

DISTRICT DIGEST

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BRUNSWICK SEWER DISTRICT *Protecting Maine's Environment*

BSD GENERAL MANAGER RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Named for Al Jellison, long-time Chief Operator of the City of Bangor Wastewater Treatment Facility, this award is designed to recognize individuals who have demonstrated an extraordinary level of service and commitment to MEWEA and to the protection of water quality in Maine over the course of their careers.

Leonard Blanchette, General Manager at the Brunswick Sewer District, has overseen significant improvements and infrastructure investments. The District has spent nearly \$30 million in the last five years upgrading

our infrastructure. As the leader, Leonard has served as the advocate and visionary. He has a very capable staff working for him. He provides the guidance, and the staff gets the projects done. When resources are needed, he finds them. He has been a great captain of our team.

Because Leonard has spent nearly all his adult life representing, supporting, and advocating for all of us who work in the industry, he is deserving of the Al Jellison Lifetime Achievement Award.

TWO EMPLOYEES PASS FAA EXAM

We are pleased to announce that Bonnie Shippen and Mike Jouver have successfully passed the US Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration's Unmanned Aircraft – General (UAG) exam. They are now licensed to operate the District's drone. Please keep checking our newsletter for future photos of their work.



SOLAR LIGHTS AT PUMP STATIONS

The District is in the process of installing solar powered lights at its pump stations. This one is at the River Road #1 station at the S-Curve.

CHANGES TO OUR SEWER USE BILLING ADJUSTMENT POLICY

Effective for January 01, 2020 (yes 2020!). We will use 2019 to educate our ratepayers and developers.

1. New Construction/Connections: All new residential and commercial connections to the public sewer system whom wish to receive an adjustment of billing for water not entering the public sewer MUST use a sub-meter per the requirements noted in the "SUB-METERED use" section.

2. Property Ownership Transfers: All new owners of residential and commercial properties currently connected to the public sewer system whom wish to receive an

adjustment of billing for water not entering the public sewer MUST use a sub-meter per the requirements noted in the "SUB-METERED use" section.

Effective as of October 18, 2018

An account holder desiring to receive an adjustment must request the adjustment for each year for which an adjustment is desired.

The revised Sewer Use Adjustment Policy may be viewed on our website at www.brunswicksewer.org. Please click on the "POLICY" tab.

BSD & WRIGHT PIERCE WIN AWARD

On Tuesday October 30th, the Brunswick Sewer District and Wright-Pierce were awarded an engineering excellence award by the American Council of Engineering companies (ACEC) for our 2018 submission "Brunswick Sewer District Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade - CMAR Alternative Delivery Method." Carolyn Bird, PE of the ACEC Excellence Awards states "your project represents the innovative and resourceful aspects of a challenging project that the engineering community will get to see and appreciate." Pictured are Rob Pontau, Assistant General Manager of the Brunswick Sewer District, Ryan Wadsworth, project manager at Wright-Pierce and Tim Boyce, President of ACEC. Photo Courtesy of Matt Burns, project engineer at Wright-Pierce.



Recognition

The following employees are celebrating an anniversary in the 1st quarter of 2019:

Wesley Wharff Collections Supervisor 31 years	Jennifer Nicholson Treatment Plant Supervisor 25 years	Bonnie Shippen Administrative Assistant 7 years	Erik Walling Collection/Pumping Operator 1 year
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We thank you Wes, Jen, Bonnie, and Erik for your years of service to the District!

REMINDERS

OUTSIDE WATERING ADJUSTMENTS/CREDITS FOR 2019

Do you do substantial watering of a lawn or garden? Do you have a pool or hot tub to fill? Or maybe an ice rink that you flood? You *may* be eligible for an outside watering credit. **TO REQUEST THIS ADJUSTMENT, PLEASE CALL US AT THE BEGINNING OF 2019**, to be placed on the list for a potential adjustment. One call will place you on the list for all of 2019. Please call 729-0148 ext 110 or e-mail ddutton@brunswicksewer.org for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: Your phone call to us *must be received before* bills are produced. The District will no longer process late notifications. 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 **207-613-6221**. Make sure your plumber also calls Maine Natural Gas before starting any work on 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.

You can skip the checks and stamps by paying your sewer bill online. This free service can be found at: www.brunswicksewer.org/iwt.html. Or you may sign up to have your payment automatically deducted from your checking or savings account. Select the "I Want To" tab then "Set Up Direct Payment" from our website. Complete the form and mail it to us to complete the set up.

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FUN WASTE WATER FACTS WITH THE SEWER GUY



FATBERGS

The term "fatberg" is commonly used by sewer workers to describe the floating chunks of mixed grease, oil, hair, makeup pads, "flushable" wipes (NOT!!) and sanitary products that cause blockages and wreak havoc on public sewer systems. In London, England the biggest fatberg to have been removed from a sewer is one the size of a bus. The culprit was made up of approximately 15 tons of a greasy, disgusting mass of rock-solid debris. It was so large that it reduced flow of the city's wastewater system to just 5 % of its' normal capacity. Only toilet paper should be flushed!