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Staff have been recently working on storm / flood cleanup. All catch basins on Rector Street have had any mud deposited by the flooding removed with the Vactor.

Jiffy Construction and staff will be replacing a section of storm Culvert at Fir/Second Street. Until then, a tarp has been set in place to catch the water and transfer it toward the creek to prevent further erosion of the slope. It is working well.

I have attended a couple training events held by Oregon Association of Water Utilities in the past several weeks. Of immediate interest for the city will be the EPA's new requirement for water utilities to inventory all lead service lines in their distribution systems by October 16, 2024. Any homes built after 1986 will not need to be examined in the field, since lead service lines were banned in 1985. Staff will aim to have the inventory complete by late Spring. This will require physically examining each line both on city and private property in a small area exposed at the meter connection. All results will be documented on a spreadsheet and submitted to the Oregon Health Authority. Property owners are required to be notified if they have lead service lines but are not required to replace them if they do not wish to.