



NORTHWESTERN
THE DISTRICT
WATER & SEWER

WATERWORKS

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District crews repair a water leak in Weston. The District continues to correct issues with aged water lines in the area, while replacing problem lines with construction projects. More work will take place over the next few years to upgrade this system.

A REGIONAL SEWER SOLUTION

Many rural communities risk polluting groundwater with failing residential septic systems or aged wastewater treatment plants that are too costly to upgrade. For many years, the Village of Bairdstown faced this issue. With local streams showing evidence of pollution, the Ohio EPA directed the community to correct the problem by constructing a centralized sanitary sewer system. The Villages of Bairdstown & Bloomdale asked to join the Northwestern Water and Sewer District (The District) to help them comply with EPA regulations. Rather than build a local treatment plant for the Village, a new regional water reclamation facility was being constructed in Bloomdale, replacing the existing aging plant. Knowing a combined project could be addressed efficiently and more cost-effectively, The District brought the villages together to solve their wastewater issues. The District was able to secure grants from the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) and the Ohio EPA to pay for approximately 60% of the cost of this combined \$5.8 million project. Following a year of construction, Bairdstown residents will be tapped this fall into a new sewer system that connects to the new wastewater treatment plant in Bloomdale. Bairdstown is the last village in Wood County to get public sewers. These projects will eliminate one pollution source in the Lake Erie Watershed.

Responsible for every drop.

CURTICE ROAD

Crews are making progress on the Curtice Road water line. Work is complete near Eisenhower and W. Pointe Drive and work will continue on extending the water line to Bradner Road. The project will improve service by creating a loop, allowing for improved flow and providing several residents with access to public water. It will also provide fire protection and may lower insurance rates. Later in the month, landscaping and restoration will begin.



CUSTOMER CARE

BAIRDSTOWN RESIDENTS: SEWER TAP

The District received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), to provide financial assistance to eligible residents. Please call to set up an appointment today: 419.354.9090 EX 152.

GOT AN ISSUE, JUST GIVE US A CALL!

Did you know that our customer service representatives have kept the amount of time a customer remains on hold down to 10 seconds a call for the past three months?! Quite amazing considering we serve over 19,000 customers. So next time you have a question about your bill, call us at 877.354.9090, Option 2.

KEY DATES

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.

Our offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Friday, November 10: Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 24: Day after Thanksgiving

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

MILLBURY- SEWER WORK

Through June 2018, lane restrictions are possible in Millbury for sewer work and manhole repairs.

NORTHWOOD - CURTICE ROAD

Through November, lane restrictions are possible on Curtice Road between Reva Road and Bradner Road.

PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP— STARBRIGHT SUBDIVISION

Through November, intermittent daytime lane restrictions and short term closures are possible throughout the Starbright subdivision and on Ayers and Oregon Roads for waterline replacement.

PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP-THE HAMLET SUBDIVISION
Work in The Hamlet subdivision has been postponed until December.

PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP- INFLOW & INFILTRATION
Crews will be repairing sewers throughout Perrysburg Township through the fall of 2018. Intermittent lane restrictions are possible throughout Perrysburg Township during construction.

Updates available at:

nwwsd.org



In August, The District opened its 10th WaterShed in Walbridge, Ohio. This WaterShed is our first walk-up unit and is located along the side of the Walbridge Library. The District, along with local and state elected officials, celebrated this clean drinking water partnership with a toast! Stop in the library and ask for tokens for free water, while supplies last!

TRUSTEE FEATURE: LEONARD MICHAELS



Mr. Michaels resides in the City of Rossford. His current term as a municipal appointment on The District Board of Trustees expires in December of 2019.

He earned his BS in Civil Engineering in 1978 in the former Soviet Union. Leonard is a licensed professional engineer in Ohio and Michigan. He has planned and designed numerous civil and structural projects in both states and around the world.

Leonard served as a former councilman for the City of Rossford. He currently teaches architecture, engineering, surveying and mathematics at Owens Community College.

Mr. Michaels serves on The District Finance, Extension, IT, and PR Committees.

REGIONAL WATER

The Northwestern Water & Sewer District (The District) continues to participate in the Toledo Chamber of Commerce funded regional water discussions between The City of Toledo and the eight agencies that purchase water from the City by contract. These agencies include: Lucas County, Southern Monroe County Water, the City of Sylvania, The District, the City of Perrysburg, Fulton County, the City of Maumee and the Village of Whitehouse.

The biggest challenge of these discussions is to agree on priorities such as water quality, reasonable rates, ownership and board control issues. While trying to sort out these differences, it appears the concerns are more political than operational.

The difference in the water discussions now is facilitator Eric Rothstein, who comes to the area with experience in regional water concepts through his work in Detroit, Milwaukee and Orlando. His efforts keeping the discussions focused are crucial for the group.

While regional water talks continue, The District is waiting on the completion of a new study on water issues, which may offer water alternatives. We should be hearing more on both the study and regional water talks within the next few months. We encourage you to stay informed as the results will impact your rates.

-Jerry Greiner, President, The District

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