

June 28, 2000

Marion Gee named MSD Finance Director

Marion Gee will join MSD as Finance Director on July 3.

Gee, who served as the Louisville Water Co. controller for five years, was selected to replace Robert A. Miller, MSD's Finance Director since 1991, who has resigned.

"Marion was looking for a proactive, team-oriented organization where his capabilities would be maximized," said MSD Executive Director Gordon Garner. "We believe MSD and Marion Gee are a good match."

Garner noted that Gee faces a challenge, filling the position capably managed by Miller for nine years. "Bob guided MSD through an unprecedented period of growth in both service area and financial performance, and was instrumental in building a positive reputation for MSD in the financial community," Garner said.

In late 1999, Miller orchestrated the sale of \$300 million in bonds to Goldman Sachs & Co., the largest bond issue in MSD's history. The sale financed MSD's capital construction plans for sewer expansion and drainage improvements throughout Jefferson County. Under Miller's direction, MSD consistently achieved budget targets and improved performance year after year, Garner said.

A certified public accountant, Gee brings 11 years of experience in cash flow planning and investments, plus a knowledge of public utilities, to MSD. At Louisville Water Co., Gee directed the work of a 20-person staff and guided the company's investments, financial reporting, purchasing and financial planning.

Previously, Gee worked for the State Auditor's Office and was assistant to the controller of R&R Mechanical Contractors.

Since 1996, he has been teaching entry-level accounting courses at the University of Louisville, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1990 and a master's in business administration in 1996.

Gee is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Institute of Management Accountants. He serves on the boards of the Kentuckiana Minority Supplier Development Council and St. Stephen Baptist Church.



Wet Weather/Water Quality Area Team

MSD to oversee stream restoration projects

MSD will administer a stream corridor restoration program that funds projects throughout Jefferson County.

Under an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MSD will propose and implement projects that protect, restore and enhance rivers and streams. The projects will be funded by fees paid by entities who place dredged or fill material in streams, under permits authorized by the Corps of Engineers.

MSD was an obvious choice to oversee the program in Jefferson County, according to Patti Grace-Jarrett, MSD's water quality/quantity administrator. "Already, MSD has county-wide drainage responsibility. Wetlands, streams, ponds and other natural features are essential drainage and flood control facilities," she noted.

MSD also plays a leading role in improving water quality and its staff has the technical expertise needed to implement restoration projects.

Maintaining riparian, or natural, areas around bodies of water is important to overall environmental health, Grace-Jarrett said. Vegetation provides habitat and food source for wildlife, increases the stability of banks, prevents erosion, reduces water temperature and enhances water quality.

"Streams throughout the county have been severely impacted by urbanization. Many have been channelized with all vegetation removed from the bank-restoring these streams to a more natural state is part of what this project is all about," she said.

Of the 1,900 miles of streams in Jefferson County, 19 stream segments are listed as impaired by Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Upcoming Events

June 29 - Public meeting, Cedar Creek I & I Remediation Project, 7 p.m., Highview Fire Department, 7308 Fegenbush Ln.

July 4 - Independence Day Holiday. MSD offices are closed. For 24-hour customer service phone 587-0603.

July 6 - Public meeting, Kramer Lane (KL-1) Sewer Interceptor Project, 7 p.m., Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Hwy.

July 10 - MSD Board meeting, 10 a.m., 700 W. Liberty, first floor, AND Public meeting, West County Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion, 7 p.m., Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Hwy.

July 17 - Public meeting, Mill Creek Collectors (MC-11C), 7 p.m., Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Hwy.

July 26 - Public meeting, Valley Station (VS-3C) Sewer project, 7 p.m., Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Hwy.

Louisiana visitors see LOJIC close up

When eight representatives of various Louisiana government agencies came to Louisville June 2, they weren't interested in seeing fast Thoroughbreds, historic riverboats or bourbon in the making.

They wanted to see how MSD and other local agencies use geographic information systems (GIS) through LOJIC, the Louisville/Jefferson County Information Consortium.

The visitors included officials from the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish. Their seven hours at MSD provided a detailed look at how Jefferson County agencies use LOJIC data everyday, according to Curt Bynum, MSD's GIS database coordinator.

Sessions featured how MSD, the Planning Commission, Property Valuation Administrator and Emergency Management rely on LOJIC data to locate sewer lines, make zoning decisions, value property and respond to 911 calls.

LOJIC member organizations include the City of Louisville and Jefferson County agencies, Louisville Water Co., PVA and MSD. LOJIC staff is housed at MSD.



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Junior Achievement support helps youth

MSD and two staff members have been recognized by Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana.

Operations Chief Clerk Kim McKnight and Field Operations Administrator Patrick Fitzgerald were recognized for their volunteer efforts, providing economic education and role models for area youth. They were presented certificates at the June 12 MSD Board meeting. MSD is a Junior Achievement corporate sponsor.

"MSD, Kim and Patrick played an integral part in helping us achieve our mission of showing students how America works," said Debra Humes Hoffer, Junior Achievement Kentuckiana president.

Keeping Customers First

Following are excerpts from letters recently received at MSD:

"We want to say thanks for fixing our sewer problem so quickly. They even fixed the yard!"—The Fischers, 9917 Robinson Rd., Jeffersontown

"Recently a maintenance crew from MSD replaced a drainage ditch in our yard...they did a super job and were very courteous and helpful."—Margaret and John Smith, 10201 Hearthstone Ct., Valley Station

"I am writing to commend the service of three MSD employees: Dan Riddle, Chris Hardin and Jack Miller. They went beyond the call of duty to help us [with a drainage backup problem]. They were extremely courteous, persistent in determining the cause and performed their work diligently and courteously."—Steve Hohmann, 209 South Madison Ave., Middletown

"I just wanted to express my sincere gratitude to the crew that worked on my property. They were efficient and courteous and they represented MSD well. Their names were: Lee Hatchett, Jermaine Murphy and Charles Olgesby."—Ken Bauer, 8205 Zelma Fields Dr.

"We wanted to tell you how pleased we were with the work your crew did in solving a surface water drainage problem. The crew was made up of: Jim Wilson, Butch O'Bannon and Angie Young. They unplugged the sewer, constructed a catch basin and re-seeded the area. They were neat, didn't damage any flower beds, were congenial, and did a very professional job all around."—Frank and Betsy Deyo, 203 Dunbar Place



Beargrass Creek watershed area

Board of Aldermen assists with drainage projects

Nine drainage projects will soon be underway, with Louisville Aldermen and Alderwomen helping fund six neighborhood improvements.

To reduce standing water along roadsides along **Argyle Lane, Mina Court and Bryan Way**, \$61,562 in roadside and rear yard drainage improvements will be constructed. The project will affect 25 homes and resolve five customer requests.

Street and rear alley drainage for odd-numbered homes on **Kennedy Avenue** will reduce the frequency of flooding and also remove a combined-sewer catch basin. Thirty-four customers will benefit, and three customer concerns will be resolved by the \$114,618 project. First Ward Alderwoman Tina Ward-Pugh is cost-sharing the project with MSD.

To relieve standing water along both sides of **Kilmory Avenue and MacBrae Avenue**, various roadside improvements will be constructed at a cost of \$141,115. Sixth Ward Alderman Dan Johnson is cost-sharing the project at 50 percent.

Rear and front yard improvements costing \$55,776 along **Knight Road** will relieve standing water problems. Seventh Ward Alderman George Melton is cost-sharing the project at 50 percent.

By clearing an earth ditch and installing a paved bottom ditch, rear yard drainage along **Sanford Avenue** should improve. The project will cost \$61,850.

Roadside drainage along both sides of **Stafford Avenue** will improve with completion of a \$104,550 project. Seventh Ward Alderman George Melton is cost-sharing the work at 50 percent.

Roadside flooding along **University Drive** will be reduced, positively affecting 15 homes and costing \$53,769.

Standing water along both sides of **West Southside Court** will be relieved with the drainage improvements costing \$79,000. Sixth Ward Alderman Dan Johnson is cost-sharing the work at 50 percent.

To reduce flooding at the intersection of **Cleveland Blvd. and Zorn Avenue**, a curb drainage project and sidewalks will be constructed. First Ward Alderwoman Tina Ward-Pugh is cost-sharing the \$103,475 project at 48 percent.



Pond Creek watershed area

Drainage project planned for Krashey Way

Drainage improvements costing \$428,661.35 are planned for Krashey Way and Orville Drive.

"This is a badly needed project in a low-lying, very flat area," said Pond Creek Area Team Leader Dave Schaftlein.

To resolve the chronic standing water problems in the neighborhood, a dozen individual drainage lines will be constructed. The new lines will carry runoff and stormwater to Greasy Ditch, a major drainage channel in the area.

The project will take just under a year to complete.



Mill Creek watershed area

Valley Downs project to include drainage

One of MSD's largest sanitary sewer projects has been expanded to include drainage improvements that will benefit 134 properties.

The area, south of Johnstontown Road, suffers from limited roadside drainage facilities, according to Mill Creek Area Team Leader Tom Williams. About two miles of roadside drainage improvements are planned, including regrading existing swales, installing paved swales and installing driveway pipes.

Williams said the work should respond to all customer drainage requests in the area.

Team Contracting, Sellersburg, which is constructing the sanitary sewer project, will also perform the drainage work at a cost of \$291,480.