

## Trail to be built on river levee

MSD will build a trail nearly four miles long atop the Ohio River levee in southwest Jefferson County.

The Southwest Ohio River Levee Trail will begin at the public boat ramp on Greenwood Road and extend to Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremen Landing. The southwest trail is a key section of the county-wide greenway and trail system planned by MSD and other public and private organizations in the Ohio River Corridor Master Plan, according to Meme Sweets Runyon, executive director of Riverfields, Inc.

"Our goal is to build a trail along the river throughout the entire county, and this project supports that plan," Runyon said. She described the river corridor in southwest Jefferson County as "one of the most unknown and unloved areas of our county because the levee obstructs the river view and people simply can't see it." Runyon said the levee trail project would help the public better understand MSD's role in flood protection and watershed management.

MSD began developing plans for greenways and trails in 1993 to address a range of stream corridor and watershed management issues including flooding, water pollution and protection of native landscapes, according to Executive Director Gordon Garner. "We see these trails as an opportunity to link parks and community resources to residential neighborhoods, commercial centers and the riverfront," Garner said.

In addition to MSD, Metro Parks and city and county governments, Cane Run Elementary students will become a partner in cleaning up the area. Students in Dan Torpey's class got the idea after visiting Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremen Landing. "They wanted to turn this into a place they could visit with their families to observe and learn about nature," Torpey said. County personnel from Parks and Historic Properties are working with the students to involve them in the project.

MSD will construct the eight-foot-wide trail on the levee using recycled asphalt left over from other MSD construction projects. The project is expected to cost \$435,000 and MSD has already received a \$100,000 grant to help fund it. The trail will also fix levee erosion problems.

Garner said that after the trail is built grants and private contributions will be sought to pay for enhancements like signage, viewing stations, benches and additional access points. Other trails and greenways that have been completed in Lyndon and Butchertown have been well accepted by neighborhoods and financially supported in part by businesses in those areas, he said.

Garner said the Southwest Ohio River Levee Trail will achieve many of the goals of the Ohio River Corridor Master Plan. "It will be an improvement that provides something to the community-the view is fantastic and the trail goes somewhere," he said.

## School partnership helps teen moms

MSD has been recognized for participation in the Louisville Youth Initiative program in partnership with Jefferson County Public Schools.

The program works with teenage mothers who are still in school by providing them jobs and workplace experience, according to MSD's Physical Assets Director James Hunt. Last school year, three students worked in various positions at MSD and MSD will participate again this school year.

"This program is successful in helping these young ladies get on track, and we've been pleased with the program," Hunt said. "Many of our staff here have said how much working with and mentoring these young women has meant to them."

### Upcoming Events

Oct. 6 - Public Meeting, Warbler Way Drainage Improvement Project is postponed; Public Meeting, McNeeley Lake Inflow & Infiltration Project, 7 p.m., Central Government Center, 7201 Outer Loop.

Oct. 11 - MSD Board Meeting, 10 a.m., 700 W. Liberty, first floor, AND Public Meeting, 23rd St./Dixdale Drainage Improvement Project, 7 p.m., R.E. Jones United Methodist Church, 2330 Algonquin Pkwy.

Oct. 12 - Public Meeting, Kramer's - Crums Ln. Sewer Project, 7 p.m., Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Hwy.

## Board seeks special drought rate proposal

MSD's Board has appointed a team to recommend how MSD can adjust customer rates to reflect this summer's drought conditions in the area.

The Board's request comes at the close of one of Jefferson County's driest summers in decades. MSD rates already include a 15 percent year-round rate discount to account for water used outdoors and not sent down a drain for wastewater treatment.

Residential and most commercial customer bills for sewer service are based on the amount of water used, according to water meter readings. MSD only charges for 85 percent of metered water use all year because not all of the water used is treated as wastewater.



## Beargrass Creek watershed area

Improved drainage coming to Lincoln Avenue

Construction will soon begin to provide an outlet for standing water, relieving some 57 properties along Lincoln Avenue.

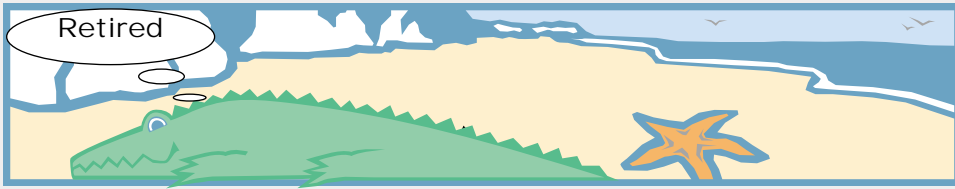
In the neighborhood near Poplar Level and Durrett Lane, drainage work will include constructing storm sewers and concrete paved ditch, and installing catch basins.

Sang Corp., Louisville, was awarded the project contract for \$214,242.



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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.

Herman M. Adams, Jr., Revenue Administrator-Wastewater, 27 years' service  
*"Herman was the resident authority on MSD billing. In addition to his technical expertise, Herman was also known to dispense a fair amount of homespun advice with a dose of humor thrown in for good measure."* - Paul Hollensead, Revenue Manager

Mike Anderson, Flood Protection Technician, 23 years' service  
*"Mike takes pride in doing a good job and is always willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. He always kept a sense of humor."*-Mike Humphrey, Flood Protection Supervisor

Mike Baker, Information Systems Manager, 21 years' service  
*"I'll never forget our late night sessions trying to debug Fortran programs! Mike was instrumental in advancing MSD from the paper-and-pencil era."*-Bruce Seigel, Chief Information Officer

Russell Dowell, Master Maintenance Mechanic, 27 years' service  
*"Russell's peers perceived him to be entertaining. He coped with more jokes, yet maintained an extraordinary positive attitude. He got satisfaction from being productive."*-Kevin Slaughter, Maintenance Supervisor

Jackie Firkins, Network Specialist, 21 years' service  
*"Jackie's dedication to providing quality service to MSD computer users has been exceptional and leaves a large void that will be hard to fill."*-Darrell West, Network-Technical Support Administrator

Bonnie Ruth Graves, GIS Records Technician, 20 years' service  
*"Bonnie went to great detail to make sure all necessary information was complete and accurate. Her attitude towards co-workers and customers was always helpful and pleasant."*-Paul Hollensead, Revenue Manager

Danny Howell, Master Maintenance Electrician, 17 years' service  
*"Danny was always the life of the shop. His humor and zest for life was contagious."*-Mike Prestigiaco, Electrical Maintenance Supervisor

Steve Long, Master Maintenance Mechanic, 20 years' service  
*"Steve is a true Master Electrician. His dedication and expertise will be missed. I feel fortunate to have worked with Steve for 15 years."*-Mike Prestigiaco, Electrical Maintenance Supervisor

Paul Morton, Senior Operator, 22 years' service  
*"Paul is one of the most versatile and dependable operators around. Paul can operate most any plant or pump station, and paint or draw just about anything. He will be greatly missed."*-Debbie Newton, Operations Supervisor

Larry Roth, Process Mapping, 21 years' service  
*"Larry's attention to details and logical thinking processes made him a natural in the IS and process mapping area."*-Bruce Seigel, Chief Information Officer

Benjamin Sauter, Senior Operator, 20 years' service  
*"Ben has been a dependable player at Jeffersontown and Cedar Creek. He has been an asset to cross-training. If you want to talk football, Ben's the one."*-Debbie Newton, Operations Supervisor

Roger A. Young, Senior Operator, 22 years' service  
*"Roger has always performed his job to the best of his ability, with willingness and determination."*-Mike Humphrey, Flood Protection Supervisor



## Mill Creek watershed area

Drainage project OK'ed off West Pages Lane

Drainage improvements will bring relief to properties along Devonshire Drive.

Plans call for construction of paved ditch, paved swale, earth swale and several hundred linear feet of sewer pipe.

MTN Construction, Inc. was awarded a \$128,925 contract to construct the project, which is expected to take about four months to complete.



## Morris Forman Wastewater Treatment Plant

Diversion structure upgrades to improve plant reliability

The 42-year-old structure that controls the flow of wastewater to the Morris Forman Wastewater Treatment Plant (MFWTP) will get a \$622,622 facelift.

Existing below-ground gate operators will be replaced with above-ground ones that will improve operating reliability of the gates and improve working conditions for MSD personnel. The new gate operators will be equipped for remote operation and monitoring.

Also, electrical service will be upgraded; a permanent back-up electrical generator will be installed; a new enclosure to house the instrumentation, control and electrical equipment will be built; and the existing telephone telemetry unit will be replaced by a new unit.

Building Crafts, Inc., Wilder, will perform the construction work which is expected to be complete next year.



## Floyds Fork watershed area

MSD to operate state-owned treatment plant

Beginning Oct. 1, the wastewater treatment plant serving the Kentucky Corrections Institute for Women will be operated by MSD.

Under its agreement with the state Department of Corrections, MSD will visit the plant daily, collect samples and monitor sludge wasting operations to ensure that the plant operates by standards consistent with its permit requirements.

The Corrections Department will remain responsible for the KPDES permit, address the plant's long-term capacity needs and pay MSD \$1,800 per month to monitor and operate the plant.

A \$15 million expansion is planned for the Kentucky Corrections Institute for Women in 2001, and the facility's population is expected to double. The existing wastewater treatment has a 125,000 gallons per day capacity and treats an average of 106,000 gallons per day.

The plant is located on Floyds Fork at the Jefferson-Shelby-Oldham county lines.