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News about activities and developments at MSD

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Hundreds expected to 'sweep' Ohio River

Hundreds of volunteers are expected to help clean up the banks of the Ohio River June 19th for the 10th annual Ohio River Sweep.

The cleanup begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 2 p.m. Each volunteer participant will receive a T-shirt. Local businessperson Jack Mefford will award cash prizes to non-profit groups with the most volunteers at the sweep.

Last year volunteers collected more than 50 tons of debris from Ohio riverbanks.

Fifteen collection sites are designated. Jefferson County sites are Riverview Park, Lake Dreamland, Chickasaw Park, Shawnee Park, McAlpine Locks, Riverwalk at 10th Street, Eva Bandman Park, Zorn Pumping Station, Cox Park, Juniper Beach, Payne water plant and Hayes Kennedy Park. Indiana sites are Riverfront Park, Ashland Park and Charleston.

The Ohio River Sweep is coordinated by personnel from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville Water Co. and MSD.

For sweep information in Jefferson County phone Janice Lewis at MSD, 540-6366. For Indiana information phone 800/359-3977.

Strange achieves exceptionally at MFWTP

A 27-year veteran MSD staffer has received MSD's highest job performance honor—the Exceptionally Achieves rating.

Robert L. Strange, electrical specialist at Morris Forman Wastewater Treatment Plant (MFWTP), was recommended for the honor by peers and managers, according to MSD Board Personnel Committee Chair Roy L. Turner.

Strange's accomplishments at MFWTP include pursuing safe asbestos abatement in the laboratory, coordinating annual construction contracts for small capital projects, and acting as the plant's radiation safety officer to properly remove and dispose of nuclear density gauges. "Because Bob is a 110-

percent giver in every activity, he is frequently volunteered to handle many projects and he always does an outstanding job completing them," according to Richard Hutchison, Operations Division special assistant.

One of those jobs was developing a process safety management plan mandated by federal agencies for large wastewater treatment plants. Outside consultants estimated a cost \$250,000 to create the plan for MSD, according to Executive Director Gordon Garner. "Bob led the way in completing what we needed to do and saved us money in the process," Garner said. "We couldn't have finished the plan without him."

Rate increase considered by Board

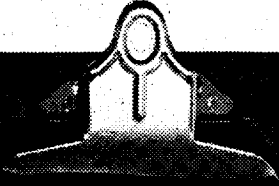
MSD's Board has approved a preliminary rate resolution authorizing a five-percent increase in connection fees and sewer and drainage service charges for all customer classes. If approved, the new rates would be effective Aug. 1.

Under the proposed rate schedule, residential customers would be charged about \$13.97 a month for sanitary sewer service, a 67-cent increase. Drainage service charges for residential customers also would increase by 16 cents to \$3.31 a month.

The increase is necessary to generate sufficient revenue to operate and maintain the existing sewer and drainage system, and to continue retiring MSD's debt, according to Finance Director Robert A. Miller. City and county ordinances require MSD's net revenues to be greater than 1.10 times the debt service on MSD's outstanding revenue bonds for any consecutive six-month period.

Public comment on the proposed rates will be heard at a public hearing July 12 beginning at 7 p.m. in MSD's offices. Written comments about the proposed rates also will be accepted.

MSD's Board is expected to take final action on the proposed rates at its July 27 meeting.



Upcoming Events

June 19 - Ohio River Sweep, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

June 23 - Public Meeting, Kramers Ln. South Assessment Project, 7 p.m., Southwest Government Center courtroom, 7219 Dixie Hwy.

June 28 - MSD Board Meeting, 10 a.m., 700 W. Liberty, first floor **AND** Public Meeting, Drive-in Branch Stafford/Gagel Ave. Ditch, 7 p.m., Shawnee Christian Church, 1520 Gagel Ave.

July 5 - Independence Day Holiday. MSD offices are closed. For 24-hour emergency service phone 587-0603.

July 12 - Public Meeting on Preliminary Rate Resolution, 7 p.m., MSD Board Room, 700 W. Liberty St.

July 13 - Public Meeting, Pope Lick Pump Station Project, 7 p.m., Middletown City Hall, 12556 Shelbyville Rd.

MDS staff make splash at water meeting

Thomas J. McBride received the Arthur Sidney Bedell award at the 53rd annual conference of the Kentucky-Tennessee Water Environment Association last month.

McBride, MSD's special project engineer, received the award for extraordinary personal service in the water pollution control field.

At the conference MSD employees shared program initiatives. Marsha Jenkins presented *A Pretreatment Enforcement Case Study: Rubber Sure Does Gum up the Works*. Patrick Fitzgerald presented *Industrial Wastewater Monitoring: Obtaining Defensible Data*. Dan Sammons presented *Morris Forman Wastewater Treatment Plant Toxicity Mitigation Program*. Roddy Williams presented *Infiltration and Inflow Mitigation*.



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Septage receiving facility closure is delayed

MSD's Septage Receiving Facility (SRF) has reduced operating hours and will no longer receive wastewater from septage haulers after July 8th.

Originally scheduled to close last November, the facility's operations were extended past May 31, the date set for closing the facility, at the request of septage haulers. MSD staff has been working with haulers and private disposal facilities to resolve concerns about accessibility

and reporting requirements. MSD has inspected truck off-loading capabilities at the private facilities and revised permits, that had required haulers to list proprietary customer information on waste manifests.

Located on Bells Lane, MSD's SRF has accepted wastewater from private septage haulers and sludge from wastewater treatment plants since the 1970s. The facility receives an average volume of 509,400 gallons

per month. Four alternative disposal facilities in the area have a combined permitted capacity of more than 1.3 million gallons per day, and can remove 90 percent of pollutants through wastewater treatment.

By closing the SRF, MSD can save operating costs and free resources for other water quality management tasks.



As these co-workers leave their MSD careers for new challenges or well-earned relaxation, we recognize their commitment to our customers, our community and our organization. We thank them for their service and wish them the best.

ED ABNER, Budget Officer, 19 years of service

"Ed's wit and good humor will be missed almost as much as his sure grip on the numbers and his knowledge of MSD's people."-Robert A. Miller, Director of Finance

TERRY COMBS, Senior Operator, 28 years of service

"Terry was one of the few employees that liked working the night shift. He had worked in most sections of Urban Area, always polite and courteous."-Ken Conner, Urban Plant/Pump Station Administrator

JOE COX, Senior Operator, 22 years of service

"Joe's a hard worker and good operator, always willing to do what it took to get the job done and never complained."-Ken Conner, Urban Plant/Pump Station Administrator

JIM CULVER, Fleet Services Supervisor, 20 years of service

"Jim was always concerned with getting the job done. He did not tolerate people who didn't want to give their best."-James Hunt, Director of Physical Assets

GARY DAWES, Senior Operator, 22 years of service

"Punctual and devoted to his job, you could always count on Gary. As a Union Representative, Gary was always looking out for his co-workers' best interests."-Ken Connor, Urban Plant/Pump Station Administrator

DONALD GRAVES, Treasurer, 17 years of service

"Don's integrity and meticulous attention to detail have given MSD's day-to-day banking operations real credibility and efficiency."-Robert A. Miller, Director of Finance

STEVE GUNTERMAN, Process Systems Administrator, 24 years of service

"He's the best process control and instrumentation engineer I've ever had the pleasure of working with."-Richard Hutchison, Operations Division Special Assistant

HENRY MONTGOMERY, Laborer, 26 years of service

"We will surely miss Henry, especially on pay day since he picked up the checks from the main office."-Ken Conner, Urban Plant/Pump Station Administrator

GARRY PAYTON, UDR/Plan Review Coordinator, 19 years of service

"Garry's zeal, dedication and commitment to excellence will be sorely missed."-Lisa Gause, Pretreatment Permit Supervisor

DONNA PERKINS, Permitting Assistant, 24 years of service

"Donna was one of the first women hired in a traditionally male job as an operator at Morris Forman. We called her Ma Perkins."-Bob McDonald, Wastewater Education Coordinator

ROBERT RADFORD, Special Projects Engineer, 23 years of service

"Bob's really an inspiring person. His integrity and professionalism will be missed."-Tom Williams, Area Team Leader

BARBARA RIDDELL, Chief Clerk, 21 years of service

"Barbara had the hardest job in Fleet, tolerating all the junk from the men. But she stayed focused and did her job."-James Hunt, Director of Physical Assets

MARK SHIRCLIFF, Fleet Services Administrator, 22 years of service

"You could tell Mark to get the job done, and he would bring it back on time and on budget."-James Hunt, Director of Physical Assets

JARVE WHITE, Fleet Services Supervisor, 24 years of service

"JP White always seemed to be in a good mood. He got along with everyone."-James Hunt, Director of Physical Assets

Editor's Note: Look for the 'Retired' Column in future Updates.



Beargrass Creek watershed area

Drainage projects respond to requests

A trio of drainage projects has been approved by MSD's Board to relieve standing water and minor flooding in three Louisville neighborhoods.

In the **4700 block of Rutland Avenue**, MSD will construct storm sewer, yard inlets, roadside ditches, paved swales and place iron pipe under driveways to relieve drainage problems experienced by more than 50 area residents. The project also includes relocating more than a thousand feet of water main and installing a fire hydrant.

Precision Contracting, Inc., Glendale, will perform the work for \$227,068. Sixth Ward Alderman Dan Johnson is contributing \$130,000 to pay for the project.

Residents along the 300 block of **MacBrae Road and West Southside Court**, north of the Northern Ditch Pump Station, have asked MSD to help resolve rear yard flooding. The sewer line to the pump station lies on a raised earth berm, which contributes to back yard ponding when it rains. To resolve the problems for some 31 customers pipe and yard drains will be installed, routing water flow to a flat-bottom ditch between Kilmory Avenue and MacBrae Road.

J&B Utility Contractors, Crestwood, was awarded the project contract for \$90,503.

Standing water in the **alley between Woodbourne and Sils avenues** has caused flooding in rear yards along Woodbourne Avenue. To relieve the flooding problems experienced by 17 households, MSD plans to install two catch basins in the alley, a pipe and catch basin system from along two side yards to Woodbourne Avenue, and a header curb in the alley.

Pace Contracting, LLC, Louisville, will perform the work for \$65,000.

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