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News about activities and development at MSD

October 27, 1999

Credit OK'ed for residential customers

MSD's residential sewer customers are eligible to apply for a one-time credit for sewer service during the summer drought.

Under a plan approved by MSD's Board, residential customers may ask MSD to compare their bills for sewer service for July through October 1999 with their average usage for the same months of the previous two years. If usage was higher in 1999 than the average from their usage in 1997 and 1998, customers will receive a credit on a future bill for the difference.

While the credit only applies to sewer charges for the months of August and September 1999, MSD will compare charges for a four-month period because most customer-billing cycles overlap calendar months.

MSD will notify all residential customers by mail about the credit availability and request a postage-paid return card from those who believe they are eligible for the credit. MSD will only compare the billings of those customers who return the postage-paid card to MSD. Any credit issued will appear on future customer bills after the first of the year.

The summer of 1999 is the area's driest since 1931, with less than an inch of rain falling in Jefferson County between June 28 and Oct. 9. MSD estimates that residential customers used 641 million gallons more of water during August and September 1999 than during those months in 1998. As many as 58 percent of MSD's residential customers used more water in September 1999 than in 1998.

Residential bills for sewer service are based on the amount of water used, according to water meter readings. To account for water that isn't sent down a drain for wastewater treatment, MSD only charges residential customers for 85 percent of actual metered water usage year-round. Because the 1999 drought was so severe, the Board asked MSD staff to investigate rate relief for customers who watered lawns and trees more frequently than normal summers require.

In approving the credit for residential customers, MSD's Board exempted themselves from eligibility to apply for the credit.

Assef, Shain honored by organizations

Morris Forman Wastewater Treatment Plant Area Team Leader Saeed Assef received the Distinguished Service award from the Kentucky Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Assef was honored at the group's annual meeting earlier this month in Frankfort. A member of the organization's board and chair of the scholarship committee, Assef was recognized for establishing the scholarship fund, which has raised more than \$100,000. Each year the

ASCE Kentucky Section awards four scholarships to students pursuing civil engineering degrees at the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky.

Legal Director Carolyn Shain was among seven nominees for the River City Chapter of Business & Professional Women's 1999 Woman of Achievement. The organization recognizes one woman each year who is a role model in the workplace and the community. Shain was nominated by a group of MSD employees.

Federal dollars approved for MSD projects

Earlier this month, Congress cleared several bills that fund Housing and Urban Development, Environmental Protection Agency, Energy and Water Development and independent agency projects nationwide.

Four MSD projects were included in appropriations for the federal fiscal year 2000:

West County Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion	\$1.5 million
Metro Louisville Study	\$100,000
Mill Creek Watershed Area	\$304,000
Southwest Louisville	\$400,000

The level of funding for flood mitigation and riverine restoration in the Pond Creek Watershed has not yet been determined. The Pond Creek watershed is a priority site for riverine and ecosystem protection for these projects that are funded through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. MSD and the Corps of Engineers are currently partnered on an \$18 million flood control project in the Pond Creek watershed.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 8-Public Meetings

MSD Board Meeting, 10 a.m.,
700 W. Liberty, first floor.

Fernhaven Sewer Assessment, 7
p.m., Luhr Elementary cafeteria,
6900 Fegenbush Ln.

Pope Lick Sewer Rehab Project, 7
p.m., Hite Elementary cafeteria,
12408 Old Shelbyville Rd.



Beargrass Creek watershed area

City, MSD team for drainage project

Promoting roadside drainage will reduce street and yard flooding along Rhonda Way and Dana Drive in southwest Louisville.

Plans call for constructing defined drainage outlets along Dana Drive and Rhonda Way by installing 38 yard inlets, 2,283 feet of pipe, 37 driveway aprons, two driveways with culverts and 623 feet of roadside grade.

Pace Contracting, LLC, Louisville, will perform the work for \$93,478. Seventh Ward Alderman George Melton has agreed to co-fund the project's cost.



North County watershed area

Plans approved for drainage improvements

A project to reduce yard and home flooding in the area from Jacobs School Road to Shirley Avenue will also help eliminate roadside standing water and erosion problems in the area.

Fourteen homes will be directly impacted by the project.

Construction will be performed by Cornell Harbison Excavating, Inc., Georgetown, IN, at a cost of \$134,252. Jefferson County funded the project's design cost and NTS Corp., the developer of a neighboring subdivision, contributed \$50,000 toward the project's completion.



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As these co-workers leave their MSD careers for new challenges or well-earned relaxation, we recognize their commitment to our customers, our community and our organization. We thank them for their service and wish them the best.

Joe S. Blair, Field/Instrument Technician, 24 years' service
"Joe was the 'specialty' I&C technician, performing the projects that weren't standard. We will miss Joe's singing."-Tom Kershner, Maintenance Administrator

Charles Kenneth Brown, Senior Project Engineer, 28 years' service
"Charlie was always easy to work with and very knowledgeable about sewer projects."-Dave Schaftlein, Pond Creek Area Team leader

Michael L. Budnik, Pumping Supervisor, 24 years' service
"There has never been an organizational 'box' big enough or strong enough to contain Mike-a true team player."-Randy Bent, Urban Area Manager

Gerald W. Cobb, Master Maintenance Technician, 23 years' service
"Jerry's commitment to performing the job to the best of his ability was his greatest attribute."-Tom Kershner, Maintenance Administrator

Isaac L. Coward, Utility Worker II, 24 years' service
"As the plate truck operator, Ike knew every street in the county and how to get there."-Rick Watkins, Support Services Administrator

Woodrow W. Elliot, Utility Supervisor, 26 years' service
"Woody's floodwall experience will be missed after 26 years."-Rick Watkins, Support Services Supervisor

Johnney L. Foster, Construction Crewleader, 22 years' service
"Johnney was the type of crew leader you could depend upon to get the job done."-Dave Johnson, Maintenance Director

Harold R. Goodman, Shift Supervisor III, 23 years' service
"Harold was the Johnny Carson of MFWTP - the King of Late Night. He never, ever mentioned a problem without always suggesting a solution."-David Carty, Regional Manager

Robert L. Hanks, Facilities Manager, 19 years' service
"Bob has dealt with significant changes in his years at MSD with a humble, professional spirit. This is yet another significant change and I'm sure Bob will prevail."-James Hunt, Physical Assets Director

Kevin L. Jones, Senior Operator, 22 Years' service
"If you couldn't get along with Kevin, you could not get along with anyone."-Rhonda Hayes, Senior Operator

Alious R. Kaestner, Master Maintenance Mechanic, 22 years' service
"His dedication to other MSD employees was shown by his involvement in the employees association, team Morris Forman, and active membership in the union. It was more than just a job to him."-Tom Kershner, Maintenance Administrator

Jan Frederick Krause, Senior Technician, 31 years' service
"To get a statistically valid sample once required Hutch and Jan to climb on the pile, so they donned waders. Hutch got on first but the further he went, the deeper he sunk. Jan saved Hutch, but not his waders."-Dan Sammons, Chief Chemist

Donald R. Long, Pipe Layer II, 21 years' service
"Don always had a smile and a positive attitude about his work. His retirement will leave a void that will be difficult to fill on his crew."-Dave Johnson, Maintenance Director

David E. Manning, Master Maintenance Mechanic, 22 years' service
"Dave's ability as a Master Mechanic is exceeded only by his ability to restore an old car and make it look like a brand new classic."-Randy Bent, Urban Area Manager

James I. Masters, Jr., Telemetry Technician, 24 years' service
"I never had to worry about the MOSCAD system while Jim was on duty. He would do that for me."-Mike Budnik, Pumping Supervisor

Paul Morton, Senior Operator, 22 years' service
"One of the most versatile and dependable operators around, Paul can operate most any plant or pump station MSD has, then turn around and paint or draw just about anything."-Debbie Newton, Operations

Timothy R. O'Leary, Utility Worker I, 18 years' service
"What can I say...great job Tim!"-Tom Middeler, Sewer/Flood Protection Administrator

Michael A. Prestigiaco, Electrical Maintenance Supervisor, 14 years' service
"Presto is one-of-a-kind, and we never had to wonder what he was thinking. He pulled no punches when arguing his point of view, and he was usually right."-Randy Bent, Urban Area Manager

James L. Roby, Surface Water Technician, 23 years' service
"Jim has gone the extra mile, making sure data is collected regardless of weather conditions, time of day or week-ends."-Patti Grace-Jarrett, Water Quality/Quantity Coordinator

Ronald G. Shartzler, Master Floodwall Mechanic, 23 years' service
"Ronnie tackled every job with gusto and refused to back down from anything, or anyone."-Randy Bent, Urban Area Manager

Kenneth C. Smith, Senior Operator, 23 years' service
"What you can say about KC that hasn't already been said? He's dependable, always willing to pitch in and get the job done."-David Carty, Regional Manager

Marco A. Tanzilla, Master Maintenance Mechanic, 23 years' service
"Marco always performed whatever task was asked and he added the necessary levity to make everyone around him feel at ease."-Tom Kershner, Maintenance Administrator

Michael E. Thompson, Sewer Maintenance Supervisor, 26 years' service
"Mike was able to please the customer no matter what the circumstance. He made my job easier."-Tom Middeler, Sewer/Flood Protection Administrator

Raymond Tindle, Shift Supervisor III, 23 years' service
"You should always be careful what you ask Ray to do, because it is going to happen."-James Riley, MFWTP Operations Manager

John Vaught, Laborer, 23 years' service
"'Johnny on the spot,' what more can be said? Red tackled the jobs no one else wanted, with no arguments."-Tom Kreschner, Maintenance Administrator

REMEMBERING

MSD Retiree James Michael Clark who passed away Oct. 21. He had been a Stormwater Drainage Supervisor and with MSD for 24 years.

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