Belmont upgrades temporarily leave residents without water

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BELMONT — Construction on the village’s water infrastructure left Belmont Middle School and some area residents without water for about four hours on Wednesday.

Crews were cutting and capping the waterline on School Street so water could make it to BMS during future work.

Busby Construction Superintendent Rick Segalini said crews were also installing new valves and making road and sidewalk improvements.

“It's just going to make the entire infrastructure better,” Segalini said.

He said they had no choice but to turn off water to some properties because there isn't a way to shut the water system down.

“We usually notify them for the entire day because you never know when you get into some of this stuff how it's going to go,” Segalini said. “We would rather be safe than sorry.”

The upgrades are a part of the Belmont Village Revitalization project's second phase. Crews will be working on School Street, Memorial Drive, Nelson Court, Gail Street, High Street, Spring Street, and Sargent Street this year.

“By the time we get done, it's going to be pretty much the entire downtown village,” Segalini said.

He said they're planning to be finished with the main construction work by mid-September and complete tying up lose ends by the end of the month.
“Our goal is to get in here and get out of here before Old Home Day, or at least get base pavement down before Old Home Day, because they do use this for a parade route,” Segalini said.

Segalini said a lot of the work involved laying temporary water systems in people's lawns to make sure they have access to water.

“The temporary line is actually the most time consuming out of any of it just because of the attention to detail and the testing,” Segalini said.

He said tests of the water have been sent to be tested before it's allowed to run through homes.

Segalini said Wednesday's heat reaching into the low 90s was affecting production, too.

“You get most of your work done from 7 a.m. until noon, because from noon on, everything just gets so bogged down,” Segalini said.