

## Annual Beargrass Sweep is September 25

Volunteers participating in the 15th annual Beargrass Creek Clean Sweep this month also will have a chance to learn how to maintain a healthy watershed.

Along with collecting trash and debris from the creek's banks, volunteers meeting at the pumping station can learn how to create a rain garden, the benefits of a riparian or no-mow zone, and about the Water Watch monitoring program.

The demonstrations aren't the only new feature in the annual clean-up event. This year, instead of dividing volunteers among numerous access points along the creek's three forks, local workers will gather at the MSD's flood pumping station on lower Brownsboro Road, near the head of the Butchertown Greenway Trail.

Along with collecting trash and debris from creek banks, volunteers are invited to bring canoes to sweep the creek from the inside, if weather permits.

The Sweep will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until noon on Saturday, September 25. Sweep volunteers should wear old clothes and shoes that withstand water, and bring work gloves.

Sweep sponsors include Kentucky Waterway Alliance, Louisville Nature Center, Metro Parks, the Jefferson County Natural Resources Conservation Service and MSD. For more information, visit [www.beargrasswatershed.org](http://www.beargrasswatershed.org) on the Internet. For details or to volunteer, contact Kurt Mason (499-1900 or [kmason@ky.usda.gov](mailto:kmason@ky.usda.gov)) or Phyllis Croce (540-6456 or [croce@msdlouky.org](mailto:croce@msdlouky.org)).



*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

— Margaret Mead

## Connection fee waived for low-income homes

MSD will continue to waive its fee to connect homes purchased by low-income owners to sanitary sewer service.

The \$5,500 connection fee will not apply to low-income families purchasing homes for \$93,000 or less, providing the family meets the income criteria established by MSD's Board, based on guidelines adopted by Habitat for Humanity of Louisville. For example, a family of four with annual income between \$17,450 and \$34,900 would be eligible for the waiver.

The home must be built by, or on behalf of, a 501(c)(3) organization that is either exempt from federal income tax or is a government entity.

MSD's policy to waive connection fees for low-income customers dates back to 1997, according to Legal Counsel Carolyn Shain. Previously, MSD had used Kentucky Housing Corporation guidelines for family income and home purchase price. Shain said using Habitat for Humanity of Louisville guidelines better reflects the local affordable housing community.

The new guidelines become effective September 1.

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## Upcoming Events

September 6  
Labor Day holiday. MSD offices are closed. For emergency service phone 587-0603

September 13  
MSD Board meeting, 10 a.m., 700 W. Liberty, first floor

September 17-19  
Jeffersontown Gaslight Festival, Jeffersontown. Visit the Project XL booth! Contact Greg Ratliff (540-6470 or ratliff@msdlouky.org) for details

September 18  
Beargrass Creek Clean Sweep, 9 a.m. to noon. See story in this *Update* for details.

September 27  
MSD Board meeting, 10 a.m., 700 W. Liberty, first floor

## Certifiable Success

DiverseWorks for these recently certified businesses:  
Burns Janitor Service, Inc. (MBE)  
Providing janitorial services  
Contact: Tommie Burns, 585-4548

Data Solutions & Technology, Inc. (MWBE)  
Providing computer, business and management consulting; courier service and local passenger transportation; and publishing services  
Contact: Deborah Scott Thomas, 301/583-3500

## Area Team News

**Beargrass Creek:** Roadside drainage improvements, including a pipe and inlet system, are planned along **Lynnbrook Drive**. When completed, the \$53,393 project will address three customer requests and benefit 24 properties. It's part of the Project DRI partnership between Louisville Metro and MSD to correct the community's worst drainage problems.

Project DRI will address standing water problems along **Narragansett Drive**.

Among planned improvements are a valley gutter and driveway apron replacements. The \$85,643 project will resolve two customer requests and benefit 54 properties.

Drainage improvements totaling \$57,535 will be constructed along **Ridgeview Avenue** to relieve roadside standing water. Part of the Project DRI partnership, the work will address seven customer requests and benefit 26 properties.

**Mill Creek:** A mix of rear-yard and roadside drainage facilities are planned to improve drainage along **Downes Drive**. The \$112,203 project will benefit 72 properties. It's part of Project DRI, the partnership between Louisville Metro and MSD.

Constructing roadside drainage facilities along **Lemmah Drive** will improve drainage for 22 properties. The \$50,258 project is part of the Project DRI initiative.

**Morris Forman Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Working with contractors selected to construct **improvements at the Hite Creek and West County wastewater treatment plants**, MSD staff have fixed cost ceilings by defining specific tasks and deleting components that are no longer required to complete the projects.

Work to expand the 34-year-old Hite Creek plant to a treatment capacity of 6 million gallons per day has been underway since September 2003. Improvements include constructing new screen and blower buildings, and two clarifiers; replacing influent pumps; expanding ultraviolet disinfection capabilities and enhancing the aeration basins. The project, expected to be completed in September 2005, will cost \$10.8 million.

The third phase of expanding the West County plant began in August 2002, and will increase the plant's treatment capacity from 19.5 million gallons per day to 30 million gallons. Other improvements include building a new solids transfer pump station; relocating and adding odor controls to a sludge holding tank; and redirecting the flow in aeration basins. When completed in July 2005, the work will have cost \$8.319 million.



## MSD Retirees' Club News

Summertime means the annual picnic for MSD retirees. Former yard worker Don Thomas and his wife, Carolyn, hosted the event on July 8 at their home on Old Whipp's Mill Road.

Along with enjoying good food on a lovely summer afternoon, retirees spent time catching up with each other. To learn more about MSD's retiree organization and future events, contact MSD's Beverly Cox (540-6377 or coxb@msdlouky.org).



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**Pond Creek:** Rear yard drainage facilities will be constructed behind homes along **Caspian, Aral and Balaton drives** as part of the Project DRI initiative. The \$207,747 project will address 25 customer requests and benefit about 80 properties.

Installing roadside drainage facilities along **Fox Avenue** will improve drainage for 25 properties and address six customer requests. The \$64,425 project is part of the Project DRI partnership between Louisville Metro and MSD.

The second phase of drainage improvements in the **Old Kentucky Home** subdivision will construct rear-yard drainage facilities. The neighborhood was constructed without drainage features or easements along rear yard property lines. The \$201,798 project—part of Project DRI—will address 14 customer requests and benefit 58 additional properties.

Rear-yard drainage facilities will be constructed between **Riata Drive and Redondo Circle**. About 800 feet of paved ditch will be installed at a cost of \$72,250, addressing seven customer requests and impacting 23 properties. It's part of Project DRI, the initiative to address the community's worst drainage problems.

**Wet Weather/Water Quality:** Gravity-driven, self-cleaning screens will help **control solid materials** at five combined sewer overflow locations. Designed to keep wastewater solids out of surface water during heavy rains, the screens will cost \$99,995 to install. The five screen locations were selected based on flow rate, ease of access and structural modifications required for installation.

Disconnecting downspouts from about 80 homes that drain to sanitary sewers will enable MSD to **close a combined sewer overflow** along Beargrass Creek in Cherokee Park. Plans call for contacting affected property owners to arrange to perform the work. The home downspouts should be disconnected from the sanitary sewer lines late in 2004, at a cost of \$120,160.

## Diggers take division volleyball Classic title

The MSD Diggers captured the corporate coed division title at the 15th annual Brightside/Coca-Cola Volleyball Classic held July 31 at Waterfront Park.

It's the first win for the Diggers in this division.

Five teams competed in the tournament including Business First, The Chamber-Jeffersontown, Delta Dental, Dominion and MSD. To win the division, the Diggers bested The Chamber-Jeffersontown in two consecutive matches during the final round.

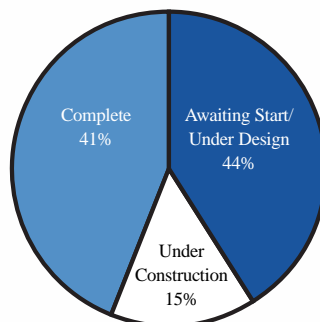
Billed as one of the largest volleyball tournaments in the region, more than 4,500 players competed in this year's Classic.



*The division champion MSD Diggers are (front, l to r) Maggie Happel, Rochelle Bradley-Moore, Robin Bowling, (back, l to r) Kevin Bright, Brad Walker and Dennis Thommasson.*

## Project DRI Progress

Through August 19, 2004, the partnership between Louisville Metro and MSD has completed or started more than half of the 388 drainage improvements planned when Project DRI began in January 2003.



## Customer First at Work

"Melvin Benford, Don Riddle and Tom Wise went beyond the call of duty. Thank you!"

--Phil Lucas, Audubon Park, 40213

"It looks more like a park than a drainage ditch now. Steve Prestigiacomo, Eric Sawyers, Ceasar Williams, Charlie Wilson, Charles Woods and Ron Wordlow deserve a pat on the back for their work."

--John Jefferies, Shively, 40216

"Thanks to Jeff Montgomery who unblocked the ditch. I appreciate MSD's response to my request."

--Milton Bowers, Okolona, 40219

"I am overjoyed by the responsiveness I've gotten from Diane Secor, Bill Smith, Kerry Smith and Eric Toller."

--Robin Hicks, Middletown, 40243

"Eldra McWhorter, Tammy Moore and John Selch have all been very helpful in assisting me."

--Wayne Whitehouse, Shively, 40216

"Thanks to William Cunningham, Raymond Dennis, Kevin Divine, Brian Matheis and Greg McCraney for cleaning and mowing the drainage ditch."

--Mrs. Gail Posey, Audubon Park, 40213

"MSD is lucky to have Anthony Bradford and Barbara Roberson working there."

--Donna Ford, Pleasure Ridge Park, 40258

"The crew of William Cunningham, Raymond Dennis, Kevin Divine, Brian Matheis and Greg McCraney did an excellent job!"

--Tina May, Valley Station, 40272

"Thanks to Eva Barlow for cleaning catch basins next to my property and across the street. I appreciate her quick response and hard work."

--Doris L. Jackson, West End, 40210



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## Foshee, Richmond named to MSD Board

An attorney and a community leader have been appointed to the MSD Board by Mayor Jerry E. Abramson and the Metro Council. Lifelong Louisvillian Clyde H. Foshee, Jr. is vice president and senior attorney with National City Bank of Kentucky's Law Department. He is a graduate of Washington & Lee University and the University of Louisville School of Law. Foshee has been active in various local youth organizations, including Boy Scouts of America and Little League.

Foshee has been appointed to a term expiring July 31, 2007. He replaces former Board member Roy L. Turner.

Benjamin K. Richmond has served as president and CEO of the Louisville Urban League since 1987. During his tenure, Richmond completed a \$1.2 million capital campaign, oversaw construction of the new League headquarters and established the REBOUND housing development project. He is a graduate of Tougaloo College and holds a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin.



*Clyde H. Foshee, Jr.*



*Benjamin K. Richmond*

Richmond serves on the board of directors for the Fund for the Arts of Greater Louisville, Cathedral Heritage Foundation, Spirit of Louisville Foundation/Bell Awards, and Greater Louisville, Inc. He also serves on the University Of Louisville Board Of Overseers and the Louisville Metro Region Advisory Board of Branch Banking & Trust Company.

Richmond replaces Frank Foster, Jr. for a term to expire August 31, 2005.

Also, Board Vice Chair Beverly Wheatley was reappointed for a term to expire June 30, 2007.