



Water Works

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Annual Meeting & Open House review

Many of our customers enjoyed a celebration of all things “NWWSD” at this year’s Annual Meeting & Open House on Sunday, May 1.

Guests also enjoyed a free barbeque lunch, tours, giveaways and plenty of activities related to the operation of the District. Kids had fun with the pedal pull, playing on the inflatables and at a fishing derby with prizes. Everyone enjoyed having the Bookmobile present. If you weren’t able to make this year’s event, we hope you can attend next year, as it seems to be growing in popularity. Follow us on Facebook to ensure you won’t miss the announcement.

Regional water studies

Three regional water studies are due out soon related to water issues in the Wood County, Toledo and Sylvania areas.

Each will offer something different in the report and will offer much for discussion in the region. Watch your news for information on this, or at my blogs, which have started to discuss it at: <https://jerrygreinernwwsd.wordpress.com>.

Operations cleanup

Sometimes during the cold weather months we conduct work that involves digging, and it’s difficult to sufficiently restore things properly due to the icy ground. If your property was affected by this work, we’re coming soon to clean things up! We do this in the late spring or early summer when the cold is officially gone for the season.

A little bird told me...

You may know we offer you two Twitter sites: one which aims to offer updates from the operations department, which is found at @EmilyPostsNWWSD, and another which shares general company information and events, located at @NWWSD. If you’ve checked out the latter, you may have noticed we’ve gained a sizable following. While we heartily welcome our customers to @NWWSD, we’ve also found that Twitter feed to be very useful for connecting with media, local community groups and similar national organizations.

That site has become a valuable tool for communication, and we invite you to follow along as we continue to navigate the social media waters. We’ve grown to over **1,200 followers** — are you one of them?



Monitor your sprinkler head usage better with AquaHawk

Be sure to check the settings on your sprinkler heads, as this is one of the areas where large water bills can happen quickly, if not monitored. Another good way to keep an eye on this is through AquaHawk, because it can monitor usage when you turn them on for the year. After all, sprinkler heads were the third highest water user from the chart we pie chart we published in our March newsletter — monitor them!

Upcoming closures

Just a reminder that we will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 30.

Community spotlight: Weston

Weston is a small village (pop. 1,590) located 10 miles west of Bowling Green in Wood County. It was originally named Taylortown, after Thomas Taylor, who platted the land in 1853. Soon after in 1856, it was named New Westfield after a post office was established there by that name. Eventually, the name was changed to simply Weston in 1863, and was officially incorporated 10 years later.



The village of approximately 450 users joined the District in January 2006. Initially, seven fire hydrants were repaired and 12 water valves were replaced. Over time, \$1.6 million was used to upgrade the sewer treatment plant to operate more efficiently, upgrade the electronics and provide more capacity.

CCR's are coming soon

The EPA requires public water suppliers that serve the same people year round (such as community water systems like NWWSD) to provide Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) to their customers. These reports are also known as annual water quality reports or drinking water quality reports.

The 2015 CCR reports will be available by July 1 on our website under the operations tab, or a hard copy can be obtained by contacting our customer service department. A total of nine reports are completed annually that include the following systems: Bowling Green Road West, Bloomdale, Fostoria, Middleton Twp., Oregon Master Meter Area, Otterbein Portage Valley, Portage/Rudolph area, Toledo Master Meter Area and Weston.

Need bulk water?

We sell water to commercial users through an automated facility at six locations: 1. County landfill, 2. At the corner of Bays Road and Rt. 25, 3. Weston water tower, 4. CSX facility on Deshler Road near Hoytville, 5. Lemoyne Road at the Luckey Farmers Grain Elevator, and, 6. Our main headquarters on SR 582 (open during business hours). We offer 24-hour a day access through a card system which recognizes owners and bills them for their measured usage. For more information and to obtain an access card, please call us. Water from our bulk stations is an inexpensive choice when filling a pool or reopening a pool in the spring. When faced with buying pool chemicals in the range of \$30-\$100, simply using our public, chlorinated, potable water is cheaper and easier than trying to adjust a pool.



Spring water conservation tips

Water efficient landscaping uses native plants and other climate appropriate landscape materials to reduce irrigation water use by more than 50%. Native plants require less time and maintenance, lowering the costs of watering and upkeep. You might also consider rain barrels to recycle storm water into free, non-potable water that can be used to maintain gardens and lawns. It is easy to make your own barrel or to purchase one locally. For more tips, check the Spring Conservation slider on our website: www.nwwsd.org.



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Sincerely,
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