

Nick Rahall WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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WASHINGTON D.C. --- FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, WILL BE IN MABSCOTT FOR A COMMUNITY MEETING ON THAT AREA'S SEWER PROBLEM, ON MONDAY, MAY 5. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE MABSCOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND BEGIN AT 7:30PM. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL HAS ALSO INVITED REPRESENTATIVES FROM NUMEROUS FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ATTEND.

"THE BEST WAY TO SOLVE A PROBLEM, IS TO BRING EVERYONE WHO CAN HELP TOGETHER IN ONE ROOM," RAHALL SAID. "THIS IS MY IN-TENTION FOR THE MAY 5 MEETING, AND I FEEL THAT BY WORKING TOGETHER A SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND."

AT THE PRESENT TIME, MABSCOTT RESIDENTS EXPERIENCE SEWAGE OVERFLOWING INTO THEIR YARDS AND INTO WHITESTICK CREEK, WHENEVER IT RAINS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT PRESENT FACILITIES ARE UNABLE TO WITHSTAND THE HEAVY USE CAUSED BY THE DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE WEST BECKLEY AREA.

"THE BIG CONCERN HERE IS THE POTENTIAL HEALTH THREAT," RAHALL POINTED OUT, "AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS GIVES US A BASIS TO MOVE AHEAD WITH QUICK ACTION."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL DID POINT OUT, "I AM PLEASED WITH THE RE-SPONSE I HAVE RECEIVED TO MY INQUIRIES ON THIS MATTER FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS. THEY ARE COMMITTED TO FINDING A SOLUTION, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR MAY 5 MEETING."

RAHALL'S BECKLEY OFFICE HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE MABSCOTT SEWER PROBLEM SINCE CONTACTED IN EARLY APRIL.

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