

DISTRICT DIGEST

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BRUNSWICK SEWER DISTRICT *Protecting Maine's Environment*

THE DISTRICT'S MISSION, VALUES & VISION

The Brunswick Sewer District, our employees and trustees, takes pride in the work that we do. For nearly 50 years we have been working to clean the waters of the Androscoggin River. To ensure we never lose focus, the District has developed the following mission statement:

MISSION

To protect the health and environment of the communities we serve through wastewater collection and treatment in an environmentally responsible, efficient, and reliable manner.

As with many successful organizations. The Mission Statement is accompanied by a clear statement of our vision:

VISION

We aspire to provide exceptional service through qualified Board and Staff utilizing innovation and technology to be good environmental and fiscal stewards.

No mission or vision is complete without a clear set of values.

VALUES

Employees

We believe our employees are our best asset. We encourage growth through continuing education and training. We foster a team environment through trust, respect and communication.

Customers

Customer satisfaction is achieved by providing quality services and fiscal responsibility at all times.

Environment

We strive to be good stewards of the environment and our community by protecting our natural resources and exceeding our regulatory requirements.

Excellence & Innovation

We strive for continuous improvement by utilizing the latest technology and a "can do" attitude.

Integrity

All transactions and activities are conducted with honesty, fairness, dignity, and respect.

In 2014 our Board of Trustees officially adopted these statements. We will utilize them to maintain our focus as we continue to improve our environment over the next 50 years and beyond.



NEW GARAGE COMPLEX

The Collection & Pumping crew is very excited about the construction of the new garage and office complex that will also serve as their new base of operations. The complex will be situated between

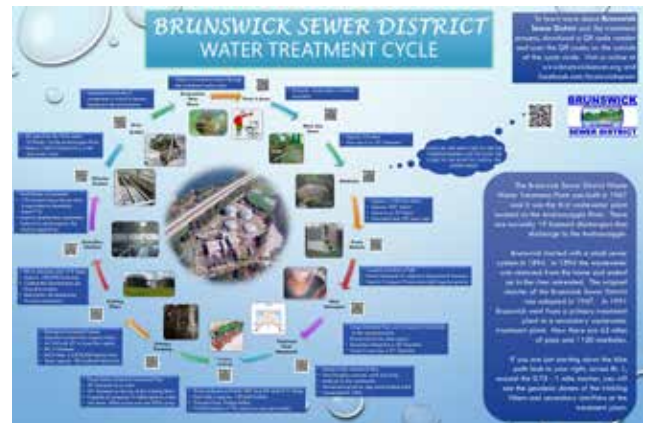
the wastewater treatment plant and the administration office on Pine Tree Road. This new facility will house a state of the art workshop with ample area for welding, electrical and equipment repairs.

The crew will now be able to perform technical programming and testing of field equipment. The facility will garage all the district's vehicles and equipment. This will improve response time for sewer emergencies, particularly in the winter months, and increase the longevity of the vehicles and equipment that formerly remained outdoors. Projected completion is by the end of 2015. Once completed we will hold an open house. Please see future editions of the District Digest for further information.

WATER ST. KIOSK

The Brunswick Sewer District (BSD), created an interactive poster and video of the 'Water Treatment Cycle'. The video was filmed, edited, and narrated by staff. The video begins with the typical household plumbing system showing water going in and waste water going out. The viewer is then guided on the journey waste water takes through the public sewer system on its way to, and through, the treatment plant. The video covers various parts of the BSD collection system. Once the flow reaches the treatment plant, the viewer is shown the actual sequential processes the water goes through as it is treated at BSD's 3.85 million-gallon-per-day treatment plant. Treated water then flows to the outfall at the Androscoggin River. A kiosk was constructed by the staff at the District's Water Street Pumping Station next to a highly used walking path along the Androscoggin River.

To watch the video scan the QR code



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.

UPCOMING DISTRICT REFERENDUM

In December, the Town Council authorized the District to seek an amendment of its Charter to increase its debt limit from \$20 million to \$25 million, to fund the \$22 million upgrade to the wastewater treatment facility. The Maine Legislature passed the charter amendment, which became law, on May 03, 2015. The new amendment is not in effect until our rate payers approve the debt limit in a referendum. We are working with the Town to include this referendum vote in the November 2015 election cycle.

It is vitally important to the community that we continue to operate an efficient treatment facility. The last upgrade occurred in 1989-1990 when the secondary treatment process was added. The upgrade increased our solids removal from 30% to 90%. That was 25 years ago! We now need to modernize the facility and add the technology staff requires to operate the facility more cost effectively. The upgrade will automate many of the daily manual processes and allow staff the ability to monitor the operations through automated systems.

We thank you for your continuing support of our mission, and encourage you to vote your approval in the November election.

RECOGNITION

After its December 2014 inspection of the Treatment Plant, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection issued this comment: "Operations and maintenance are excellent at this facility and upgrade is proactive." Kudos to our treatment plant crew for their great work!

This past January, Treatment Plant Supervisor, Jennifer Nicholson, was inducted as a member of the New England Water Environment Association's Crystal Crucible Society. This society recognizes "individuals who have been significant contributors to the success of the Wastewater Laboratory profession." Congratulations, Jen!

Employees with anniversaries in the second quarter 2015:

Jason Prout	Treatment Plant Operator	18 years
Darcy Dutton	Billing & Customer Service Clerk	12 years

Thank you, Jason and Darcy, for your years of service to the District.