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Louisville and Jefferson County
Metropolitan Sewer District

Update

News about activities and developments at MSD

May 16, 2001

Ohio River Sweep set for June 16

Keeping our community's waterways free of litter and debris helps reduce water pollution and adds to the area's beauty. But Louisville and Jefferson County is not the only one interested in the beatification of our waterways.

On June 16 some 72 counties from Pittsburgh to Cairo, Illinois will join the 12th annual Ohio River Sweep to clean up more than 1,800 miles of riverbank. With six states and some 15,000 volunteers participating, it is the largest single environmental cleanup project in the United States.

The event is coordinated locally by MSD, and regionally by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO). Local sponsors include the City of Louisville's Operation Brightside,



The Ohio River overlooking downtown Louisville. Photo from the ORSANCO Web site.

Jefferson County Public Works, the U.S. Corps of Engineers, The Louisville Water Company and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Between 500 and 700 Jefferson County volunteers are expected to participate, according to Bud Schardein, MSD's coordinator for the sweep. Volunteers range in age from toddlers to senior citizens and

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Gardner, Hill show DiverseWorks

Contract Administrator Rebecca Gardner and Administrative Services Manager Mark Hill have been named DiverseWorks Champions for the first quarter of 2001.

"Rebecca and Mark not only champion the DiverseWorks program, they exemplify what MSD stands for in terms of our commitment to diversity," said Derwin L. Webb, DiverseWorks program administrator. "They've shown outstanding effort to strengthen supplier diversity in all aspects of MSD's business and procurement practices."

Webb noted that Hill has encouraged supplier diversity and business development within MSD's supplier network. "He has sought the use of minority- and woman-owned businesses (M/WBEs) for contracts when it wasn't required," Webb said. Gardner serves as MSD's representative to the National Association of Woman Business Owners. "She not only recruits minority- and woman-owned businesses for projects and contracts, she advises many businesses to seek DiverseWorks certification," according to Webb.

The DiverseWorks Champion Award program recognizes MSD employees each quarter for their efforts to promote supplier diversity.

The criteria includes:

- Using minority- and woman-owned businesses, especially those who bring innovative resources that help produce positive results for MSD, including cost-effectiveness and customer satisfaction.
- Extending opportunities for new and existing contracts/projects to include M/WBEs.



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DiverseWorks

Connecting Diverse Capabilities
with Business Opportunities

• Attending buyer meetings and facilitates matchmaker meetings to share information about MSD's procurement process and seeks new talent.

- Participating in professional workshops and tradeshows.
- Acting as a mentor or magnet for M/WBEs.

"Every company is different due to size, length of time in business and the type of work they perform," said Hill, one of the Champion Award winners. "That means every company that does business with MSD is treated differently as an individual company, but DiverseWorks ensures that they are

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Runners support St. Jude Hospital

When runners lined up for the start of the Kentucky Derby Festival's miniMarathon, five corporate teams of 23 MSD employees were among them.

But, seven of them made the 13.1-mile run for a worthy cause—the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. While MSD runners are annual participants in the race, it was the first year MSD employees had used the event to raise money for a charity.

About \$5,000 was raised for St. Jude Hospital, according to North

All of us have been touched in some way either by cancer or by the care provided by St. Jude.

County Area Team Coordinator Maribeth Sherrard, who helped organize the effort. Runners held bake sales and raffled a basketball signed by former University of Louisville Coach Denny Crum to raise money and awareness of St. Jude's work. MSD's employee association contributed \$250 to the cause.

"We chose St. Jude because it is a wonderful organization," Sherrard said. "All of us have been touched in some way either by cancer or by the care provided by St. Jude."

MSD runners who participated in the fundraiser were **Jeff Ackerman, Kenny Kingsbury, Diane Secor, Bud Schardein, Maribeth Sherrard, Tony State** and **Bob Stauble**.

Of the MSD employees running in the miniMarathon, David Roth had the best time, finishing the race in 1:26:38. Diane Secor placed 18th in her age category with a time of 1:38:45.

Watershed News

Beargrass Creek

Partnership restoring Parkway to Algonquin

When MSD began planning drainage improvements along a stretch of Algonquin Parkway, concerns were raised about restoring this Fredrick Law Olmstead-designed roadway.

"It quickly became more than a drainage improvement project," said Beargrass Creek Area Team Leader Loyiso Melisizwe. MSD began coordinating with Ninth Ward Alderwoman Denise Bentley, Metro Parks, Louisville's Public Works Department, and Louisville Water Company. The result is an innovative solution that features an asphalt multi-use pathway, similar to the old bridle path that parallels much of Southern Parkway leading to Iroquois Park.

The new pathway will contain much of the drainage features needed in the **2700 block of Algonquin Parkway**, including pipe and catch basins. Additionally, new sidewalks and curb will be built, driveway entrances removed and replaced, many existing trees will be removed and replaced, and some water lines will be relocated.

The group also realized that money would be saved if Louisville's Public Works Department administered the construction. The project's total cost is estimated at \$231,050.

MSD is contributing up to \$68,050 and will oversee the drainage work as the project is built, according to Melisizwe.

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Drainage projects planned for several neighborhoods

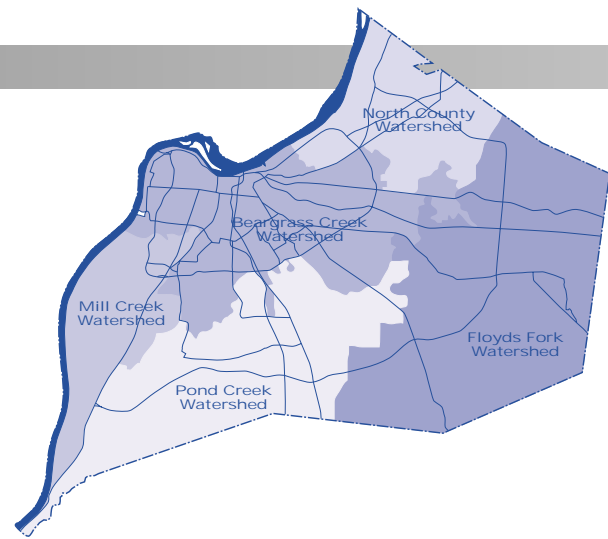
Construction is set to begin on drainage improvements in five neighborhoods.

To correct street flooding and standing water, roadside and rear yard improvements are planned on **Clay Avenue, Garrow Avenue and Garrow Court**. The project should impact 60 properties in the area, north of the Outer Loop and east of I-65, and address 27 long-standing drainage service requests from customers.

Commercial and residential properties along **Nash Road and National Turnpike** north of Outer Loop will get relief from flooding and standing water problems that plague this area near a wetlands area.

Pond Creek Area Team Leader David Schaflein said the team has worked closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide an adequate drainage outlet while minimizing the impact on the wetlands. The project includes restoring the area with native wetland grasses and mitigating the less-than one acre of disturbed hardwood wetlands.

Work will begin soon to bring roadside swale and rear ditches along **Bebe Court and Taffy Ann Court**. Existing ditches in this Fegenbush Lane-area neighborhood are off-grade and cause standing water when it rains. The project will benefit about 50 properties and respond to 14 customer service requests.



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Bee Lick Creek reformed naturally

Sometimes progress means returning to how it used to be.

That's the approach MSD took to address flooding and bank erosion on a stretch of Little Bee Lick



To reduce flooding and improve drainage along Fairdale's Mount Holly Road, a stretch of Little Bee Creek was restored to a more natural state. Other benefits include native bank vegetation and enhanced habitat for wildlife and aquatic life.

Creek in Fairdale. Using native materials and natural channel design, the creek was transformed to how it might have looked 50 years ago when Mount Holly Road drew its first residents.

The restored creek now not only looks more natural, it moves water

better during heavy rains and has increased wildlife habitat in the area. Enhanced bankside vegetation and in-stream boulder structures make the stream more inviting for fish and other aquatic life. A failing concrete bridge also was replaced with a wood one, giving the area the appearance of a park.

MSD's Pond Creek Watershed Area consultants Fuller, Mossbarger, Scott and May Engineers worked with the Pond Creek Area Team to reduce flooding in the area by returning this stretch of Little Bee Creek to a more natural state.

Ohio River Sweep

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include non-profit groups of all shapes, sizes and ages. Local businessman Jack Medford, who has supported the sweep for the past six years with financial incentives, this year is offering a \$2,000 cash prize to the largest non-profit group that participates and \$1,000 to the second largest group.

On Wednesday, May 30, at 10 a.m., a news conference will officially kick off the event registration. Local public officials, including the

mayor and county judge, will meet with media and others interested in recruiting volunteers for this year's event. For details about the conference, please call Schardein at 540-6319.

Individuals and volunteers interested in signing up for the Sweep should phone MSD's Janice Lewis at 540-6319. Each volunteer will receive a commemorative T-shirt, work gloves and all the trash bags they can fill on Sweep Day.

New listserv provides faster information

Interested in getting information from MSD without waiting for the mail or trying to catch someone by phone?

MSD is now offering an e-mail service to distribute general information about MSD news and events. Users can choose from four e-mail notifications:

- **Board Meetings**—provides subscribers with a link to the Board Agenda and Board Summary for each meeting.
- **Job Openings**—provides subscribers with notices about job openings and other MSD employment information.
- **News Releases**—sends subscribers MSD's news releases as an email as soon as they become available.
- **Update**—delivers MSD's bimonthly newsletter directly to your inbox.

There is no charge for the service and sign up is simple. Go to MSD's home page (www.msdlouky.org) and click on the hotlink, **Register for an MSD e-mail list**. After registering your e-mail address, choose the lists you wish to receive.

DiverseWorks

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all treated equally."

The Champion Award Review/Selection Committee includes **Pat Kirk, Kim McKnight, Loyiso Melisizwe, René Patterson, Maribeth Sherrard** and **Webb**.

In addition to quarterly employee awards, the Champion Award program annually will recognize MSD's major business partners who demonstrate outstanding commitment to diversity.



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Upcoming Events

May 17

Public meeting, Pond Creek
Inflow/Infiltration Remediation
Project, 7 p.m., Central Government
Center, 7201 Outer Loop

May 28

Memorial Day Holiday. MSD offices
are closed. For 24-hour emergency
service phone 587-0603

May 29

MSD Board meeting, 10 a.m., 700 W.
Liberty, first floor

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Keeping Customers First

A stopped up sewer line is never a welcomed guest-especially during Kentucky Derby weekend when Louisville-area households are filled with out-of-town guests.

So Pamela Crawford of Glover Lane was more than pleased when an MSD crew responded to clear the line serving her home over Derby weekend. **William Blaisdell, Kenny Hoerter, Vernon Johnson, Eric Sawyer**, along with crew supervisor **Tammy Graves**, “responded promptly and professionally,” Ms. Crawford reported.

She noted the extra concern shown by Graves, who dropped by the Crawford home after her shift to make sure the line was working properly, and **Marya Summers**, the

Customer Service staffer who coordinated Ms. Crawford’s service.

Pond Creek

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Rear yard drainage improvements are planned behind residences on **Barnes Drive and Dreamers Way** to reduce standing water problems. Some 42 properties will benefit from the project and five customer service requests will be resolved.

Homes along **Farmers Lane** in Fairdale will see better drainage and reduced flooding when work is completed in the 9000 and 10000 blocks. In addition to adding a paved swale, existing ditches will be regraded and driveway culverts will be installed.