

## Frank, Kyle

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**Sent:** Sunday, May 17, 2020 13:03  
**To:** Frank, Kyle; Mohr, Thomas; Fahrney, John; bhoffman@cityofmadison.com; Heck, Patrick; Mayor; Corin Frost  
**Subject:** Please stop sewer project on Gorham

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Dear City of Madison.

We received your notice that the City of Madison has decided to proceed with sewer work on our street at our expense this July. This is not the time to do it. This work needs to be postponed until there is a vaccine for Coronavirus.

Several of us are small business owners, struggling to keep our businesses open. That is true of myself. I'm mostly out of work. Being in the theatrical film industry, my work has been crushed while I'm forced to socially distance at home. I'm currently surviving on PPP funding from the SBA. Also true of my neighbors. Several others on this street are unemployed, or are property owners who have renters that are unemployed. The city should not ask us to pay thousands of dollars during this unprecedented time—and a 3% interest rate is salt in the wound.

Further, I went through this very same sewer replacement procedure on Rutledge Street at Orton Park a few years ago. The process creates an unbelievable amount of dust particles which COVID-19 can attach itself to, and float into our homes. And it does, a LOT of it—I know, I lived it. It also requires a large amount of workers to spend weeks in front of our houses, which on Gorham as you know, our houses are only a few feet from the road. This makes it impossible for us to socially distance from the workers. You can put COVID-19 straight into our houses. If you're out there working for "75 to 90 days" as the notice states, working hard and getting sweaty, that's a probability.

Another concern is that my wife Corin is working from home, as well as myself. As a member of the management team for Madison's Delve (formerly Design Concepts), she conducts hours of meeting daily, just feet from the road. The noise created by this procedure is absolutely Hellacious and unendurable for 12 hours a day. There is no way she can conduct business in this environment. This further imperils our financial stability.

The State Supreme Court has now taken this completely out of our hands. There is no state standard, no national standard. We have to survive despite the obviously poor choices made by our government on a national and state level. We are forced to stay home. Now, a second wave of Covid combined with seasonal flu seems imminent. We greatly appreciate the work of then City of Madison and Dane County to apply rules locally. However, creating a cloud of Covid in front of our home for three months, and filching our SBA loan we cannot abide.

To proceed with this work at this time would endanger our lives, and imperil our financial futures. We implore the City of Madison to reschedule this work which is not immediately of import. It would be more dangerous to us to let the work proceed than not. I'm in a high risk category, on medication, and I don't want to die for a sewer upgrade.

Please, delay the project and keep crews away from our house until the Covid pandemic is under control. If the city proceeds with this, the situation for us is so serious, we will be forced to sell our home, so I am prepared to take any legal and community action I can to halt this construction. Being temporarily unemployed, I have more than enough of time to organize neighbors and file paperwork.

Sincerely,  
Matt & Corin Frost  
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