

Three selected as 2006 Achievers

James Bridges, Jr., Paula Byrd and Debora Johnson have already achieved a level of success in their careers, at home and in the community. Later this month, they each will be recognized by a new title: 2006 Achiever.

Bridges, Byrd and Johnson have been selected by MSD to participate in the Chestnut Street Family YMCA Black Achievers program. Since 1980, the program has aligned representatives from Louisville-area companies with youth in grades eight through 12 to encourage children to pursue careers and higher education.

“Achievers model what opportunities a career and education can bring to youth who may not have these examples in their lives,” said DiverseWorks Program Administrator and Affirmative Action Officer Deby Mettling. “The Achievers program provides these children with a mentor to help them achieve their own successes.”

An electrical and instrumentation supervisor, Bridges has been with MSD for 24 years and has achieved professionally and personally. Aside from teaching Martial Arts, Bridges also has served as president of his church and its steering committee.

Byrd, an 18-year MSD employee and currently the support supervisor in the Infrastructure and Flood Protection Division, already serves as a mentor to students and volunteers at area high schools. She hopes her passion to lead and her work ethic will inspire others through the Achiever program.

Johnson, a process control computer operator hopes her more than 18-year career at MSD can be an example to the young program participants. While responsibility is key in any career, Johnson plays a critical role in monitoring flows at pump stations and other treatment facilities.

Bridges, Byrd and Johnson will be recognized at an awards banquet in February. The event raises funds to support the program and sponsor more than \$1 million in scholarships for eligible high school seniors.



James Bridges



Paula Byrd



Debora Johnson

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Improving drainage, one neighborhood at a time Partnership between Louisville Metro and MSD completes 381 projects

Phase 1 of the Project DRI partnership between Louisville Metro and MSD successfully concluded just before the end of 2005, with more than \$67 million invested in neighborhood drainage improvements.

Launched in January 2003, Project DRI outlined an aggressive plan including \$47 million for 381 capital construction projects and \$20 million for drainage-maintenance improvements throughout Louisville Metro. Projects were determined by customer input and long-standing documented drainage problems that affected the most people.

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Upcoming Events

February 13
MSD Board Meeting, 10 a.m.,
700 W. Liberty, first floor

February 20
Presidents' Day.
MSD offices are open.

February 27
MSD Board Meeting, 10 a.m.,
700 W. Liberty, first floor

MSD Milestones

Welcome to MSD:
David Ehman, Auto/Heavy
Equipment Tech Helper
Derek Moore, Utility Trainee
Chiffon Vaughn, Auto/Heavy
Equipment Tech Helper

Congratulations on
your promotions:
Stefan Brown to Utility Worker II
Fred Hollon to Utility Worker III
Van Johnson to Utility Worker III
Greg Meriwether to Utility Worker III
Gary Trowel to Utility Leader

We will miss:
Jesse Cole, Master Maintenance
Mechanic, retiring Feb. 1
Kenny Hoerter, Sewer Maintenance
Supervisor, retiring Feb. 1
Debbie Newton, Central Regional
Manager, retiring March 1
Jeffrey Pettyjohn, Emergency
Response Pretreatment Inspector,
retiring Feb. 1

Certifiable Success

DiverseWorks for this
recently certified business:
Trotter Construction Co. (MBE)
Construction management,
construction, contract administration,
shotcrete, precast concrete, structural
steel, utility infrastructure
Contact: James Trotter Sr.,
317/543-0053

Area Team News

Beargrass Creek: Existing sanitary sewer lines and storm drains will be flushed and lined during the second phase of the **Louisville Zoo Sewer Rehabilitation Project**. The \$210,303 project is the second of three phases of work planned at the zoo.

Development: An agreement with developers Steve Canfield and Stephen T. Cox will enable them to **build sewer facilities** to accommodate both their planned developments and future growth in northern Jefferson County. Four wastewater pumping stations and about a half-mile of force main will be upgraded to serve an estimated 2,113 single-family homes, including the 413 homes in the planned developments. Under MSD's recapture agreement, the developers may recover their \$2.8 million investment over 25 years.

Construction of a new development in southwest Jefferson County will include a large **interceptor sewer** called for in MSD's Pond Creek Action Plan. The nearly \$1.3 million project will be funded by Ridge Development with MSD paying for engineering and design services and specific costs covered by the Excess Cost policy. Both MSD and the developer may recover their investments under this shared recapture agreement.

Operations: The concrete cover for two **blendwells at the Morris Forman Wastewater Treatment Plant** will be repaired. The 30-year-old cover has deteriorated from long-term exposure to hydrogen sulfide and other corrosives. Damaged concrete will be replaced, a protective coating applied and steel structural supports installed at a cost of \$265,000.

A new system at the Morris Forman plant will **reduce odor** from the truck unloading station. The \$73,368 system will capture odorous emissions for treatment by the plant's biotrickling scrubbers.



Drainage Response Initiative Projects

The Project DRI partnership between Louisville Metro and MSD is solving drainage problems throughout the community. These projects are ready for construction:

The **Briarcliff Road** area will soon see the construction of paved roadside swales and installation of new driveway culverts and aprons costing \$74,330. The project will benefit 18 properties and remedy nine customer service concerns.

Roadside improvements will correct poorly defined roadside drainage systems along **Constance Drive, Jacqueline Way and Golden Drive**. The \$83,350 project will benefit 43 properties and address 12 customer requests.

Installing a pipe and inlet system, and replacing driveway culverts and aprons will eliminate standing water along **Ervay Avenue**. The \$77,805 project will address two customer service requests and benefit 20 additional properties.

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Enoch Dean, David Floyd and Rick Bledsoe check the elevations of a drainage system along Central Avenue.

MSD working to expedite cleanups

To make sure damaged properties can be cleaned up quickly, MSD has contracted with three companies to provide water damage clean-up services as needed.

In 2002, a team of MSD staff representing all divisions recommended changing MSD's procedures to allow field personnel who investigate customer claims to settle directly with customers.

Since that time, Infrastructure and Flood Protection personnel have helped property owners resolve minor damage claims and expedited cleanups. During 2005, they settled 86 of 113 claims and also arranged for clean-up and restorative services.

Drainage... *continued from page 2*

Replacing driveway culverts and aprons, and installing paved roadside swales along **Lewis Way, Flowervale Lane and Dutschke Road** will improve roadside drainage systems and reduce yard flooding during heavy rains. The \$55,975 project will resolve 10 drainage service requests and benefit an additional 33 properties.

Roadside and rear-yard improvements along **Maple and New Maple Roads** will cost \$61,068 and address five customer service requests, as well as benefit 28 additional properties.

Installing paved roadside swales and replacing driveway culverts will relieve standing water along **Marcy Avenue and Tarrytown Road**. The \$79,020 project will address 10 customer requests and affect 32 properties.

A poorly defined roadside drainage system along **Southgate Avenue** will be replaced at a cost of \$55,171. The project will benefit 25 properties and address three customer requests.

Paved roadside and rear-yard swales, along with new driveway culverts and aprons, will address nine drainage requests and impact 35 additional properties along **Starlight Way**. The project will cost \$72,660.

Constructing paved roadside and rear-yard swales, and replacing driveway culverts and aprons will address 15 drainage requests and impact 40 properties in the **Sunshine Acres** Subdivision. The \$94,870 project will occur along sections of Orange Blossom Road, Acapolca Way, Bahama Lane and Batalina Court and behind several properties between Sunday Drive and Mile of Sunshine Drive.

Drainage improvements totaling \$93,880 will reduce standing along **Trillium Way**. The project also provides an outlet for the rear-yard drainage system between Trillium Way and Columbine Drive. The work will resolve 13 customer service requests and benefit 48 additional properties.

Replacing driveway culverts and aprons, and installing a pipe and inlet system along **Winston Avenue** from Lowell Avenue to Kings Highway will relieve standing water along the road. The \$98,630 project will resolve three drainage service requests and benefit an additional 40 properties.



Now in Phase 2, Project DRI continues working across Louisville Metro to upgrade existing drainage facilities and build new ones.

Customer First at Work

"Darrell Goodwin and Sean Brown provided the best customer service I've experienced in many years while responding to a backup."

-- Bernard Spaulding, Highview

"Diane Secor was so dedicated to keeping us informed about the project schedule that she even responded to an e-mail I sent her while she was away on military leave. She and the construction crew, Darryl Coleman, Martin Mooney, Mark Smith and Dennis Vandiver, exceeded my expectations."

-- Phil Miller, Fern Creek

"Thank you John Loechle and Maribeth Sherrard. My neighbors and I are pleased to see that our project has been contracted and is scheduled to start. Thanks for seeing it through."

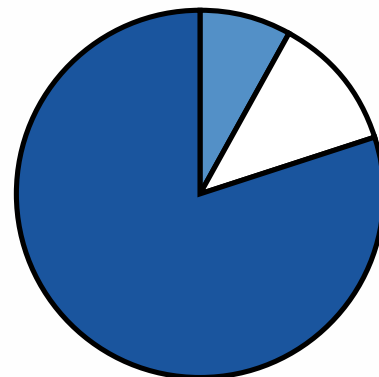
-- Michael G. Neal, Middletown

Project DRI Progress

Project DRI, a partnership between Louisville Metro and MSD that began in 2003, has improved drainage with 381 projects completed throughout the Metro area during Phase 1. The successful partnership began Phase 2 in 2005 and has begun or completed 20 percent of 335 planned projects.

Phase 2

- Awaiting Start/Future - 80%
- Under Construction - 12%
- Complete - 8%





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Improving Drainage... *continued from page 1*



Mike Turner puts the final touches on ground restoration of a rear-yard DRI project.

Much of the work was performed by MSD crews and included constructing new culverts, regrading drainage channels and repairing storm sewers. MSD personnel also engineered and managed most of the projects.

“For the first time, thousands of residents in this community no longer have to hold their collective breath every time it rains,” said Executive Director Bud Schardein.

The success of Phase 1 prompted Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson and Schardein to initiate Project DRI's Phase 2. An additional 335 neighborhood projects and maintenance initiatives will be funded by a \$55 million investment.

Even before Project DRI's first phase was completed, Phase 2 was beginning. By December 2005, 27 projects had been completed with another 24 underway.

Combined, Project DRI's Phase 1 and Phase 2 represent a \$122 million total investment in neighborhood drainage improvements.