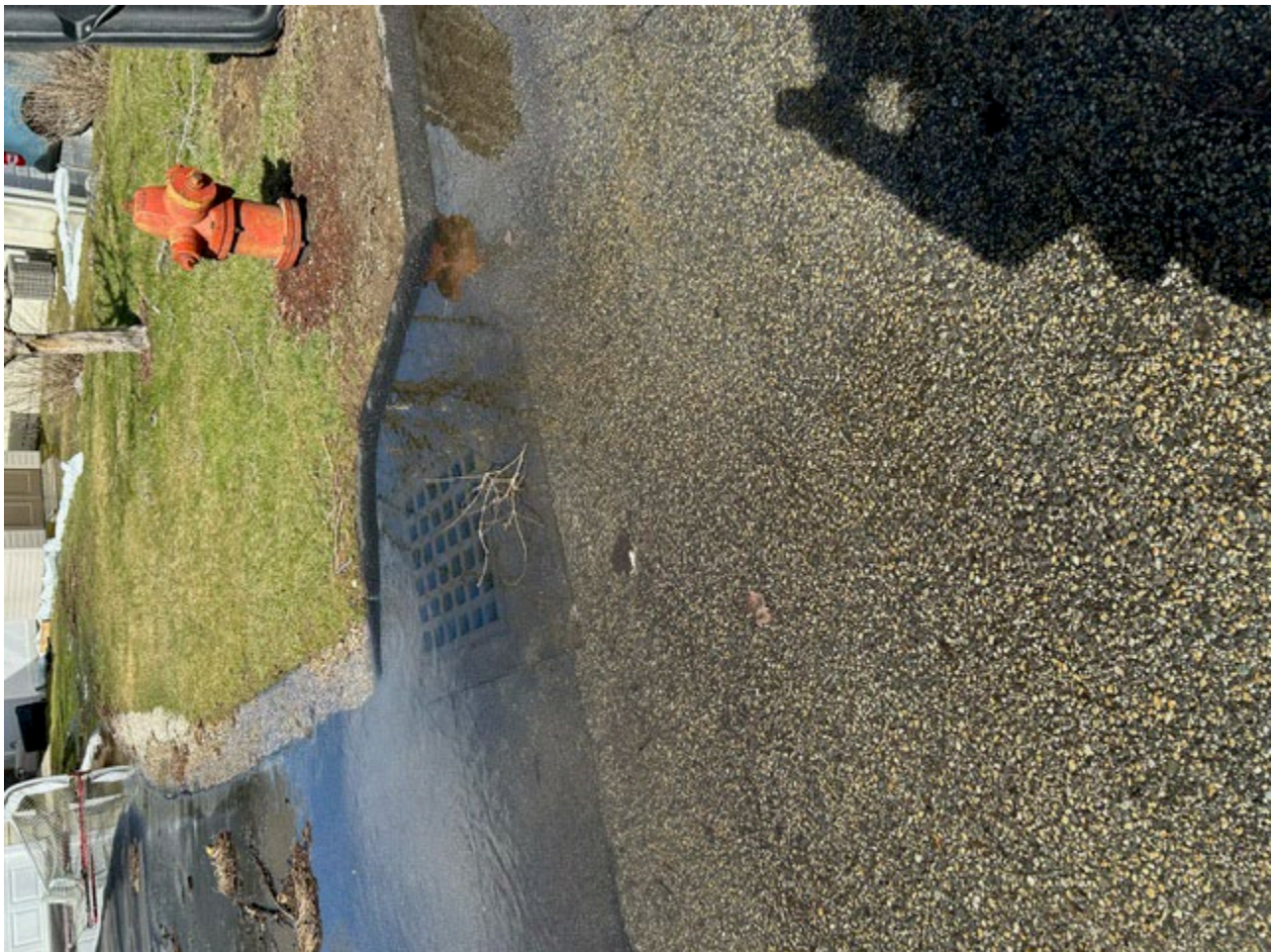


**From:** Laurie <[laurieodonnell29@comcast.net](mailto:laurieodonnell29@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 3:08:31 PM  
**To:** Byron J. Lane [Council] <[BLane@CityofNewburyport.com](mailto:BLane@CityofNewburyport.com)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Marquand Lane water issues

Hi Byron,

This is Laura O'Donnell at 29 Marquand Lane. The water / storm drain issue continues to be a big issue in my neighborhood. None of the storm drains work and is causing major flooding. This weekend my basement flooded again. All of my camping stuff in my garage is ruined. Dry wall, 2 beds, luggage, Christmas tree, and a multitude of other items in my basement are all ruined. This also has become a safety issue as the "culvert" across the street is filled to the top and kids are playing in it (about 5 feet deep). The water fills this culvert and comes across the street into my driveway and into my basement. I did talk to DPS this morning to see if they could possibly pump the water out of that to a working storm drain and he said they wouldn't be touching a culvert. He also said the infrastructure in this neighborhood was not done correctly and there is no money in the budget to fix it. And this year's budget isn't until July. I cannot have my basement continually flooding there has to be a workaround that can be done until the budget is in place. Doing nothing is unacceptable! Thanks! Laura









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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Laurie <[laurieodonnell29@comcast.net](mailto:laurieodonnell29@comcast.net)>  
**Date:** March 10, 2024 at 8:04:53 AM EDT  
**To:** Sean Reardon <[SReardon@cityofnewburyport.com](mailto:SReardon@cityofnewburyport.com)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Marquand Lane water issues

Hi This is Laura again.....

I am at 29 Marquand Lane. Something has to be done with the storm drain issue in my neighborhood. Today is the third time my basement is flooding. My neighborhood is under water. I can only imagine what it's going to cost to fix my basement. This has been going on for 3 years this year being the worst! I feel like the city just yes's me and nothing is getting resolved. I would figure by now there would be some sort of work started or some kind of workaround. Looking forward to hearing from you on this matter .



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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Laura O'Donnell <[laurieodonnell29@comcast.net](mailto:laurieodonnell29@comcast.net)>  
**Date:** January 10, 2024 at 10:30:05 AM EST  
**To:** Sean Reardon <[SReardon@cityofnewburyport.com](mailto:SReardon@cityofnewburyport.com)>  
**Subject: Re: Marquand Lane water issues**

Thank you for getting back to me. This has been an issue for about 3 years. I've talked with Ron Keefe, Byron, and DPS all are aware of the issue. They are telling me it's a funding issue. How do we get funds to fix the water problem in this neighborhood? I feel like I am going around in circles and nobody is fixing the problem.

I've been told this is NOT a city problem. If it's no a city problem whose problem is it? I am not the only one impacted by this.

On Jan 10, 2024, at 9:59 AM, Sean Reardon <[SReardon@cityofnewburyport.com](mailto:SReardon@cityofnewburyport.com)> wrote:

Hi Laura,

Thank you for letting me know. I am so sorry this is happening. That's was an incredible amount of rain last night combined with all the snow from the weekend is a dangerous season. I am copying DPS leadership on this email. They can bring down engineering and assess the drainage issue.

Respectfully,

Sean Reardon  
Mayor  
City of Newburyport  
60 Pleasant St.  
PO Box 550  
Newburyport, MA 01950  
978-465-4411

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**From:** Laura O'Donnell <[laurieodonnell29@comcast.net](mailto:laurieodonnell29@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024 9:45 AM  
**To:** Sean Reardon <[SReardon@CityofNewburyport.com](mailto:SReardon@CityofNewburyport.com)>  
**Subject:** Marquand Lane water issues

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Hi Mr. Mayor,

We have been dealing with water issues for the past 3 years on Marquand Lane. The drains are clogged and water is backing up and coming across the street and flooding my basement. I've been working with Ron Keefe who said I should contact my city council and you. I am attaching some pictures for you to see what is happening. We need to have this fixed.

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