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Posting: Grates in the sidewalks! Poster: Francis Sellars Date: 1 November 2006 9:02 PM	Posting 1
Does anyone remember the grates in the sidewalks that opened up so the merchants could recieve there supplies. I remember a couple of them on the south side where the old five & dime used to be. There was one in front of the jordan building also. The jordan building also had glass blocks in the sidewalks.	
Posting: Re: Grates in the sidewalks! Poster: vince cerreto Date: 1 November 2006 11:00 PM	Posting 2
Yes I do Fran.....they also used the openings to deliver coal to the furnaces in the buildings.....It was know that one of them went under Main St to the other side...can't think where it was at but I believe it was sewer pipes running under ground to the river. In time the city probably buried it, just like all the sewer pipes running into the Willimantic River.	
Posting: Re: Grates in the sidewalks! Poster: John Tormey Date: 2 November 2006 12:46 AM	Posting 3
Someting that always bothered (sickened?) me, Vince, was the fact that folks would fish for eels in the Willimantic River at the spot near Brick Row where the sewer pipes spewed their stuff. To this day I can not stand watching people eat eels. I feel the same about Bullheads. John T.	
Posting: Re: Grates in the sidewalks! Poster: vince cerreto Date: 2 November 2006 7:47 PM	Posting 4
Jt you know where I was brought up,well in the summer my mother used to give give me a bar of soap and a towel and sent me down the river to wash, much less swim in it. However every time we see these little brown things come floating by we would duck. Funny we never got sick from the filty water. Had eaten many fish from there,good,good. JT I know every square inch of the Willimantic river and I will tell you there were many pipes coming into it. Maybe this is my reason for longevity. You got to soak in a cess pool, you know like a sauna bath today.	
Posting: Re: Grates in the sidewalks! Poster: vince cerreto Date: 2 November 2006 9:24 PM	Posting 5
JT you have got a great sense of humor..... I was serious... That was relistic living in those days,of course you had a bathtub at home you would use once a week...only on demand.	
Posting: Re: Grates in the sidewalks! Poster: Francis Sellars Date: 2 November 2006 10:52 PM	Posting 6
Vin, How did you bathe in the cold weather,I hope not in the willi river. Brr Brr.	
Posting: Re: Grates in the sidewalks! Poster: vince cerreto Date: 3 November 2006 9:00 AM	Posting 7
Hi Fran,havent't heard from you in a long tine....Its cold here today in Daytona,hows Bradenton? As far as taking a bath in the winter. Well we would put a kettle of water on the kerosine stove to get hot water and do our thing.	
Posting: Re: Grates in the sidewalks! Poster: John Tormey Date: 3 November 2006 1:14 PM	Posting 8
Vince: It wasn't me who removed my post. I guess I got censored. Probably for using the word "soap." Or maybe it was the image of the talking eels. jt	
Posting: Re: Grates in the sidewalks! Poster: vince cerreto Date: 3 November 2006 5:14 PM	Posting 9

You have to have a sense of humor or your dead in the water.

"Thanks John"

Fran are you still with us?

Posting:	Re: Grates in the sidewalks!	Posting 10
Poster:	Francis Sellars	
Date:	3 November 2006 8:13 PM	

JT,  
It wasn't Vince that was dead in the water. Remember what Vince said about the little brown things floating by they were dead.

Posting:	Re: Grates in the sidewalks!	Posting 11
Poster:	vince cerreto	
Date:	3 November 2006 9:37 PM	

Fran how did we go from Grates to stuff in the water.....

Posting:	Re: Grates in the sidewalks!	Posting 12
Poster:	John Tormey	
Date:	4 November 2006 2:14 PM	

Yeah. That's what I say.  
jt

Posting:	Re: Grates in the sidewalks!	Posting 13
Poster:	vince cerreto	
Date:	4 November 2006 4:18 PM	

eels have blue eyes.these didn't

Posting:	Re: Grates in the sidewalks!	Posting 14
Poster:	r d	
Date:	6 November 2006 3:31 PM	

How about grates in the floor? We lived in wooden clapboard house with 4 apartments on Oak st. The grate in the floor was between the living room and dining room. Heat was by a coal furnace. There was also a large lerosene bottle in the kitchen which I believe fueled the stove. The coal was delivered by truck and the driver put a large metal shut thru the basement window into the coal bin. I remember as if it happened yesteday of him lugging a large canvas bag on his back and dumping down the shut. Don't remember how many trips he made with the canvas bag or how often he filled the coal bin. I don' remember that there was any other heat sources other than the grate in the floor and the stove in the kitchen. I do remember that sometimes in the winter that you could scrape frost off the inside of the windows.