



NORTHWESTERN  
**THE DISTRICT**  
WATER & SEWER



Above: Our mascot poses with friends from Eastwood Elementary at their Vehicle Career Day. The kids explored the vacuum truck and got to learn about The District!

# WATERWORKS

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## IRRIGATION STATION

Did you know homes with timed irrigation systems use 50% more water outdoors than those without? It's important to make sure your irrigation systems are functioning efficiently in order to keep your plants green and save you money. Before running your system for the season, check for leaks, broken or clogged heads, and other problems you may have.

Also check to make sure sprinkler heads are angled in the correct way, and not spraying onto the pavement and wasting water. When it comes to watering, try to avoid watering mid-day, when the sun is more apt to evaporate the water before the plants absorb it. Watering times should change depending on the weather in your area and the type of vegetation.

A great way to monitor your irrigation system usage is to sign up for AquaHawk! Visit [NWWSO.ORG](http://NWWSO.ORG) for more info.



**Responsible for every drop.**

## HENRY COUNTY

The District unanimously approved to begin the merger process with the Henry County Regional Water and Sewer District (HCRWSD). The decision was instigated by HCRWSD, based upon the costs of keeping up with increasing state/federal regulations and lack of resources. We are currently in the process of negotiating a temporary agreement for assuming operations and billing. Both districts aim to reach this agreement as soon as possible.

Check updates at [NWWSO.ORG](http://NWWSO.ORG)

## 25 YEARS OF SAFE WATER

The District was recognized by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine & Jon Husted for 25 years of safe water! "The skilled workforce of The Northwestern Water & Sewer District has gone above & beyond to ensure the highest quality of water." Great job, team!

*Pictured Right: LuAnne Cooke from the Lt. Governor's office and District President Jerry Greiner*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**District Board of Trustees Meetings** are held the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 a.m.

Board meetings are open to the public.

The District will be participating in the **2019 McComb Cookie Festival**, Sunday August 4th. See you there!

The District office will be closed, **Monday, September 2nd** in observance of **Labor Day**



### Mission

*Our goal is to be the premier water and wastewater provider in Northwestern Ohio. We are committed to sound financial management, responsible environmental stewardship, responsive public service, superior customer service, and responsible economic growth. We strive to field a skilled, respectful, and cooperative workforce dedicated to the highest professional and ethical standards; we support them with appropriate training and technology.*

# CONSTRUCTION CORNER

## CURRENT PROJECTS

### DISTRICT-WIDE HYDRANT FLUSHING

Weekdays from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., crews will be flushing and testing fire hydrants throughout The District. Residents are advised to flush water from taps if water becomes discolored.

### MCCOMB WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Watch for construction traffic around Scott Street in McComb. Project investment: \$7.6 million.

### NORTHWOOD/PERRYSBURG & LAKE TOWNSHIPS – WATER MAIN INSTALLATION

Through July, lane restrictions are possible at Tracy and McNerney Roads for water main installation. Additionally, lane restrictions are possible at the intersection of Oregon Road and Caple Boulevard. Project complete: July. Project investment: \$155,000.

### WESTON – METER/ METER PIT RELOCATION

Through August, short-term water service shut-offs are possible in Weston for meter pit relocation. Project investment: \$303,000.

For updates on all construction projects, visit:

[nwwsd.org](http://nwwsd.org)



Above: Construction of the waterline installation at the intersection of Tracy and McNerney roads

# RATE STUDY

To ensure we can continue to invest in a secure water future, The District is reviewing its financial health in 2019 by developing a financial plan and rate study to evaluate our water and wastewater rates. The financial plan helps us understand how much revenue we need and when we'll need it.

The District initiated the rate study to modernize and simplify the rate structure and ensure we keep rates fair, equitable and sufficient to meet the demand customers place on our water and sanitary sewer systems. We are reviewing our costs to provide service by customer class (residential, multi-family, industrial, etc.) and whether the revenue coming from those customer classes align with the costs to serve them.

Water/sewer utilities conduct rate studies as a best practice to ensure that the utility's financial health is maintained and that the utility is well

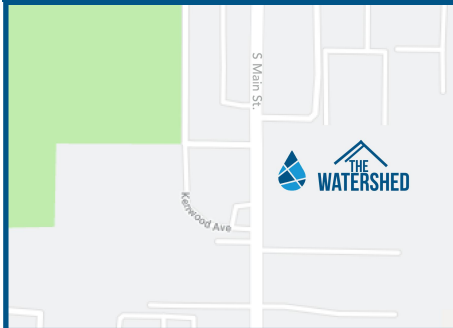
prepared to meet future financial obligations. The rate study may indicate that to maintain our systems in the future we will need additional revenue. It is critically important that The District continues to re-invest in its infrastructure to keep pace with inflation and other cost increases.

More information about this study will become available in the coming months.

To find more information, refer to the "What You Pay For" FAQ or the "Rates" section on our website at [NWWSD.ORG](http://NWWSD.ORG)



# NEW WATERSHED—NOW OPEN!



The District recently opened a brand new WaterShed location at 989 S. Main Street in Bowling Green. You can receive perfect tasting purified drinking water for just 25¢ a gallon! Stop by soon to get yours!

Find other WaterShed locations at [NWWSD.ORG](http://NWWSD.ORG)

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