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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 026-2019

To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 
Date: February 8, 2019
Subject: **Water Main Break at 9800 Block of Collins Avenue**

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to advise you of the water main break and ongoing repair at the 9800 block of Collins Avenue.

At approximately 4:00 am today, Friday, February 8, 2019, the Village Police Department was notified of a water main break at the 9800 block of Collins Avenue (front lawn of the Balmoral). Immediately, the emergency public works staff was dispatched to contain the leak and attempt to fix the main break. Unfortunately, the size and damage incurred by the pipe necessitated traffic on northbound Collins Avenue to be reduced to a single lane to facilitate repair operations.

At approximately 2:00 pm, after major and difficult excavation shovel work, including the removal of a large palm tree and root system, it was determined that the source of the break was a cracked water pipe connection above the saddle to the water meter service. This connection will be abandoned and capped, with new piping installed to restore adequate service.

As of this writing, the public works crew is installing the new pipe line and anticipate all work to be completed by 10:00 pm tonight.

I want to thank Michael Alvarez, our Utility Compliance Officer, and our entire Public Works team who worked very hard to contain and resolve this situation in such a professional and efficient manner.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

JMG/MA/DM/AC