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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: PUBLIC NOTICE OF BLASTING OPERATIONS FOR THE LAKESIDE DRIVE BRIDGE OVER BLACKWATER CREEK PROJECT**

Contractors for the City of Lynchburg will begin blasting operation along Lakeside Drive beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 through approximately, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. These activities are necessary to clear rocks in order to install storm drains. Over the next month, blasting will occur periodically in mid-morning, and with weather permitting. During the time of blasts, flaggers will hold traffic a safe distance from the blast for up to 10 minutes. Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes to avoid delays for the duration of the work.

The air horns will be audible a minimum of one (1) mile from the blast site, and the following warning signs will be used during the blasting operations:

- Five minutes before the blast one long signal will be made from an airhorn
- One minute before the blast one short signal will be made from an airhorn
- One long horn after the blast to signal “all clear”

The blasts will be small and those residents and businesses who may be in the affected area will be contacted directly prior to and throughout the blasting operations.

The City of Lynchburg plans to reconstruct a new section of Lakeside Drive in order to improve traffic flow through the existing intersection at Lakeside Drive/ College Drive/ Old Forest Road and as a requested precursor to the College Lake Dam Removal project. These modifications will enhance safety and improve access to the University of Lynchburg, via Hopwood Drive.

For more information visit the project website at:  
[www.lynchburgva.gov/lakeside-drive-bridge-over-blackwater-creek](http://www.lynchburgva.gov/lakeside-drive-bridge-over-blackwater-creek).

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