

DISTRICT DIGEST

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BRUNSWICK SEWER DISTRICT *Protecting Maine's Environment*



FROM CONCEPT TO REALITY

Work on the District's new garage/office complex is complete! Members of the District's Collection and Pumping crew began moving in on December 21, 2015. There is still a long way to go toward settling in, but the move is progressing nicely. Nothing like a move to help you clean out!

The new building on the right is a 4,900 SF garage and storage area. The building on the

left includes 2,450 SF of office space, a 1,200 SF mezzanine storage area, and 2,450 SF of heated workshop space.

Discussions of acquiring additional space to garage district vehicles normally parked outdoors, to work on equipment, and to house staff, started nearly 15 years ago. After years of discussion, brainstorming, and planning, the dream is now a reality.

Staffing space is no longer overcrowded and there is room to work on equipment repairs year round. These garages now shelter all the District's service vehicles and equipment (valued at +/- \$440,000). No more shoveling out vehicles!! This means quicker response time to answer emergency calls.

COLLECTION CREW 2016 UPCOMING PROJECTS

The collection crew is looking forward to these upcoming 2016 projects:

We will be replacing 550 feet of sewer main on Chamberlain Avenue. Originally installed in 1948 this section of clay pipe has definitely served its purpose.

Our Church Road Pumping Station is on the schedule to be updated. Built in 1976 this Pump Station has logged better than 40,000 hours of run time which equates to about 10 million gallons of waste water pumped over the years.

Both of these projects are scheduled for this summer.

PROUT & MUNSEY ACHIEVE LAB ANALYST CERTIFICATION

Jason Prout and Daniel Munsey of the District's Treatment Plant Division have met the experience requirement, and successfully completed the written examination to qualify as Wastewater Laboratory Analysts 1 as certified by the New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA). Jason's and Dan's achievements reflect their commitment to protecting the environment and public health. Thanks to this level of dedication by staff the Treatment Plant continues to meet and exceed all permit requirements. Congrats Jason and Dan!



REMINDER OF RATE CHANGE APRIL 01, 2016

On December 17th the Trustees took the first of two required votes to implement a proposed new rate schedule. The notice of the January 21st public hearing, along with the proposed rate schedule, was mailed to each of our account holders. The public hearing was held as advertised in the notice. On February 11th the Trustees will take the second and final vote to implement the new rate schedule effective for all sewer use beginning on April 01, 2016.

Recognition

The following employees are celebrating anniversaries in the first quarter 2016:

Wesley Wharff	<i>Collections Supervisor</i>	28 years
Jennifer Nicholson	<i>Treatment Plant Supervisor</i>	22 years
Bonnie Shippen	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	4 years

We thank you for your service to the District!

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. The following is excerpted from the District's Sewer Use Billing Adjustment Policy adopted December 2005:

An account holder desiring to receive an adjustment must contact the District with a request prior to the end of the current billing period for which the adjustment is being requested.

YOU MUST CONTACT US PRIOR TO THE BILLING PERIOD—

call 729-0148 ext 110 or e-mail ddutton@brunswicksewer.org for more information. **PLEASE NOTE. Credits will no longer be given after the bill has been produced.** You will also need to contact us each quarter in order to qualify for this outside watering credit. You may view the policy on our website or request a copy be mailed to you.

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 bills online. This free service can be found at: www.brunswicksewer.org/odp.html. Don't forget to like us on Facebook.

