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**CITY OF NEWPORT
REPAIRING WATER BREAKS
AND SEEKING PUBLIC HELP
IN LOCATING AN ADDITIONAL LEAK**

Newport Public Works Director, Tim Gross, reported that “several water line breaks have recently appeared in various parts of the city. The water breaks are in the process of being repaired, while the location of other leak has yet to be located, and the city is requesting the public’s assistance in finding this leak.”

Gross stated that “a leak was reported in the vicinity of NW 60th and Rhododendron Streets.” The water has been shut off since last night, but it is anticipated this leak will be repaired today.

A series of leaks have occurred in the area of NE 71st Street over the past week. This location is in a landslide area, and when the earth moves, sections of water pipe are pulled apart, creating leaks. The recent wet weather has caused more earth movement than is typically seen in drier conditions. Residents and businesses in this area will experience periods without water over the next three days as city crews work to repair this break.

Finally, city staff has determined that there is a substantial water leak somewhere between Highway 20 and the Bayfront. The city is urging residents and business owners to be alert. If you see water running in a location where it has not previously been seen, or if you notice a significant decrease in water pressure, these could be signs that the leak is nearby. Contact Tim Gross, at 541.574.3369, immediately if you observe these conditions.

Residents are encouraged to have a 72-hour supply of water, and to conserve water. Water is available at the City Shops, located at 845 NE Third Street. Anyone obtaining water from the City Shops must bring their own water containers.

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