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Water Leak Detection Survey Starts Monday

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Dubuque residents will see their neighborhood fire hydrants receiving a “check-up” over the next several weeks as a leak detection survey of Dubuque’s water distribution system is conducted.

The City of Dubuque has contracted with Westrum Leak Detection Inc. of Stratford, Iowa, to perform the survey which is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 25, and run through August 8. The work will be conducting during the day and evening hours, including weekends.

A Westrum Leak Detection employee will visit each of the approximately 2,400 public fire hydrants in Dubuque to “listen” to the hydrant with special equipment. If any water noise is heard, a follow-up visit to that site (typically in evening hours when water usage is low) will be made to correlate between fire hydrants, or fire hydrants and water valves in the street, to pinpoint any potential leaks in water mains or private water service lines.

Leak detection surveys were conducted in 1999, 2011, and in 2014. The information gathered from the survey will be used to prioritize preventative maintenance and repairs to the water distribution system. For additional information on this project, contact City of Dubuque Water Distribution Supervisor Brant Schueller at 563-589-4303 or bschueller@cityofdubuque.org.

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