



NORWALK PARKING AUTHORITY

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MUCH NEEDED REPAIR WORK SCHEDULED FOR HAVILAND PARKING DECK

The Haviland Deck will undergo much needed structural repairs, starting just after the SoNo Arts Festival around August fourth. The estimated cost is \$1.0 million and funding was approved by the Common Council as part to the fiscal year 2008-09 capital budget. The scheduled work will include concrete repairs, a new membrane and waterproofing. The work is expected to be completed no later than mid November. In order to efficiently and safely perform this work, the deck will be closed during the four-month construction period, and will reopen around mid November.

The project is part of an ongoing effort by the Parking Authority to improve the city's parking infrastructure and overall transportation system. "Capital repairs are an immediate priority and the most pressing need is the Haviland Deck," said Hal Alvord, Director of Public Works. "As with any man-made structure, garages have a shelf life. The structures need to be properly maintained and repaired to achieve the optimum shelf life. Over the years, the Haviland Deck has been subjected to both weather elements and budgetary maintenance cuts," added Alvord.

"We understand that this will be an inconvenience to the public, however, we have a very short window of opportunity," said Kathryn Hebert, Administrative Services Manager for the City of Norwalk. "Just like repairing a highway or a bridge, there is no good time to do it. Because specialty structural concrete repairs cannot be performed during the winter, we must complete the work in the warmer weather. After mid-November we are taking a chance with the weather, and in order to complete the work on time, the deck must be closed during the entire construction period," Hebert added.

During the renovations, monthly permit holders will be reassigned to the Maritime Garage. Hourly parkers are encouraged to use the Webster Lot or the Maritime Garage. Regular updates will be posted on the Parking Authority's website at www.norwalkct.org.

For more information, people can contact the Parking Authority office at 203-831-9063 or by emailing at customerservice@norwalkct.org.

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