

GERMANTOWN COURT LLC
109 S 13TH STREET, 3B
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19107

March 12, 2021

RE: 6332R Cherokee St. Philadelphia, PA 19144

To Whom it May Concern:

On or before October 29th, 2019, Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) ran a new gas line from the street, up the driveway and into 6332R Cherokee St. PGW excavated about (3) feet down and a distance of (150) feet from the curb to the property. After a few weeks, water was pooling at the top of the driveway above the pavement/backfill from PGW. PGW, The Philadelphia Water Department and Germantown Court, LLC's plumber, 3DM, were contacted to decipher what the problem was.

On or about December 30th, 2019, the owner of 6332R Cherokee St scheduled 3DM and PGW to meet on-site and perform a test dig to the area that was pooling water. While waiting for a representative from PGW to arrive, another PGW employee, who was in the area, arrived on-site. He stated he was at 6332R Cherokee Street previously to run the new gas line. He stated the water line from the street to the curb was broken when PGW excavated and that PGW replaced it with copper during their excavation. It should be noted that the pipe from the curb to the property was old, galvanized piping that was brittle. In the owner's opinion, any disturbance such as excavating close to that pipe could have caused the water line to break, in which it did. When speaking with Joseph Solomon, our Property Manager, he expressed that he would not be surprised if PGW broke the other pipe up the driveway since both lines were directly on top of each other.

During the meeting, the water was turned off from the curb, and it stopped pooling at the top of the driveway.

Darnell, with PGW, inspected the driveway and leak coming from PGW's trench. (The trench dug by PGW to run their new gas line and backfilled with blacktop). The location where the water was pooling from PGW's trench was excavated.

Upon excavating, a broken 90-degree elbow water line, about (12) inches below the new gas line, was discovered.

The water line from the curb to the home needed to be replaced with copper due to it having to be galvanized. The work was commenced that day, a (150) foot copper line was ran from the curb to the water meter, and a week later, 3DM covered with black top.

KEY NOTES:

- The owner of 6332R Cherokee St had not previously had a problem with the water line in the years owning the property.
- PGW was originally on-site to replace the gas line.
- A PGW employee confirmed, on site with Joseph Solomon, that when they were installing the new gas line, they broke the existing water line at the curb and PGW repaired it without informing the owners.
- Days after PGW backfilled their trench with dirt and blacktop, water was pooling from the ground in the exact location they trenched at the top of the driveway.
- 3DM, a city approved plumber, dug up the trench to find PGW's gas line directly above our broken water line.
- 3DM, Joseph Solomon, and a representative for PGW, witnessed the gas line (12) inches directly above our broken water line.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to reach out.



Germantown Court, LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS DAY SERVED A TRUE COPY OF THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL ON 3/12/21 UPON THE PARTICIPANTS LISTED BELOW, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 52 PA CODE §1.54 (RELATING TO SERVICE BY A PARTICIPANT).

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