

Water Works

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Operations team competition

A team of employees from NWWSD competed in early July in Aurora at the annual Ohio Water Environment Association (OWEA) Operations Challenge, which consisted of five themed events.

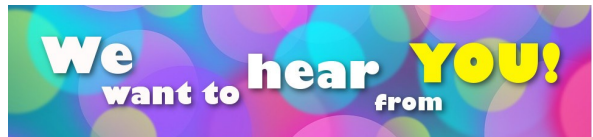
The District's team consisted of Bryan Martikan, Jarred Myers, Tom McGrain, Todd Saums, who along with Coach Claud Barringer, participated against several other Ohio teams in events such as process control, laboratory procedures, collection, maintenance and safety.



The team placed first overall, with first place finishes in three of five events. Their effort qualifies them for the national competition held in September in New Orleans at the Water Environment Federation (WEF) annual conference.

Survey work continues

If you follow NWWSD on social media, you probably already know that we have been surveying customers and friends for over a month now. We already received over 500 responses, and the feedback has been invaluable. So far, customers have been generally positive and supportive regarding a variety of topics. We plan to publicize results when the survey is eventually closed. For now, the survey is still active and can be found on our website, at Facebook or on Twitter, and we're hoping to offer access to it via the mail.



Board member nominations

In the past month, political jurisdictions who are members of the District were notified of the renewal of their respective board seat. The 20 member townships and 13 municipalities had the opportunity to nominate a prospective board member. For those nominated, they join a slate for their member organizations to vote upon to fill a seat, effective January 1, 2017.

For more information on this, please contact the board's clerk, Leanne O'Brien, President, Jerry Greiner or Board Chairman, Mark Sheffer for more information or check our website!

Hydrant flushing

We are flushing hydrants as part of our annual water distribution system maintenance around the county. This improves water quality and provides us the opportunity to inspect all fire hydrants for safe operation. Watch your local newspaper or check our website for more information and location near you.

Upcoming closures

Just a reminder that we will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 for Labor Day and on Monday, Oct. 10 for Columbus Day.

Community spotlight: McComb

The Village of McComb, a community of 1648 people in Hancock County, is slated to join the District on July 27th.

The community had both water and sewer needs as well as an associated financial need for outside help. With only 1 employee and approximately 700 accounts, many of which are residential in nature, additional resources were needed. The water plant has already seen upgrades as well as sewer collection system improvements. A new 24/7 WaterShed was installed earlier this summer and plans are being finished with long-term funding for a new sewer plant.



The community is a pretty, quaint, small town laid out in 1947, south of Bowling Green and west of Findlay, in Hancock County. Their largest employer is Hearthside Foods, who employs approximately 1600 people.

Latest on regional water news

TMACOG, our metropolitan area council of governments, recently released a Toledo water rate study that forecasts their water rates for the long-term. It was funded by a grant from the State of Ohio, City of Toledo and Lucas County.

In it, three scenarios are discussed:

- Toledo going alone with necessary water plant improvements.
- All other metro areas building their own water plant.
- All areas, including Toledo, continuing as one owner.

What did the study say? It's cheaper for all rate payers to work together as one group, and not build redundant facilities! A second study is due out later in July (while this is being written) by the City of Sylvania, that will outline options for that city and surrounding entities to build their own water plant and disconnect from Toledo. A third study is due out during this same period by the Wood County Economic Development Commission that will relate options for Wood County residents.

All in all, there will be much in the news in the coming months discussing water studies in the overall region. For more information on these studies, please follow their respective websites for release of these materials.

How to sanitize your WaterShed container

Keeping your WaterShed containers clean is important to enjoying fresh-tasting water, and here's some handy instructions for sanitizing them. You can also try this in general for all reusable drinking bottles, sports water bottles, and insulated coolers.

1. Use household liquid bleach that does not have an added scent (like lemon).
2. Add 1 teaspoon (64 drops or 5 milliliters) of household liquid bleach to 1 quart (32 oz, 4 cups, or about 1 liter) of water.
3. Pour this into a clean storage container and shake well, making sure that the solution coats the entire inside of the container.
4. Let sit at least 30 seconds, and then pour out solution.
5. Let air dry OR rinse with clean water that has already been made safe, if available.



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Sincerely,
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