

Good afternoon residents,

City staff recently met with the General Contractor and representatives of Buchanan Energy to discuss their redevelopment project at 1313 Half Day Rd. A summary construction schedule has not been provided yet, but we wanted to give you an update on when the project will resume and several other aspects of the work that will be taking place.

Construction work is anticipated to resume on Monday, February 29, 2016 under permits issued previously by the City for demolition of the buildings and parking lot. A permit has not been issued yet by the State for the installation of the new underground fuel storage tanks. However, other construction work on the site that is authorized under permits issued by the City will begin after the demolition work has been completed. The City will be notified by the State Fire Marshal's Office when a permit has been issued for the underground fuel tanks. The State Fire Marshal's Office and the City's Fire Department will be on site for the installation. The City will provide updates as they come available.

The contractor will be installing screening on the chain link fence to help provide better protection from dust and debris, and to better secure the site.

A number of permits have been issued by the City for this project. The following link to the City's web site will allow you to see the current status of inspections under these permits as the project progresses:

<https://webapps.cityhpil.com/Default.asp?Build=PM.pmPermit.SearchForm&Mode=OpenByKey>. The home screen provides users the opportunity to search for a permit by address, owner's name, permit number and other information and see the current results of inspections for the project.

The new specifications for the vacuums have not been submitted at this time. Our request that the vacuums be located further west on the property was turned down because Bucky's indicated it would create a number of challenges for their site. However, they have indicated a willingness to move them further South on the site.

We have requested that the Lynn Terrace residents abutting the property receive written communication from the contractor in advance of any work that will take place in the Lynn Terrace right-of-way. A copy of this communication will also be provided to the City so it can be posted on the City's web site (www.cityhpil.com/buckys), along with other updates for the project.

Please be assured that inspections will be performed at various stages during the construction project to insure that the work is being performed is in compliance with both City and State Codes.

Nick Licari, City Building/Housing Inspector, has been assigned to oversee this project on behalf of the City. If you have any specific questions pertaining to construction, you may contact Inspector Licari at nicari@cityhpil.com. If you have other questions, you are welcome to contact me. We will continue to provide you regular updates pertaining to this development. Thank you -

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