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News about activities and developments at MSD

July 28, 1999

New rates approved, effective Aug. 1

Customer fees for MSD's connection charges and sewer and drainage services will increase by five percent beginning August 1.

Under the new rates approved by MSD's Board July 26, residential customers will pay an average of \$13.97 per month for sanitary sewer service, a 67-cent increase. Drainage service charges for residential customers will rise by 16 cents to \$3.31 per month.

No one spoke about the proposed rate increase at a public hearing about the new rates on July 12. Four of MSD's largest customers commented in writing about other financial issues, but did not express dissatisfaction over the new rates. MSD staff will follow up with these customers to address their concerns, according to Executive Director Gordon Garner.

The higher rates will help MSD continue operating and maintaining the existing sewer and drainage systems, while expanding the system to serve new customers and retiring the district's debt. City and county ordinances require that MSD's net revenues exceed the debt service on outstanding revenue bonds by 1.10 times for any consecutive six-month period.

Sewer rehab to ease Hikes Point problems

The 40-year-old sanitary sewer system serving Hikes Point will get a \$494,301 makeover aimed at reducing basement back-ups in the area by preventing stormwater from entering sewers.

Studies of the area performed after the 1997 spring floods indicate that leaky manholes and pipes contributed to sewer back-ups that caused problems for Hikes Point residents, according to MSD's Wet Weather/Water Quality Area Team Leader Roddy Williams. "The rehabilitation project should significantly reduce back-ups and other problems caused by an aging sewer system," Williams said.

The project calls for installing chimney seals on 309 manhole covers in the area. The device includes

a rubber seal that keeps stormwater from seeping into sewers around the manhole cover. About 7,000 linear feet of sewer line will be reinforced by cured-in-place pipe that is injected into existing sewer pipes and filled with water until it conforms to the pipe's size and shape, filling in holes and cracks that have allowed water to enter the lines.

The project area extends east along Taylorsville Road from just inside the Watterson Expressway to Hurstbourne Parkway. Williams said up to four phases of the rehabilitation process are planned for the area.

Reynolds, Inc. of Orleans, Indiana was awarded the project contract. Work on this phase is expected to take up to four months.

New trucks coming for Maintenance, snow removal

Two new dump trucks will help MSD meet maintenance and construction schedules, except during snowy weather. Then, they'll join four other MSD trucks in removing snow and spreading salt on winter roadways.

MSD is purchasing two new trucks, along with plows, spreaders and lights, for \$187,714.

Since 1995, MSD has assisted the City of Louisville and Jefferson County by removing snow and spreading salt on six routes. MSD is paid by-the-mile for keeping roads clear of snow and passable. Additionally, MSD uses the equipment to keep its facilities accessible during bad winter weather, according to Maintenance Director Dave Johnson.

The trucks serve double duty, used on construction and maintenance assignments when it's not snowing. "We will use them all year," Johnson said.

Upcoming Events

August 3 - Public Meeting, Allston Ave. Drainage Improvement Project, 7 p.m., Knights of St. John Community Center, 2100 St. John Plc.

August 9 - MSD Board Meeting, 10 a.m., 700 W. Liberty, first floor

August 19 - Public Meeting, Pond Creek West County Sewer Study, 7 p.m., Central Government Center, 7201 Outer Loop

Metro Parks, MSD take cooperative approach to drainage issues

A memorandum of understanding outlines how MSD and Metro Parks will work together to resolve drainage problems near and in city and county parks.

The memorandum updates a 1992 agreement, according to Charles Horton, vice chair of MSD's Board and chair of the policy committee. "While this document clarifies responsibilities, it leaves plenty of room to resolve issues through common sense and cooperation," Horton said.

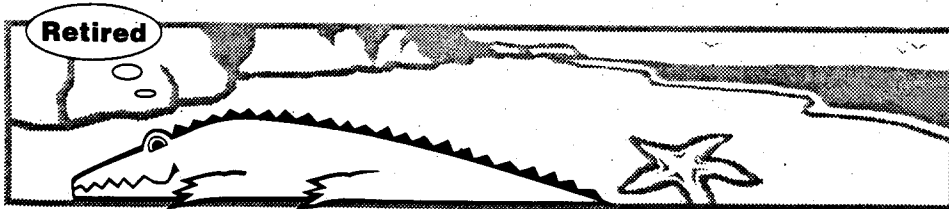
Essentially, the agreement gives MSD responsibility to maintain all drainage systems that originate outside park-owned property and those along greenways and through park roads that are open to the public. Problems created by park drainage that affect adjacent properties outside of park boundaries would be jointly evaluated by MSD and Parks personnel, with MSD generally responsible for correcting them.

Metro Parks will maintain drainage system and facilities along internal park roads, as well as lakes and dams inside parks built for recreation, wildlife habitat or aesthetics. MSD will maintain any water detention basins it constructs in any parks under individual agreements with Metro Parks.



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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.

Mark Adcock, Senior Operator, 20 years of service
"An outstanding employee, dependable and always willing to work overtime. Mark assumed extra responsibility, trained new employees and worked well with everyone." - Bob Embry, Operations Supervisor

David Benedict, Land Acquisition Manager, 12 years of service
"David's fantastic when it comes to listening to customers and understanding their needs, enabling him to successfully negotiate difficult easements for MSD. We will miss David and wish him continued success." - James Hunt, Physical Assets Director

John C. Beyke, Engineering Director, 14 years of service
"His jokes are lousy. His heart is as big as the moon. His pride in his profession is meritorious and justly earned. He cares and makes a difference in whatever he does." - Gordon Garner, Executive Director

"John's been a true team player and fun to work with. We'll miss his candor, knowledge-even his jokes!" - Trish Burke, Customer Service & Public Affairs Director

Sidney Bloom, Senior Operator, 21 years of service
"Dr. Bloom, as he is known in Urban Area for his physician's style handwriting, is a hard worker always willing to help." - Mike Budnik, Pumping Supervisor

Jerrell W. "Jay" Curtis, Senior Operator, 24 years of service
"Dependable as the day is long, Jay was always willing to do whatever was needed." - Debbie Newton, Operations Supervisor

Robert R. Edlin, Senior Operator, 20 years of service
"The hot pepper man, if he tells you they're HOT, believe it. It's been a pleasure knowing Butch." - Bob Embry, Operations Supervisor

Billy Lee Ernspeker, Master Maintenance Mechanic, 24 years of service
"I knew Billy from the time I worked at MFWTP, knew he was a good mechanic and could be counted on to get the job done. What I didn't know was Billy would tell it like it is-a rare trait that made my job much easier." - Don Rice, Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor

Robert A. Gasser, Master Maintenance Mechanic, 25 years of service
"When I started at MSD I thought Wade Mullins was big. Then I saw Bob and thought he was a giant. At UAM Bob showed how big a man he is. He's been a tremendous help to many people, especially me. Thanks for a job well done." - Don Rice, Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor

Ronald H. Hanaver, Master Maintenance Electrician, 22 years of service
"Ron preferred to engage in challenging assignments like they were his driving force. The more complex the job, the greater his motivation. He solved many problems and had good intuition. It's been a pleasure working with Ron." - Kevin Slaughter, Electrical Maintenance Supervisor

Thomas W. Hendren, III, Master Maintenance Mechanic, 23 years of service
"Tom started in UAM Mechanics in summer and we worked him hard. He would come in worn out and soaked with sweat. Ever since T has hung in there like a hair in a biscuit and proved to be a good, dependable person and mechanic." - Don Rice, Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor

William E. Herman, III, Senior Operator, 25 years of service
"Bill has worked in Urban Area Operations out of the Nightingale Pump Station since coming to MSD. His knowledge of the pumping stations will be missed." - Mike Budnik, Pumping Supervisor

Mark A. Hufford, Senior Operator, 22 years of service
"Mark can always be counted on to get the job done right the first time. He will ALWAYS work overtime when asked." - Mike Budnik, Pumping Supervisor

Mark S. Korfhage, Senior Operator, 22 years of service
"Mark is very safety minded. Some of his suggestions have made the Urban Area facilities safer for everyone." - Mike Budnik, Pumping Supervisor

Philip W. Lucas, Senior Operator, 22 years of service
"Phil has been an excellent operator and very dedicated to his work. He has been an asset to MSD and the Urban Area." - Bob Warden, Process Pump Supervisor

Douglas Meredith, Master Maintenance Electrician, 20 years service
Doug has contributed extensively to the success of the Urban Maintenance Department. His expertise will be missed." - Bob Warden, Process Pump Supervisor

Lawrence E. Mettling, Finance Officer, 19 years of service
"Larry has always had MSD's financial well-being as his top priority, and we thank him for being exceptional at this sometimes thankless job." - James Hunt, Physical Assets Director

Willie M. Neal, Senior Operator, 23 years of service
"Willie has been an outstanding employee, always to be counted on. MSD will miss her attention to details." - Debbie Newton, Operations Supervisor

Norbert A. Rawert, JR., Pumping Supervisor, 24 years of service
"Norb is well-liked and respected by co-workers and subordinates. His experience working in the pump stations will be greatly missed." - Ken Conner, Urban Plant/Public Safety Administrator

Edward E. Risinger, III, Master Maintenance Electrician, 21 years of service
"Ed moved up the ranks from laborer to master electrician, performing admirably in every position. He's been an asset to Urban Area and interesting to work with through the years. We wish him future happiness." - Mike Prestigiacomo, Utility Worker I

Patricia M. Shearer, GIS Records Technician, 22 years of service
"Patty never shied from a task or refused to expand her skills. Whether taking on a GIS project or explaining stormwater billing to a business leader, Patty would simply say, 'Bring it on.' We've been blessed to have this wildcat on the team." - Dale Cox, Senior Operator

William H. Stone, III, Affirmative Action Officer, 15 years of service
"Bill says, 'It's never too late to put a relationship back on track.' He's walked this talk by investing countless hours in people, mentoring, resolving conflicts and recognizing the best in people. Bill has made a difference in many lives. We'll miss you." - Deby McDaniel, DiverseWorks Program Coordinator

Eldon L. Todd, Sr., Fleet Services Manager, 23 years of service
"Eldon has been an excellent leader of Fleet Services and not-so-great at telling jokes. He always exhibited a great work attitude. We wish Eldon the best." - James Hunt, Physical Assets Director

Robert L. Warden, Process Pumping Supervisor, 25 years of service
"Bob was always willing to respond to emergencies even if it interfered with his personal life. He always had a good attitude and is well-liked by everyone." - Ken Conner, Urban Plants/Public Safety Administrator

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