

DISTRICT DIGEST

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BRUNSWICK SEWER DISTRICT *Protecting Maine's Environment*

CONSTRUCTION OF GARAGE COMPLEX IS UNDERWAY!

In June, the District broke ground on the new 10,000 SF garage workshop and office space. This new facility will house a workshop with ample area for electrical and equipment repairs. The crews will be able to perform technical programming and testing of field equipment. The facility will garage nearly all of the district's vehicles and equipment which are currently parked outdoors. Construction crews will be hard at work for the next four months as project completion is slated for November 30, 2015. The collection/pumping crew is looking forward to their move into this facility.



UPCOMING DISTRICT REFERENDUM – NOVEMBER 2015

In the previous edition we reported that the Town Council had authorized, and the Maine legislature had passed, an amendment to our Charter to increase the District's debt limit from \$20 million to \$25 million. The purpose for the increase is to fund the estimated \$22 million upgrade to the wastewater treatment facility. The new amendment does not become effective until the voters within the District approve the new debt limit in a referendum. We are working with the Town to include this referendum vote in the November 2015 election cycle. In that effort it is important for us to note a couple of items.

First, per our Charter, *"All registered voters of the Town of Brunswick who reside within the District are voters of the District, for all purposes. In determining whether a voter resides within the District, if any part of his residential property lies within the District, he shall be considered to reside within the District."* Even if your property is NOT connected to the public sewer system, if you reside within the District, you can vote on our referendum question and will be provided a ballot when you go to the polls in November.

Second, again per our Charter, *"Bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued under this Charter do not constitute a debt or liability of the state or the Town of Brunswick."* The District, as a state chartered entity, is solely responsible for its debts -- not the taxpayers or the Town.

We ask both our rate payers and non-rate payers that reside within the District, for your continuing support of our mission, and encourage you to vote your approval in the upcoming November election. Thank you.

PUMP STATION UPGRADE

The Brunswick Sewer District's River Road #2 Pump Station located just beyond Patricia Road will be receiving a much needed upgrade at the end of the summer. Built in 1976 this pump station has seen a lot of growth and has put in some long hard pumping hours over the past 39 years. It serves On the Green Apartments to Fox Run Condominiums, and all in between, gathering the waste water before being pumped to the Treatment Plant. The new station will double the waste water capacity using larger pumps to handle the additional flows that the old ones were never designed for. In turn, the newer technology and capacity will allow for growth as well as better control of the pumping process. This will dramatically save in daily operation costs. Construction of this project is set to begin in late August.



JOUVER & PONTAU EARN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Mike Jouver, one of the Collection crew Senior Operators, recently received a degree in Electro-Mechanical Systems from Central Maine Community College. Mike wanted to improve his active understanding of how the District's equipment works and to optimize his knowledge of pump station controls. He was promoted to the position of Senior Electro-Mechanical Systems Technician.

Rob Pontau, Assistant General Manager, recently completed his pursuit of a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Rob is constantly in the self-improvement mode. One of his goals in receiving this degree is to help initiate appropriate change to the District's business practices.

Mike and Rob found distinct challenges in holding down full-time jobs, enjoying a full family life, and returning to school. Both attribute their success to the support they received from their families and the District. They encourage anyone who is thinking of returning to school to go for it. The feelings of accomplishment are well worth it.

Congratulations, Mike and Rob! The District is proud of you and your achievements.

Recognition

The following employees are celebrating anniversaries in the third quarter 2015:

Ernie Bergeron	<i>Senior Operator</i>	31 years
Leonard Blanchette	<i>General Manager</i>	28 years
Mike Jouver	<i>Senior Electro-Mechanical Technician</i>	20 years
Gerry Bibber	<i>Collection/Pumping Operator</i>	20 years
Tom Mason	<i>Treatment Plant Operator</i>	13 years
Dan Munsey	<i>Treatment Plant Operator</i>	8 years
Jim Sonia	<i>Collection/Pumping Operator</i>	8 years
Aaron Temple	<i>Collection/Pumping Operator</i>	8 years
Lorraine Caron	<i>Finance Manager</i>	6 years

That's 142 years of combined service—awesome!
Thank you for your service to the District.

REMINDERS

When you are using water for your lawn, gardens and pools, you may be eligible for an outside watering credit. Please contact us **PRIOR** to the billing period—call 729-0148 ext 110 or e-mail ddutton@brunswicksewer.org. Please note that you will need to contact us each quarter in order to qualify for this outside watering credit.



Thinking of doing some yard work? Before your contractor digs, call DIG SAFE (1-888-344-7233). It's free and it's the law.

When experiencing a sewer system problem, please contact the District **FIRST**. The 24-hour emergency pager is 580-3175.

At the touch of a button you can skip the checks and stamps by paying your sewer bill via credit card online. This free service can be found at: www.brunswicksewer.org/odp.html. Don't forget to like us on Facebook.