

# DISTRICT DIGEST

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BRUNSWICK SEWER DISTRICT *Protecting Maine's Environment*

## PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING - 6:00 P.M. OCTOBER 17, 2017

The Brunswick Sewer District is embarking on a multi-year project to redirect basement sump pump and/or roof drain flows from the sanitary sewer system to either the town's storm drain system or other appropriate locations such as streams or brooks. The first step in this effort is to identify where in the district these sump pumps/roof drains are located. Then we can work with the town's Public Works Department to compare where the storm drain system is available and if it has the capacity to accept new flow. If not, we then need to determine if the storm drain system needs to be expanded or new systems, installed.

To that goal we are hosting the first of what may be several informational sessions to

explain the program and its goals, what we need to do to get there, *how* we plan to get there, and to explain the major milestones and why they are so important. ***The success of this program depends on you, the homeowner, being informed and involved in our effort to map out where in town we need to focus our attention.***

In our Nov-Dec 2015 newsletter we ran a front-page article introducing this new initiative. (Please reference the District Digest under Meetings/Reports at [www.brunswicksewer.org](http://www.brunswicksewer.org)) We noted that the goal is to "work with the property owners in a cooperative and mutually beneficial manner to develop and implement alternative solutions for the discharge of sump pump

and roof drains." This informational meeting is the first step.

THE FIRST INFORMATIONAL SESSION HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 6:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017 IN THE BOARD ROOM AT THE BRUNSWICK SEWER DISTRICT AT 10 PINE TREE ROAD, BRUNSWICK, MAINE.

**Very important:** Please email ([bsd@brunswicksewer.org](mailto:bsd@brunswicksewer.org)) or call the district (729-0148) if you plan on attending so we can obtain a head-count to determine whether we need to relocate to a larger meeting space.



### New Climber Screen Producing Big Dividends

System plug-ups, flow restrictions, and at times, complete equipment failure have been commonplace at the treatment plant since the introduction of "flushable" wipes into the wastewater stream approximately ten years ago. Now, as an integral part of the treatment plant upgrade, a Vulcan climber screen has been installed at the entrance to the headworks (front of the plant). The climber screen is a huge robotic rake that removes 95% of "flushable" wipes and other foreign objects from the wastewater before continuing for further treatment. Since going online approximately four months ago, maintenance issues related to "flushable" wipes at the treatment plant have been reduced from an average of once per week to, currently, zero. Continuing this trend,

the installation of this system will result in a tremendous savings in time, money and other resources over the course of its lifetime of operation. Combine these savings along with an overall improvement in the workplace environment and it's easy to quantify the installation of this system as an overwhelming success.

As a reminder to our customers, while the Vulcan climber screen has alleviated some problems for the treatment plant, there are still 19 pump stations and over 60 miles of piping that connect your homes and businesses to the treatment plant that are left unprotected from "flushable" wipes.

## THIRD QUARTER ANNIVERSARIES

Over half of our employees celebrate an anniversary in the third quarter:

<b>Ernest Bergeron II</b>	<i>Senior Operator</i>	33 years
<b>Leonard Blanchette</b>	<i>General Manager</i>	30 years
<b>Michael Jouver</b>	<i>Senior Electro-Mechanical Technician</i>	22 years
<b>Gerald Bibber</b>	<i>Collection/Pumping Operator</i>	22 years
<b>Thomas Mason</b>	<i>Chief of Maintenance – Treatment Plant</i>	15 years
<b>Daniel Munsey</b>	<i>Treatment Plant Operator</i>	10 years
<b>James Sonia</b>	<i>Collection/Pumping Operator</i>	10 years
<b>Aaron Temple</b>	<i>Collection/Pumping Operator</i>	10 years
<b>Lorraine Caron</b>	<i>Finance Manager</i>	8 years

*We thank these employees for their 160 years of total service to the District!*

Would you prefer to receive your invoice via email? The Brunswick Sewer District now offers paperless billing! Customers can sign up for this service by going to our website at [www.brunswicksewer.org](http://www.brunswicksewer.org), clicking on the tab “I want to” then clicking on “Set up paperless billing” and filling in the required information. It’s as simple as that! You can also call the Brunswick Sewer District at 207-729-0148 and provide the required information.

## SANITARY MAINTENANCE HOLE REHAB

The Brunswick Sewer District’s Collection System crew dedicates a great deal of time and effort to restoring its infrastructure. With well over 100 internal pipe repairs completed over the past few years we are now proud to add Sanitary Maintenance Hole Rehab to our trenchless technology list. This rehab consists of turning a nuisance or failing structure into a usable working assembly for many years to come. The idea is to remove the infiltration of roots, water and debris, and return it to a reliable useful maintenance point. Defects can be repaired and the interior sealed without excavating the roadway. This whole process is just a fraction of the cost of installing a new structure and is accomplished with minimal disruption to homeowners, businesses, and traffic. It’s technology like this that allows us to keep the 100+ year old infrastructure flowing downhill.



*Before and after Sanitary Maintenance Hole Rehab*

## REMINDERS

### OUTSIDE WATERING ADJUSTMENTS/CREDITS

When you are using water for your lawn, gardens, pools, or ice rinks, you may be eligible for an outside watering credit. **TO REQUEST AN ADJUSTMENT, YOU MUST CONTACT US PRIOR TO THE END OF EACH QUARTERLY BILLING PERIOD.**

Since the quarterly billing periods vary with your location please contact us to determine your specific billing schedule. Please call 729-0148 ext 110 or e-mail [ddutton@brunswicksewer.org](mailto:ddutton@brunswicksewer.org) for more information. **PLEASE NOTE: Credits will no longer be given after the bill has been produced.** You may view the policy on our website or request a copy be mailed to you.

When experiencing a sewer system problem, please contact the district **FIRST**. The 24-hour emergency number is 729-0148. Make sure your plumber calls Maine Natural Gas before any tools are placed in your line.

### 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.

At the touch of a button you can skip the checks and stamps by paying your sewer bill online. This free service can be found at: [www.brunswicksewer.org/odp.html](http://www.brunswicksewer.org/odp.html).

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