



# water WORKS

## Fall 2005

### Here Comes Fall!

It seems like only yesterday that the summer heat was on us here in Northwest Ohio. Now it is time to prepare for winter's cold weather.

### Daylight Savings Ends

Please remember to set your clocks back one hour on October 30, 2005. Also, recent federal legislation passed and was signed into law that will affect Daylight Savings Time beginning in March, 2007. As part of the recently passed energy bill, Daylight Savings Time will begin three weeks earlier, on the second Sunday in March, and be extended by one week to the first Sunday in November.

### A Few Cold Weather Tips

- Check your plumbing. Perform preventive maintenance and repair all leaks and seepage.
- Check your furnace, change your furnace filter and have your furnace serviced.
- Disconnect all garden hoses from outside faucets.
- Shut down and drain your lawn sprinkling systems.
- Know where your primary water shut-off valve is located and how it operates should a deep freeze occur.
- Insulate all water pipes in unheated areas.

In the meantime, enjoy the fall season in Northwest Ohio!

### The District Received Award for Accuracy of Financial Statements!

For the second year in a row, the District received the Government Finance Officers of America ("GFOA") award for achievement for the 2003 financial report. This was the first time that the District produced a CAFR as an organization. There are specifics and standards that need met in order to qualify for the award. The District submitted it in June of 2004. Recently, the District received notification that the CAFR had been reviewed and qualified for the certificate of achievement for 2004, too!

### Hydrant Flushing and Sewer Cleaning are Underway

Watch your local newspaper for information when we may be in your neighborhood soon! These are normal activities we do each year within the District's service areas. If you should encounter rusty water within your plumbing and you feel it may have been caused by this, please contact us. Should it occur while doing laundry, we have rust removal chemicals for this.

### Your 2006 Rates-Our 2006 Budget

A proposed budget was submitted to the Board from staff for fiscal year 2006. In accordance with the State's Treasurer's office, this set of financial statements estimates the District's revenues and expenses for next year.

Specific details to support these estimates are done during the 3rd and 4th quarter after several staff and committee discussions and review.

It appears that a rate adjustment will be necessary on January 1, 2006. The District's executive director and finance director cite continuing growth and operations improvements as explanation for such needs.

### Construction Projects Underway (or Almost!)

- Custar village of 70 homes will soon be getting sanitary sewers and a small wastewater treatment plant to replace their aging septic systems.
- Risingsun will also be getting sewer lines and a plant for treatment. approximately 200 homes will be affected.
- Oregon Road/State Route 20 Waterline Realignment will be necessary to avoid ODOT improvements.
- Drouillard Road waterline, on the west side of Northwood, will be replaced soon due to age and leaks.
- Easterly sewer pumpstation (St. Rt. 65) will be replaced soon because of age.

### Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE)

The District is an EOE, which means that we do not discriminate in our hiring practice regardless of race, sex, handicap, etc. All proper public notices are posted in our employee work area, in the newspapers and other public literature we use. All hiring is done after public advertising following a professional process reviewed by the Board of Trustees with each hiring.


### Customer Hours

We are open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for your needs. Our e-mail is monitored continuously each work day. These e-mail inquiries come to one site and are disseminated to the appropriate party within our office for a quick and accurate response. Feel free to reach out for us!

### Need to Reach Us?

You can reach us at 419-354-9090 or toll free 877-354-9090, or email us at: [district@nwwsd.org](mailto:district@nwwsd.org)

Find us on the web at [www.nwwsd.org](http://www.nwwsd.org)!

Sincerely,  
  
Jerry Greiner  
Executive Director



We hope  
you have  
a wonderful  
Fall of 2005!

