility for the program being provided by SLWA. These programs are managed by SLWA, and no public funds were used for the mailing of this letter.”**

I might add that this program being offered by SLWA is endorsed by both the Missouri Municipal League and the National League of Cities, so the program apparently has a good track record of success to date. But again, bear in mind that whether you choose to participate in this program or not, is entirely up to you, and there is no Financial or other type of incentive for the City of Lexington, if you do participate. Also, it has been brought to my attention, that some

Homeowners Insurance policies offer protection for water and sewer leaks, so you might want to check your Homeowners Policy to see if you are already covered.

I hope that this helps to clear up any possible confusion, surrounding this issue, but, if any of you should have further questions, feel free to call me at City Hall at 660 259 4633.