

## Erosion prevention ordinance in place

An ordinance to prevent erosion and control sediment that runs off into Jefferson County streams has been approved by Jefferson County Fiscal Court.

Drafted by a committee of builders, environmentalists, engineers and government agency personnel, the ordinance aims to conserve, preserve and enhance natural resources that still exist in Jefferson County while preventing the loss of soil and erosion from sites disturbed by construction.

The ordinance goes into effect January 1, 2001 and will apply to

almost all land-disturbing activities in Jefferson County, including utility work, improvements at single-family residences, site clearings, and construction of major developments and subdivisions. Agricultural activities are exempt

The ordinance provides for plan review, permitting and enforcement action including issuing notices of violation. It also includes an appeals process.

MSD is the lead agency in implementing the ordinance, responsible for approving plans, issuing permits,

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## Picnic jump starts Giving Tree

Collecting donations to make this year's holiday season brighter for needy area families involved water and four very good sports.

MSD's September 30th company picnic included a Dunking Tank where



picnickers paid for the opportunity to sink co-workers into a pool of water. Environmental Engineer Sarah Lynn Cunningham,

Physical Assets Director James Hunt, Maintenance Director Dave Johnson and Research & Productivity Assessment Director Mike Sweeney took repeated spills into the tank.

Their dunks earned \$130 for MSD's participation in this year's Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children Giving Tree program.

MSD hopes to provide gifts and grocery gift certificates for 20 families this season, according to Sweeney, one of MSD's Giving Tree coordinators. "This year, more departments and divisions are participating as a whole to sponsor an entire family and help with shopping," Sweeney said.

A tree bearing ornaments with information about the families and their holiday wishes is displayed in MSD's main office lobby. Through the generosity of MSD's staff, families will receive clothing, games, toys and grocery certificates.

For more information or to help, phone Theresa Daly at 540-6235 or Sweeney at 540-6175.

## Business plan meetings scheduled

MSD employees can help guide the organization toward its Vision by participating in meetings about MSD's Strategic Business Plan.

Three presentations are planned for Wednesday, November 29, and employees are invited to select the presentation time that fits their schedules. Presentations will begin at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Broadway Cinemas, 1211 W. Broadway.

MSD began developing a five-year strategic business plan in 1998 with committees of employees, business partners and key stakeholders. The

plan defines where MSD is today, where it hopes to be in five years, and what actions are necessary to get there.

"Although the plan was distributed to staff in mid-August, it is still a working document," said Executive Director Gordon Garner. "The plan will be refined, updated and, with the input and commitment of our staff, achieve better results," Garner said.

Employees do not need to register to attend the presentation. For more information, phone James Hunt at 540-6114 or email [hunt@msdlouky.org](mailto:hunt@msdlouky.org).

## Upcoming Events

**Dec. 8** - MSD Cultural Extravaganza, Seventh Street Facility, AND Public meeting, 2700 Block Algonquin Pkwy Project, 7 p.m., R.E. Jones Methodist Church, 2330 Algonquin Pkwy.

**Dec. 11** - MSD Board Meeting, 10 a.m., 700 West Liberty, first floor

**Dec. 11** - Public meeting, Lemmah Drive Sewer Project, 7 p.m., Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Hwy.

**Dec. 13** - Public meeting, Kramers Lane North, Phase II Sewer Project, 7 p.m., Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Hwy. AND Public meeting, Glaser Ln. Project, 7 p.m., Fern Creek Elementary, 8815 Ferndale Rd.

**Dec. 14** - Public meeting, Black Pond 5C Sewer Project, 7 p.m., Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Hwy.

**Dec. 18** - Public meeting, Kramers/Crums Lane Sewer, Interceptor, 7 p.m., Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Hwy.

**Dec. 25 & 26** - Christmas Holidays AND Jan. 1-New Year Holiday. MSD Offices are closed. For 24-hour emergency service, phone 587-0603.

**Jan. 3** - Public meeting, Hikes Point 2 Sewer Remediation Project, 8 p.m., Bon Air Regional Library, 2816 Del Rio Plc.

**Jan. 4** - Public meeting, Valley Village Sewer Remediation Project, 7 p.m., Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Hwy.

**Jan. 8** - MSD Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 700 West Liberty, first floor



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## Derwin Webb to head DiverseWorks



Derwin L. Webb will join MSD as DiverseWorks Program Administrator on December 5. The Indianapolis native and former University of

Louisville basketball player leaves his current position as U of L's assistant director of athletics where he created a diversity committee to address minority staff and student athlete issues. Webb also developed educational and outreach programs to increase understanding and respect for all cultural groups, and helped found U of L's African-American alumni group.

Webb holds a bachelor's degree in political science from U of L, which he earned while playing basketball from 1989 to 1993. Webb received a

Juris Doctorate degree from U of L's Brandeis School of Law in 1997. Before pursuing a career in athletics, Webb was an associate at Stites & Harbison law firm.

Webb is a member of 100 Black Men of Louisville, Louisville Urban League Young Professionals Association, National Consortium for Academics and Sports, National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He serves on the boards of Just Solutions, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and U of L's Alumni Association and Letterman's Club

MSD's DiverseWorks program certifies minority- and woman-owned businesses, and seeks opportunities for certified firms to provide professional services, construction services or materials to MSD. In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2000 MSD awarded more than \$30 million in professional services and construction services contracts to 46 minority-owned firms and \$14.7 million in professional services and construction contracts to 38 woman-owned firms.

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### Beargrass Creek watershed area

## Quick action repairs Main Street collapse

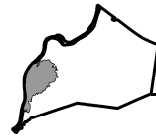
It started with a customer's report of a sewer back-up at 624 West Main Street, in the heart of Louisville's downtown business district.

When it ended, MSD had replaced 150 feet of collapsed sewer line and property service connections along the south side of Main between Sixth and Seventh streets.

The work meant blocked traffic lanes along Main and some inconvenience for property owners in the area, but the results should yield better services, according to Beargrass Creek Area Team Leader Loyiso Melisizwe.

"Some of the sewer lines predated the Civil War, and some of the property service connections were inadequate," Melisizwe said. After MSD excavated the area, other utilities, including Louisville Water Company and LG&E, took the opportunity to make repairs and upgrades to their lines serving the area, Melisizwe said.

E-Z Construction Co. completed the work in four weeks at a cost of \$142,602 under MSD's Emergency Procurement policy.



### Mill Creek watershed area

## Sewers to service Lemmah Drive

Construction is set to begin to extend sanitary sewer service to the Lemmah Drive neighborhood, off Terry Road near Lower Hunters Trace.

When completed in mid-2001, about 111 properties will be connected to sanitary sewers, according to Mill Creek Area Team Leader Tom Williams. The project also includes more than 12,000 feet of roadside and drainage improvements, Williams said.

Team Contracting, LLC was awarded a \$705,500 contract to construct the project.

## Quality Award notes continuous improvement

MSD is one of 27 Kentucky businesses to receive a Commonwealth of Kentucky Quality Award.

The award is a way for MSD and other businesses that are pursuing continuous improvement an opportunity to measure their progress against specific performance criteria, according to Human Resources Director Michael Crawford.

To apply, organizations must document significant achievement in leadership, strategic planning, customer and market focus, information analysis, human resource development,

management and business results.

Awards are given in four categories, and MSD achieved the Quality Interest Level 1 award, which is the beginning category. This is the first year MSD has applied for the award.

Crawford said applying for-and winning-the Quality Award ties to MSD's strategic business plan performance objectives to incorporate continuous quality improvement philosophy into routine business processes, and to meet national benchmarks and performance standards.

"These best-practice examples serve as inspirations and guides as we operate in the new economy," said Gov. Paul Patton, who created the awards in 1997.



### North County watershed area

## Project to benefit 57 homes

Property owners in a Lyndon neighborhood will notice better drainage when an improvement project is completed in the summer of 2001.

Construction is set to begin along Claremoor Drive to install concrete pipe, catch basins, driveway improvements and new drainage channels. The project will reduce yard flooding and standing water along roadsides in the area.

United Construction and Design Group, Inc. will perform the work for \$248,730.

## Erosion Prevention Ordinance (continued from front)

inspecting construction sites, enforcement, training and certifying builders, and developing a fee structure. The ordinance is required by Jefferson County's Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System stormwater permit program.

"There has been a great deal of construction in our community," said Engineering Director Derek Guthrie. "If construction is not managed responsibly, natural resources can be damaged in the process."

It particularly can impact the county's drainage system, which includes 130 miles of waterways. "By controlling soil loss from construction sites that result in sediment blocking our streams, much of this impact can be avoided," Guthrie said.

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