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Louisville and Jefferson County
Metropolitan Sewer District

Update

News about activities and developments at MSD

September 25, 2002

Central Maintenance Facility open for business *Move unites personnel, vacates Cabel, Seventh Street sites*

This week some 300 Maintenance, Industrial Compliance and Monitoring, Fleet and other MSD personnel are reporting for work at MSD's new maintenance facility in the A Commerce Center on Cane Run Road.

The move, accomplished September 20 and 21, vacated MSD's Cabel Street and Seventh Street facilities, where personnel, equipment and records had been housed for decades.

Employees were excited about moving to the 198,000 square-foot Central Maintenance Facility, part of the 25-acre site MSD purchased in February 2000 to become a single location for much of its field personnel. The building and site were customized to meet MSD's employee and equipment requirements during a renovation that cost more than \$7 million and took more than two years to complete.

Although the new facility consolidates employees and equipment from two separate locations—along with some

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Workers prepare the new facility for the staff.



Maintenance Director Dave Johnson sets up a computer at the Central Maintenance Facility.

Foster named to MSD Board

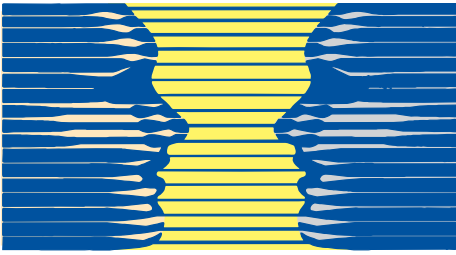
Louisville business owner and community leader Frank Foster, Jr. has been sworn in as the newest member of MSD's Board.

Foster is best known as the owner of the Louisville landmark Jay's Cafeteria, which first opened in 1974 on South 18th Street. By 1994, Foster built and opened Jay's current location on West Muhammad Ali. Jay's is not only a regular dining spot for hundreds of Louisvillians, it also has catered events for the area's largest companies and government agencies.

Foster's community service has included work on behalf of young

people and senior citizens. He is currently president of Smoketown Friends, Inc.

Louisville Mayor David Armstrong appointed Foster to a three-year term. He replaces Ben Richmond who had served as the Board's representative from the 33rd state senatorial district. Foster will serve on the MSD Board's budget/audit and personnel committees. Mayor Armstrong also reappointed Board member Al Brunner to serve another three-year term representing the 37th state senatorial district.



Customer First at Work

Editor's note: Following are excerpts of customer comments.

"Thanks to **Jeff Stinnett** and **Tim Wierwille** for doing such a good job cleaning the catch basin located on my property today."

—Kathleen Wilson,
Louisville, 40208

"I was blown away by the hard work that **Bill Chamberlain** and **Troy Smith** did to complete drainage work in my area. The crew always tried to keep me informed and wasted no time assisting me."

—Valarie Kersting,
Louisville, 40220

"**Mike Willis, Richard Young** and **Dwayne Edwards** did a wonderful job on an easement near my property. The repaired concrete is perfect and the drainage problem is solved."

—Steve and Virginia Beck,
Louisville, 40272

"For more than a week **Butch Attebury, Billy Smith, Cary Smith** and **John Alexander** worked on an erosion problem at our house. They were courteous and professional and our yard looks better than ever!"

—Stan and Leigh Rae Kmiec,
Louisville, 40241

MSD Milestones

Congratulations on new positions:

- Tommy Spalding, from Maintenance Mechanic to Process Supervisor, 9/14

Thanks for the years of service:

- Alan R. Linville, Sr., Telemetry Technician, retiring 9/30

Area Team News

Beargrass Creek

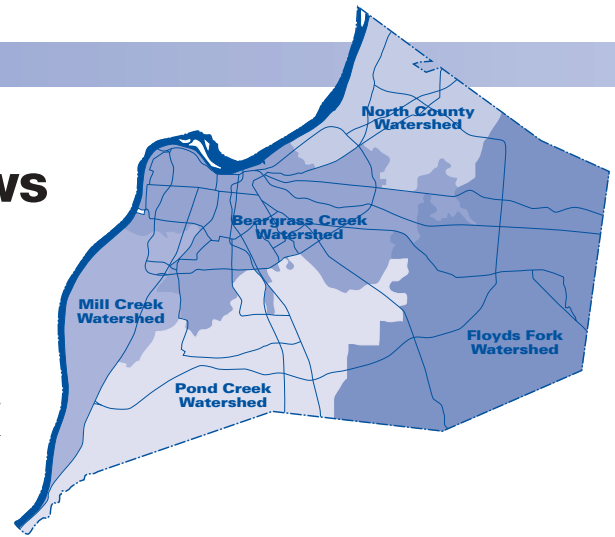
Flood protection project proceeds

Plans developed by the U.S. Army Corps and Engineers and MSD to construct eight flood detention basins along the south fork of Beargrass Creek are proceeding.

Construction of the first two basins—near Bashford Manor and Hikes Lane—will begin in October. According to Beargrass Area Team Leader Loyiso Melisizwe, these two basins will comprise about 50 percent of the entire project's flood-reduction benefit.

As part of MSD's contribution to the project, the Board allocated \$666,760 to purchase land needed to build two new basins on Richland Avenue and Old Shepherdsville Road. A third existing basin at Fountain Square near Buechel will be purchased and enlarged to maximize benefits. Construction is scheduled to start late in 2003.

The South Fork of Beargrass Creek Flood Protection Project was initiated in 2001 as a partnership between the Corps of Engineers and MSD. Of the project's total \$12 million estimated cost, MSD will fund about \$3 million, Melisizwe said.



Mill Creek

Sewers to connect 400 properties

Three construction projects will begin to connect three Mill Creek Area neighborhoods to sewer service.

Some 300 properties in the **Cane Run Road** area will be connected to sanitary sewers, allowing property owners to discontinue using on-site septic systems. Construction of the \$2 million project includes more than four miles of sewer and is expected to take a year to complete.

A pocket of 14 properties along **Rockford Lane** should be connected to sewers by the end of 2002. The project is expected to cost \$57,280.

The initial phase of the **Claremore Acres** sewer project will connect 36 properties to sewer service at a cost of \$135,959. The Claremore Acres project represents the first of MSD's final phase of the Mill Creek sewer expansion, according to Mill Creek Area Team Leader Tom Williams.

Acquisition policy defines process

A consistent policy for acquiring easements will better satisfy customers, speed up the process and reduce costs.

As a result, MSD's Board adopted an easement acquisition policy that gives MSD personnel authority to negotiate easement acquisitions instead of using third-party agents. The policy also calls for special condition guidelines to be developed.

The Easement Acquisition Policy Team's work was timely as MSD

projects it will need to acquire more than 550 easements for planned construction projects during the current fiscal year. Under the new policy, MSD could save around \$300,000 on easement acquisitions this year.

Team members are **Janice Cox, Kim Decker, Angi Evans, Juan Linares, Kerry Lynch** and **Brenda Sims. Deborah Kent** was team leader and **Pat Kirk** was team facilitator.

Wellness is Expo focus

MSD employees and their families can assess their health, tune up finances and improve emotional well-being at free Quality of Life Expo sponsored by the Human Resources Division. The Expo will be held Friday, Sept. 27 at the Central Maintenance Facility from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Among the free services offered are complete blood count, thyroid assessments and screenings for prostate cancer, colon cancer, osteoporosis and specific allergies. Many of the tests require no food after midnight the day of the Expo and no antihistamines 12 hours prior to testing.

Blood pressure, asthma, skin cancer and vision screenings, along with massages and other therapies are among the Expo's other offerings.

More than 40 representatives from area wellness, health care, retirement planning, counseling, educational and financial institutions will be on-site to answer questions and provide free assessments. Door prizes and drawings, including a 50 percent discount for laser eye surgery from the John Kenyon Eye Center will be offered. There will also be a raffle for a home entertainment center, digital camera, camcorder and portable CD player.

Confidential test results from the Expo will be mailed to employee homes. For more information about the Expo and special requirements for the tests, contact Nannette Edwards at 540-6340 or edwards@msdlouky.org



Free massages are among Expo features.

Central Maintenance Facility (continued from front page)

personnel from MSD's Main Office—it has additional space for future growth.

But the move was packed with emotion as many staff loaded boxes and prepared for the movers to arrive. Cabel Street employees, anticipating potentially heavy rains Friday evening, busily prepared pumps for transport to neighborhoods should drainage problems and sewer overflows threaten. Wet Weather/Water Quality Area Team personnel also were among the last to leave the Seventh Street building Friday afternoon.

Housing these operations at a single location should improve use of resources, internal communication and service to customers, according to Physical Assets Director James Hunt. Consolidation also should save MSD more than \$300,000 a year in annual operating costs.

MSD's Board declared the Cabel Street and Seventh Street properties surplus, making them available for sale by sealed bid or public auction. Hunt said additional revenues may be realized if the properties sell.



Keeping customers first, Tammy Graves responds to a call from a field crew.



Sharon Stone, Toni Lanier, Connie Miller and Ezell Smith pack up the Cabel Street office.

BELOW: Equipment from Cabel Street is packed to move.





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24-hour Customer Service: **587-0603**

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Inside Update

- Central Maintenance Facility now open for business
- Frank Foster named to MSD Board
- New policy saves time, satisfies customers
- Beargrass Creek flood protection project underway

Data collection partnership continues

MSD's 14-year partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey to collect surface water data throughout Jefferson County will continue.

Since 1988, when MSD and USGS began monitoring Jefferson County surface water, MSD has used the data collected to support water quality initiatives, according to Patti Grace-Jarrett of MSD's Wet Weather/Water Quality Team. Those include:

- evaluating strategies to control combined and sanitary sewer overflows
- tracking trends in stream water quality
- evaluating the effectiveness of stormwater control practices

The data collection network includes 23 locations where water quality meters and stream flow gauges provide continuous information about what's in Jefferson County streams and how rapidly they are moving. USGS also has 17 crest stage gauges at key locations in the network.

Grace-Jarrett said the information is reported to Kentucky's Division of Water and used by the agency in an annual report to Congress on surface water quality throughout the commonwealth.

Upcoming Events

September 27

Quality of Life Expo, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Central Maintenance Facility

October 3

DiverseWorks Orientation, 9 a.m., 700 W. Liberty, first floor

October 14

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

October 24

Public meeting, Jeffersontown Facilities Plan, 6 to 9 p.m., Jeffersontown City Hall, 10416 Watterson Trail

October 28

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

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