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NOTICE OF CLAIM FORM

ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
295 MAIN STREET – ROOM 350
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14203-2494
(716) 849-8465

Claimant(s) Name	Joseph W Ball		
Address	49 Kim Circle, Williamsville, NY, 14221	Cell Phone #	716-[redacted]
Email Address	716[redacted]	Home Phone #	

Accident / Damage / Injury Location	Damage		
Date of Incident	2018	Time of Incident	AM a.m. / p.m.
Police Contacted?	~~Yes~~ / No	Police Report Taken?	~~Yes~~ / No
Name of Police Agency	None		

PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIMS ONLY
If this is not your property, give the name and address of the owner:

N/A if not applicable

Name			
Address		Zip Code	
Home Phone #		Work Phone #	

PLEASE ATTACH ESTIMATES

Repair Estimates	$Repair Cost Estimate not determined	$

PROPERTY DAMAGE AND PERSONAL INJURY WITNESSES

Name	Joseph W Ball	Name	
Address	49 Kim Circle, Williamsville, NY, 14221	Address	
Phone	716[redacted]	Phone	

Attach copies of Medical bills once submitted to health insurance or automobile insurance.

ONLY PROVIDE COPIES OF THE MEDICAL BILLS. DO NOT PROVIDE MEDICAL RECORDS WITH THIS CLAIM FORM.

RECEIVED
OCT 14 2026
By BNS

General Information :

You must first file a Notice of Claim before starting any action or special proceeding for personal injury, wrongful death or damage to real or personal property alleged to have been sustained by reason of the negligence or wrongful act of the Erie County Water Authority or of any officer, agent or employee thereof (General Municipal Law §50-i.)If you desire to file a claim against the Erie County Water Authority, please consider the following information.

BY LAW A NOTICE OF CLAIM MUST BE FILED WITH THE AUTHORITY WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE ALLEGED ACCIDENT/INCIDENT/OCCURANCE UPON WHICH THE CLAIM IS PREDICATED UPON.

A "Notice of Claim" is a notice to the Erie County Water Authority of your claim against the Erie County Water Authority.

The contents of a Notice of Claim are set forth in the New York General Municipal Law § 50-e (2). A Notice of Claim must include: (1) the name and post office address of each claimant, and of his/her attorney, if any; (2) the nature of the claim; (3) the time when, the place where and the manner in which the claim arose; and (4) the items of damage or injuries claimed to have been sustained so far as then practicable.

If you wish to file a claim against the Erie County Water Authority for property damage or personal injury, please follow the procedure as outline below.

In addition to the above 1-4 your claim should include:

A. A written statement supporting the claim for which you are seeking recovery, including date, location, persons and property involved. **THIS MUST BE NOTARIZED**.

B. Documentation of your claim:

   a. Proof of Ownership (Deed, Title, Registration, etc.). Deed is provided

   b. If medical expenses are being claimed - provide copies of bills or receipts of payment. **DO NOT provide any medical records.** No medical bills

   c. Evidence of any amounts you are claiming. This may be supplemented as time goes on. Repair Cost has not been estimated.

   d. Names of Erie County Water Authority employees or their agents with whom you have communicated regarding this claim.

I've communicated with Molly Jo Musarra. Claims Representative/Risk Manager, Erie County Water Authority, Office: (716) 849-8465, Cell: (716) 923-3598, Email: mmusarra@ecwa.org

A Notice of Claim, by law, cannot contain within its wording the amount of damages alleged to have been suffered. You should, however, attach to it a listing of damages/losses and/or an estimate of damages, copies of receipts, and/or any other documentation you may have to support your proposed losses.

Your claim is not considered submitted, nor proper notice received, unless the Notice of Claim Form is properly completed, signed, and Notarized.

Speaking to any Erie County Water Authority employee or a letter without all of the requested information and notarization does not constitute proper notice.

The completed Notice of Claim form must be served **in person** on the Erie County Water Authority, **or, delivered by Certified or Registered Mail to the address below**:

Erie County Water Authority
Attn. Claims Department
295 Main Street, Room 350
Buffalo, NY 14203

Improperly served claims will be rejected. Please see General Municipal Law, Section 50-e for further information.

A NOTICE OF CLAIM MAY NOT BE FILED ELECTRONICALLY UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

The receipt of a Notice of Claim Form against the Erie County Water Authority is not an admission by the Erie County Water Authority of liability for the alleged damage or injury, nor is it a promise to pay for the injury or property damage.

Once the claim form is received, it will be forwarded to the Authority's Claims Representative and Legal Department for review. Every effort will be made to handle your claim as quickly as possible.

IF you have filed a claim with your insurance company provide information indicating a filing of the claim including; the claim number, amount of claim, name of the insurance company, and adjuster, and the amount that the insurance company paid. Also, provide evidence as to the amount of your deductible by sending a copy of the declarations page of your policy.

Once information on a claim is received, an investigation is started to determine if the Erie County Water Authority is liable. All of the above information is necessary to start the investigation. Please submit insurance information and your Notice of Claim immediately. A written statement for the total amount of the claim must be provided.

If your claim has been allowed and an amount agreed upon, you will be sent a General Release to sign. You must return that release before your claim can be processed. It may take many weeks after approval of your claim before you receive a check from the Erie County Water Authority or our insurance company.

Claimant's Statement (please print legibly and be specific):

In 2018 the water line shut off valve in front of my house was replaced. Soon after, the storm pipes leading from my house, to the street, began to back up. At that time, I didn't now how the stormwater pipes were routed.

I called to water authority to complain, that when the water line shut off valve was replaced, my storm pipe was damaged, and now my storm pipe backs up.

The contractor said when they replaced the water line shut off valve, they didn't see a storm pipe. They came back, dug up my front yard again, and said they still couldn't find the storm pipe.

Since 2018, I've had to divert the water onto my front lawn. I recently contacted a plumber, to investigate the storm pipe and estimate the repair. The plumber said he thought the stormpipe runs past the water line shut off valve, to the street.

The plumber recommended to go to the Town of Amherst, plumbing department, for a copy of the plumbing drawing for my house. I talked to Mark Taylor, Plumbing Inspector, 716-631-7088. Mark emailed me the plumbing drawings for my house. The plumbing drawing show the storm water pipe routed to the front of my house, to the street.

The storm water pipe runs right past the water line shut off valve. From the drawings and photos, it can be seen that the storm pipe was damaged from the water line shut off valve replacement.

See attached drawings and pictures for information.

All statements herein are made under penalty of perjury.

Add Additional Pages if necessary

Date: 10/8/2026

Joseph W Ball
Claimant's Signature

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ERIE) ss:

AMY M. GLENN
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
Registration No. 01GL6295271
Qualified in Erie County
Commission Expires December 30, 2029

On this 8 day of October, 2026 before me, personally appeared, Joseph Ball personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Amy M. Glenn
Notary Public

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PLAN

No. 13832

FOR

DRAINAGE

Premises 49 Kirsten Circle

Owner M J Peterson

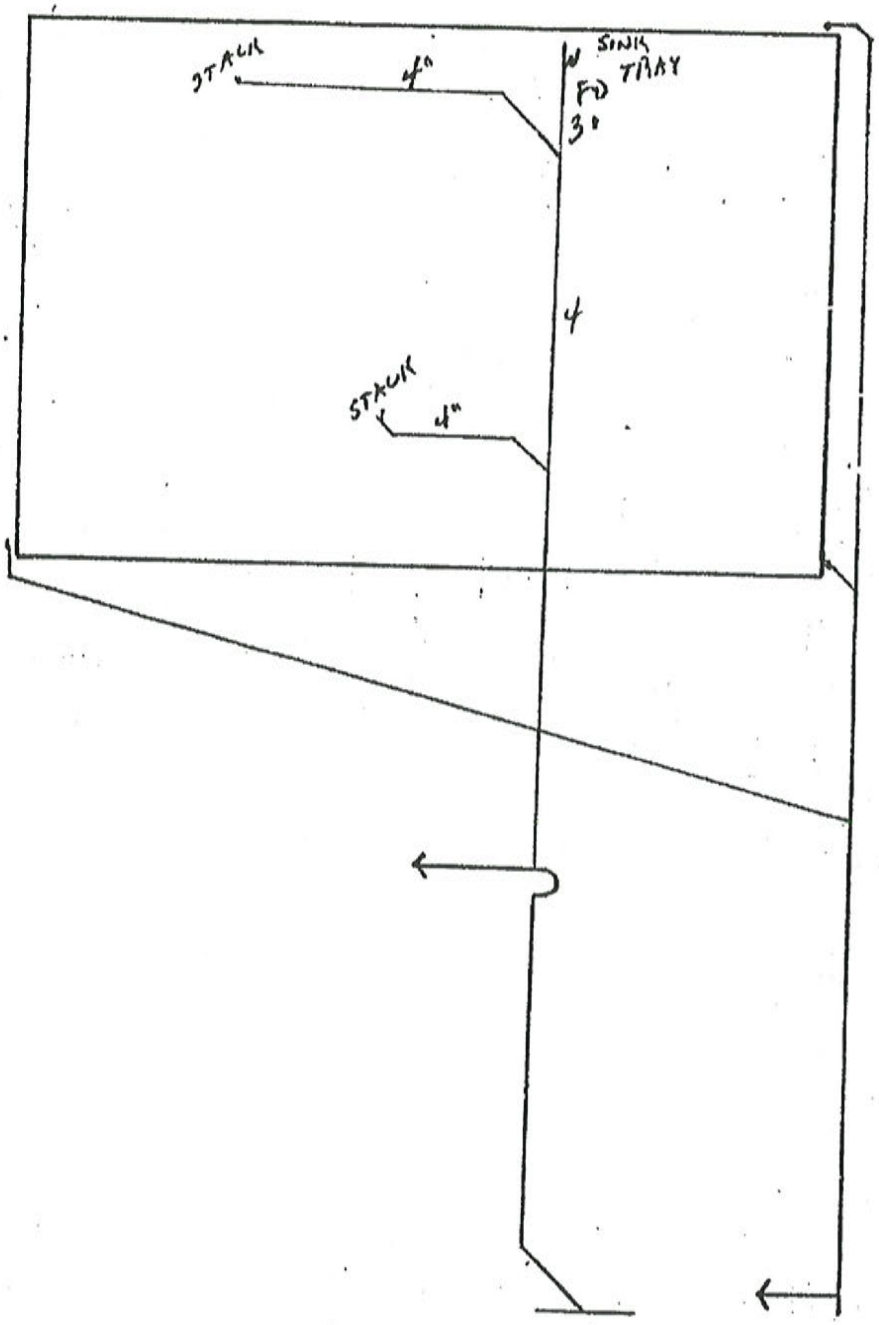
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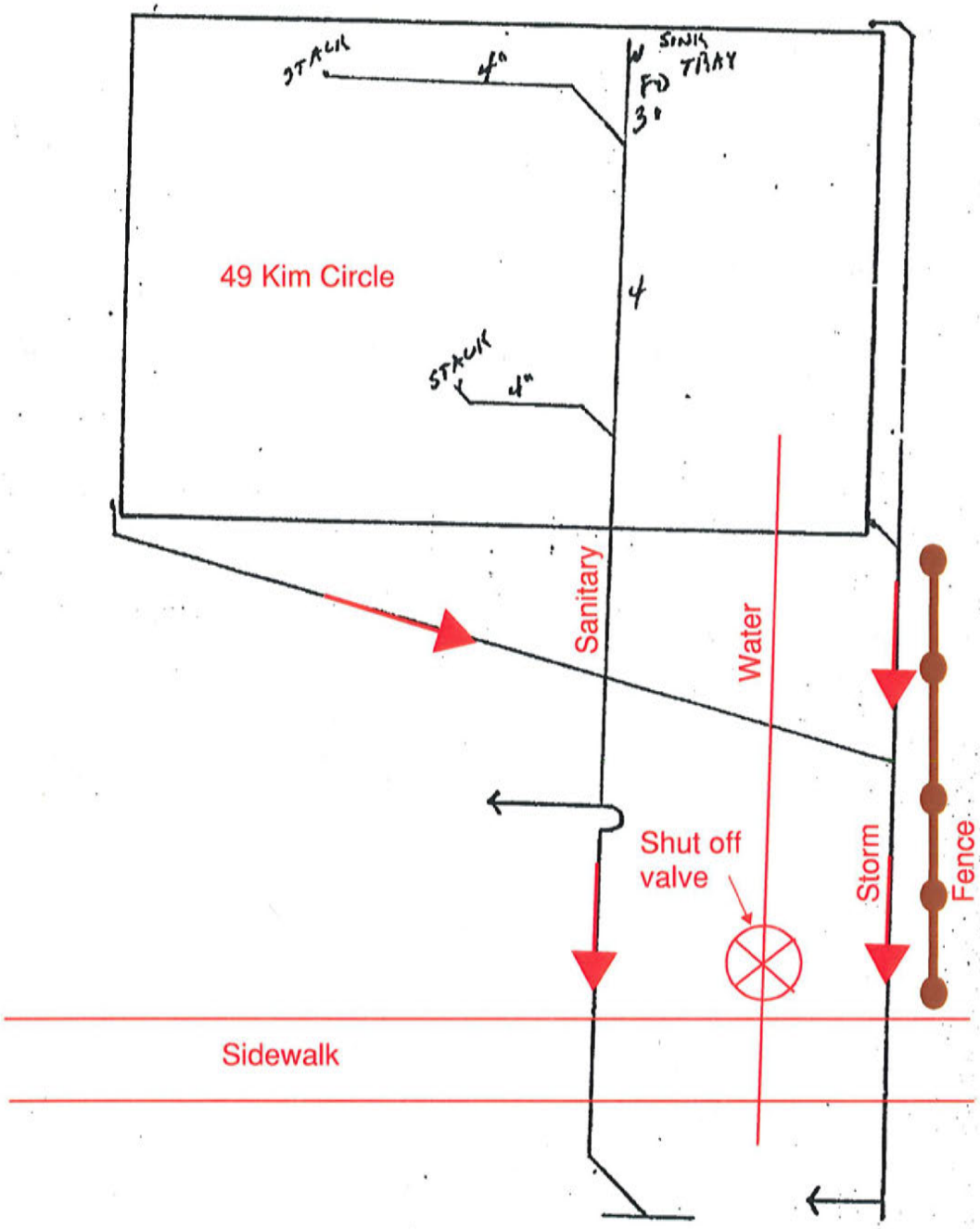
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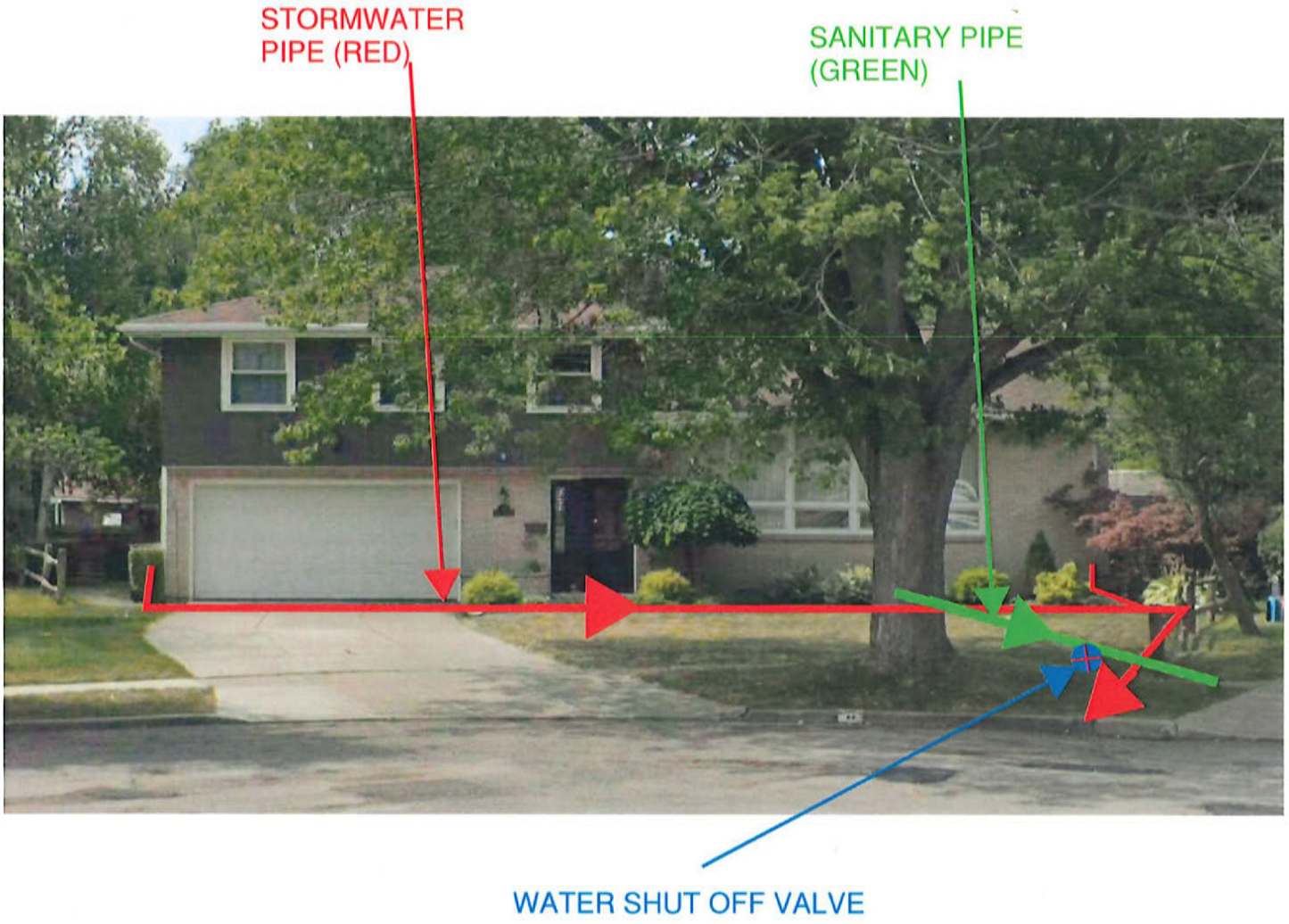
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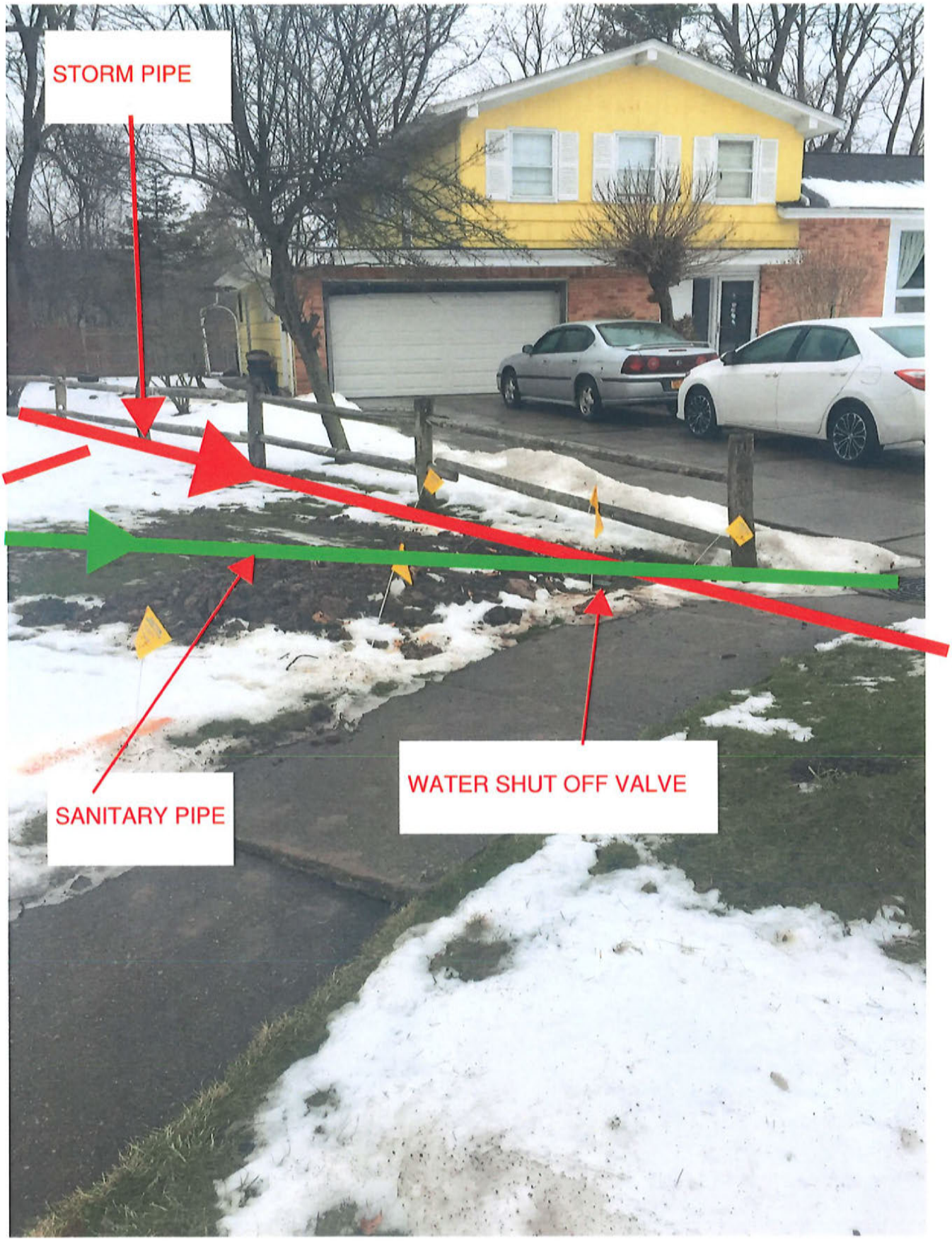
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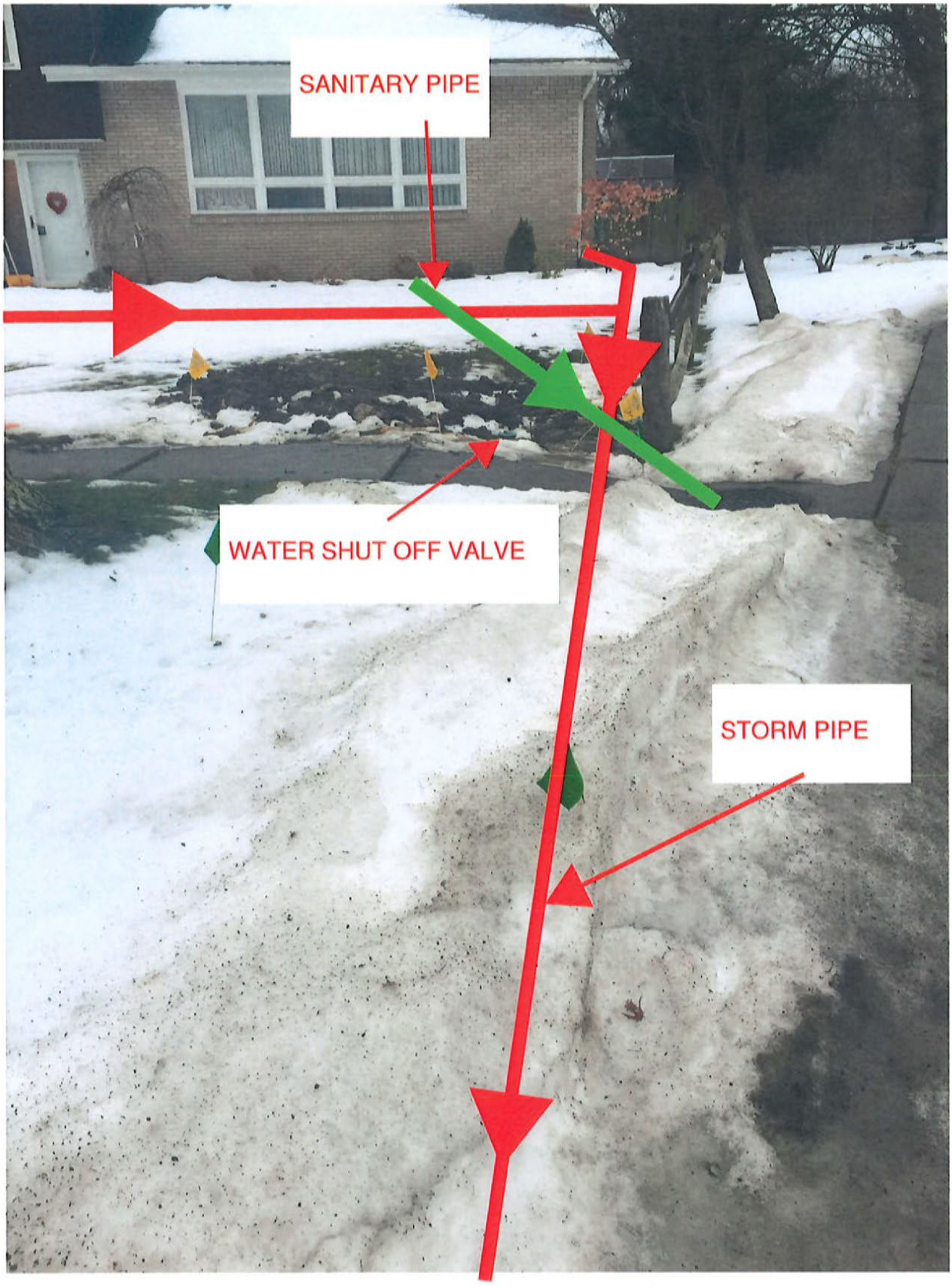

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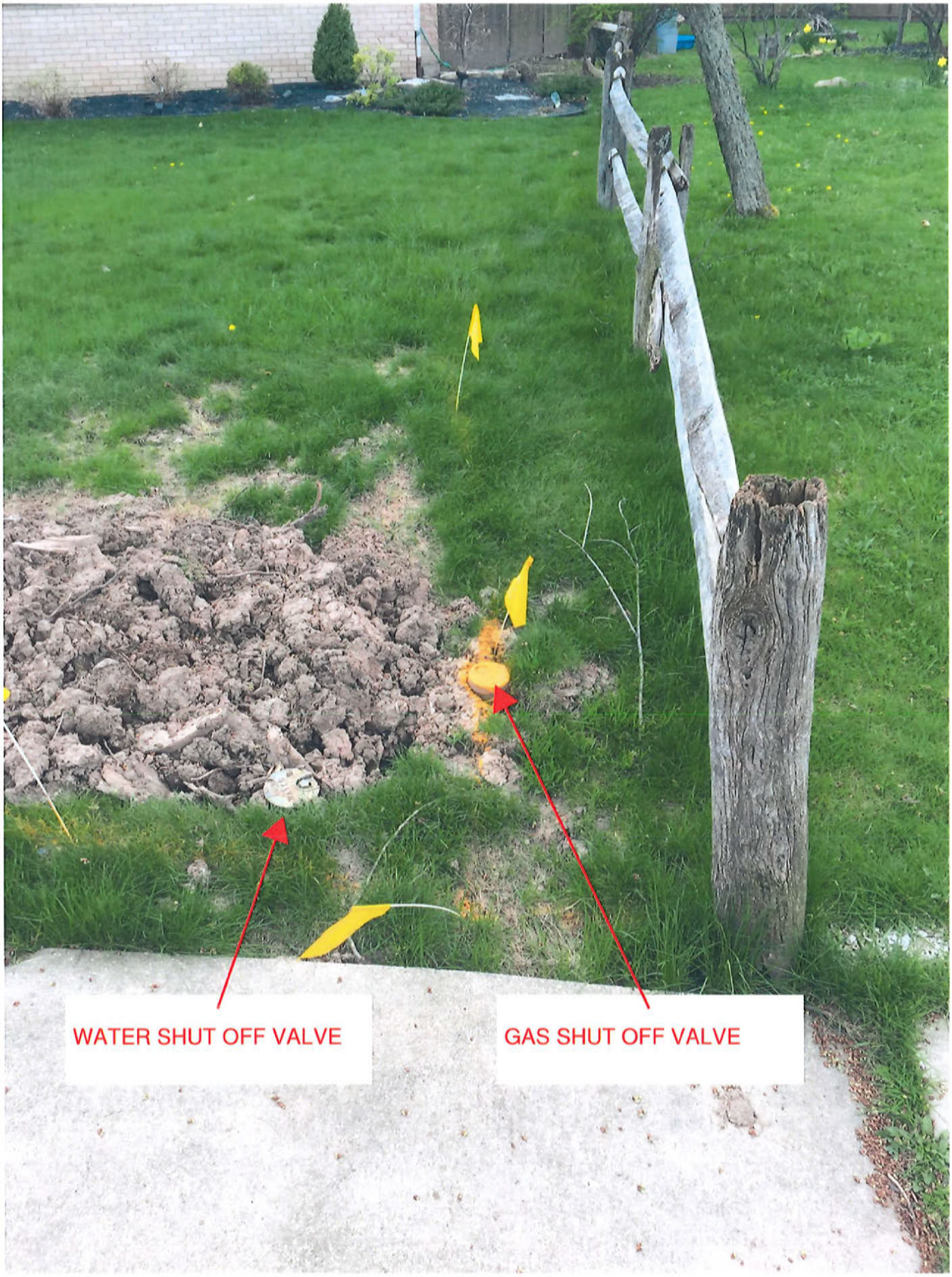


Piping Drawing Annotated by Joe Ball
10/5/2026


STORMWATER
PIPE (RED)
SANITARY PIPE
(GREEN)
WATER SHUT OFF VALVE


STORM PIPE
SANITARY PIPE
WATER SHUT OFF VALVE


SANITARY PIPE
WATER SHUT OFF VALVE
STORM PIPE


WATER SHUT OFF VALVE
GAS SHUT OFF VALVE