



NORTHWESTERN
THE DISTRICT
WATER & SEWER



Above: The District held a ribbon cutting ceremony along with an "H2O Toast" at the new South Main WaterShed in Bowling Green. The ceremony featured District and local officials. Cheers to purified water!

WATERWORKS

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ALGAE UPDATE

Harmful Algal Blooms or HABs are large growths of colonies of algae that may produce toxins in the lakes and streams we use as water sources.

This year's bloom

According to predictions, heavy rainfall from this spring could lead to a severe bloom in Lake Erie. No matter how bad the bloom is, many are asking if we could see a repeat of the 2014 water crisis.

Treatment Processes in Place

The District purchases water from various suppliers. Two of them, the Cities of Toledo and Oregon, use Lake Erie as a water source. Toledo has invested millions in its water treatment plant and has numerous preventative measures in place to ensure that your water stays safe.

Monitoring for HABs has improved, and treatment providers have advance notice in choosing methods to prevent HABs from contaminating the water supply. (Continued on page 2)



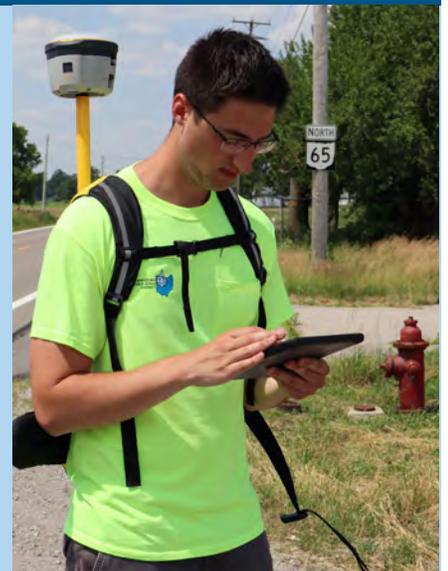
Responsible for every drop.

WHAT THE HENRY COUNTY MERGER MEANS FOR YOU

Due to various administrative and financial concerns, the Henry County Regional Water and Sewer District (HCRWSD) asked to merge with The Northwestern Water and Sewer District. Both parties are currently in the process of exploring a merger.

If approved, a merger would add approximately 400 customers and expand The District's service territory to include all of Henry County with the exception of Ridgeville Township plus Providence Township in Lucas County.

This merger will not impact rates or service to our current District customers. The District believes that once we assume billing and collections in Henry County, the financial issues will be resolved. By using efficient operational practices, shared resources, and technology, The District has the capacity and skilled workforce to provide quality service to all customers. For updates on the merger process, visit www.nwwsd.org.



Plotting assets such as valves and hydrants using GPS helps our operators track, maintain and efficiently monitor our entire system.

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 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 – EAST BROADWAY VALVE INSTALLATION

Through October, watch for shoulder restriction and construction crews between Wales and Andrus roads for valve installation. Project complete: October. Project investment: \$480,000.

WESTON – METER/ METER PIT RELOCATION

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

For updates on all construction projects, visit:

nwwsd.org



ALGAE UPDATE (CONT)

All public water suppliers are required by the Ohio EPA to sample regularly for cyanobacteria. Water systems such as Toledo and Oregon have installed data collection devices in the raw water supply to give operators advance notice of any water quality changes, which allows for necessary operational adjustments to be made to the



treatment process before the water arrives at the plant. Additionally, Toledo and Oregon have enhanced their ability to treat HABs through processes which aid in the removal of algal cells and destroy any that remain.

With all of these improvements, we realize that many are still concerned about HABs. We advise the following:

1. Know where your water comes from.
2. Sign up for emergency notifications with CODE RED
3. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends you keep a supply of water for all types of disasters.

Visit NWWSd.org and search HABs for more information and go to NOAA.gov to keep up to date on this year's bloom through weekly bulletins.

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

All nine of our board members serve in three-year terms. Each year, three board seats are up for appointment. Of these annual openings, one is appointed by The Wood County Commissioners, one by the municipalities who are members of The District (13), and one from the townships in Wood County.

During August, we forward the nominations that have been received to the appropriate members, who vote for their nominee by December 31st. Their term begins with the first board meeting in January.

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