

DISTRICT DIGEST

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BRUNSWICK SEWER DISTRICT *Protecting Maine's Environment*

REMINDER OF RATE & FEE CHANGE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2019

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning April 1, 2019, the rate for metered service will be \$7.62 per 100 cubic feet (748 gallons). This is an increase of \$0.36 per 100 cubic feet. The minimum use remains at 800 cubic feet per quarter for both the metered (by your local public water provider or a private water meter) and unmetered use.

Of key note is an increase to the District's Entrance Charge fee for new connections to the public sewer. For twenty-five years (since October 1993), this fee has been at \$1,178 per connection. The October 2018 US Department of Labor's CPI (Consumer Price Index) adjustment model was used to update this fee. It is now at \$2,045 per connection.



DEPARTURE OF TWO TRUSTEES

Two of the District's five-person Board of Trustees have decided not to seek appointment to a new three-year term by the Town Council. Mr. Thomas S. Green has served since February 2005, with most of his tenure as Board Treasurer. Mr. Earle F. Harvey has served since October 2012, and is currently the Board Vice-Chair. Thursday, May 16, 2019 is the date of their final meeting. The remaining Board Members and Staff will note their thanks and appreciation to Mr. Green and Mr. Harvey for their dedicated service and commitment to the District and the community of Brunswick.



Thomas S. Green



Earle F. Harvey

COOKS CORNER PUMP STATION UPDATED



The reconstruction of this major pumping station has been completed and is now in operation. The main structure is 20' below ground where it houses a 7.5 hp pump and 2-35 hp pumps. The waste water travels via a 24" diameter pipe running alongside Route 1 from Cooks Corner to the Sewer District approximately 1.5 miles. This station is designed to constantly feed the treatment plant. This constant feed aids in the overall treatment process as well as savings in electrical costs.



DEPARTURE OF EMPLOYEE AARON TEMPLE

After almost 12 years of dedicated service, April 18, 2019 was Aaron's last day with the sewer district.

Mr. Aaron Temple left to fulfill his dream to become a full-time fire fighter. He will be a member of the Town of Brunswick's Fire Department. Aaron was a volunteer fire-fighter during his tenure with the District, obtaining his certification as an EMT

while working with us. As a side note, of the District's full-time staff of eighteen employees, four are volunteer fire-fighters or EMTs serving our local communities.

The Board of Trustees and Staff thanked Aaron for his dedicated service and commitment to the District by holding a farewell luncheon for him on his last day. He received a plaque of appreciation and going-away gifts. We wish him all the best in his new occupation.



FUN WASTE WATER FACTS WITH THE SEWER GUY

THE (TOILET) PAPER TRAIL

The Year 1391: The first known use of toilet paper occurred during the Song Dynasty. Consisting primarily of cotton fibers mixed with bamboo, it was produced in 2' x 3' sheets and reserved exclusively for use by the emperor.

The Year 1609: The first printed newspapers were published in Germany. Those along with subsequent newsprints throughout Europe became the common instrument used for personal hygiene.

The Year 1818: The Farmers Almanac is the first publication with a hole placed in the upper left-hand corner to accommodate being hung from a nail inside an outhouse.

The Year 1857: Joseph Gayetty introduces the first commercially branded toilet paper. Sold in individual sheets, it was marketed as a medical cure for alleviating hemorrhoids.

The Year 1879: Scott Paper Company produces the first perforated toilet paper sold in rolls which, with a few modifications, is commonly found in most homes today. Currently in the United States, the amount of toilet paper used annually would be enough to cover the entire state of Massachusetts two layers deep.

Recognition

The following employees are celebrating an anniversary in the 2nd quarter 2019:

Jason Prout
Lab Technician
22 years

Darcy Dutton
Customer Service and Billing Clerk
16 years

Thank you, Jason and Darcy, for your 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.

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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