

# LBCJMA News

FOR THE CUSTOMERS OF LOWER BUCKS COUNTY JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

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## WELCOME TO LBCJMA NEWS

Most of us take water and sewerage service for granted...we turn on the faucet and out comes clean sparkling water; we bath or shower and the water magically disappears down the drain. Having been raised with such conveniences, it is only natural that we never question how this all happens.

We hope to share this bit of magic through *LBCJMA News* which will keep you updated on our latest projects and endeavors.

*LBCJMA News* will be published 2 to 4 times a year depending on the amount of fresh information available.

The cost of this publication will be minimal since the LBCJMA Board of Directors decided to tap Board Director Ed Armstrong's talents at creating newsletters, a service Ed is providing at no charge.

Enjoy!

## 4 MILLION GALLON WATER STORAGE TANK/FIVE POINTS

A contract to construct a 4 million gallon water storage tank, replacing the 2 million gallon tank at the Authority's Five Points location, has been awarded to Fisher Construction Company. The total cost for the contract is \$1,018,500.

Construction of the tank which is approximately 150 feet in diameter and 30 feet high should begin sometime in August of this year and be completed by the end of the year. When the tank is completed it will allow for the dismantling of two of the high level water storage tanks, one located at the Authority's main office building located on New

Falls Road and the other located in Cobalt Ridge. Completion of the 4 million gallon storage tank will bring the Authority 1 million gallons closer to the Department of Environmental Protection recommended supply of 10 million gallons, a one day supply of water. The present storage capacity of the system is 4.75 million gallons.

Prior to the completion of specifications for the tank, a meeting was held at the new Bucks County Library, with local neighbors, to advise them of the proposed construction and receive their comments. Representatives of Bristol Township local government also attended the meeting.

## 24 INCH TRANSMISSION MAIN

A new 24 inch transmission main running from the Stonybrook section of Levittown, up Haines Road along Mill Creek Road to Edgely Road and then to the Five Points Pumping Station has recently been completed. The construction involved approximately 13,000 feet of 24 inch ductile iron pipe and cost \$1,100,640.

The new transmission main will connect the two 20 inch and one 24 inch transmission mains from the Water Filtration Plant to the 20 inch transmission main in the north end of the Authority's distribution system at

the Five Points tank. Completion of this line will assure a supply of water to adequately respond during emergency situations and during periods of high demand.

## Did You Know...

That LBCJMA's water filtration plant produces and distributes over 10,000,000 gallons of clear, clean, pristine water a day; our sewerage system collects and treats over 8,000,000 gallons of sewage a day.

That our sewage system consists of 5,000 manholes and 220 miles of sewer pipe; our water supply system 5,000 valves and 200 miles of pipe.

That LBCJMA supplies water and sewerage service at some of the lowest rates in the state of Pennsylvania.

**HYDRANT FLUSHING**

The last two hydrant flushing programs revealed that changes made at the Water Filtration Plant, in the processing of our drinking water, have drastically reduced rust formation in the distribution system. Because of this it has been determined that flushing of the system will be needed only one time during the year rather than two times as previously practiced.

This will create a significant savings in manpower which can then be applied to a more responsive remedy of troubled spots in the system, such as replacement of defective hydrants. Please see the flushing schedule on the back this newsletter for information on when flushing is scheduled to occur in your area.

**SEWER MAINTENANCE**

Sewer back-ups into homes and businesses can be costly and distressing. In an attempt to minimize these back-ups, the Authority is carrying out a program of preventative maintenance of the sewer collection system. This consists of televising the lines to determine trouble spots and jet cleaning or rodding the lines to remove obstructions.

The main cause of blockages in the sewer collection system is grease. Homeowners and businesses are cautioned not to pour grease and oils from cooking down their drains. Restaurants and other food preparation businesses are regulated and monitored through the Authority's Pretreatment Program. It is impossible to monitor each of the 19,000 residential customers of the Authority. Voluntary compliance, on the part of residents, is encouraged to avoid these disastrous back-ups.

If every resident of the system contributed only 1 ounce of grease per day it would amount to 54,000 gallons of grease coming into the system per year. To put it another way, it would be the equivalent of 18 oil trucks dumping grease into the system.

Even though it is washed down the drain with very hot water, as soon as it reaches the cold pipes in the ground it begins to coagulate and build up. Please collect grease in a metal container and dispose of in your trash.

Customers are urged to take care in not allowing rags, disposable diapers and other items which may become lodged in their sewer pipes or the main collection system to enter the

sewer system.

If you should experience a back-up, slow drainage or foul odors coming from your drains, call us first at 946-0731.

**NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM**

A new and more powerful computer system has been recently installed at the Authority's offices. The new system will allow for the sharing of data between the Authority's three offices located at 7811 New Falls Road in Levittown, Rt. #13 and Haines Road in Levittown and 60 Main Street in Tullytown. It is expected to reduce the paper handling and to substantially reduce processing time especially in the area of billing.

New bills will include a bar coding system to virtually eliminate manual entry of customer account numbers into the system, along with the new automated meter reading system, expected to be underway by mid-year, it is estimated that over one million key strokes will be saved each year.

The new system was purchased and installed by Computer Software, Incorporated, of Chalfont, Pennsylvania, a firm who specializes in computer applications for Utility Authorities and Municipal Governments.

**NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM BRINGS CHANGE IN BILLING**

Opposite this page is a snap-shot of our new bill. While it is self explanatory, we felt it best to give a sneak preview before they go into use.

Utilization of our new billing system will provide additional information to our customers and at the same time make processing more expedient and less costly.

**AUTHORITY BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

At the meeting of January 22, 1996 two new Board Members were seated. Both members are representatives of Bristol Township. Anna E. Rogers replaced William Huhn for a remaining four year term while Anthony Verduci, Jr. replaced James Pekarski for a full five year term.

**AUTHORITY HONORS RETIRING WATER PLANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Construction was recently completed on a 1,600 square foot office facility at the Authority's Water Filtration Plant. For years the plant superintendent and his assistant were cramped into a make-shift office in a corner of the Water Filtration Plant. The secretary was located in a separate structure of approximately 100 square feet located a hundred feet away from her boss.

On January 22, 1996, at its monthly business meeting, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to honor Robert D. Huxley, Water Plant Superintendent, by naming the building after him. Mr. Huxley will be retiring this summer after almost 42 years of distinguished service to the Authority.

The building was designed by Angelo Rago, Architect, and constructed by A.V. Construction Company, Incorporated, both being local firms.

Anna served 5 years as a Bristol Township Commissioner, 4 years as a member of the Bristol Township School Board, and 4 years as a Bristol Township Council Member. She holds the distinction of being the only person in the history of Bristol Township to hold all three of these elected positions. We are confident that her extensive experience in municipal government will serve the Authority well.

Tony has served in various rolls in his family's construction firm from hands-on work to administering construction projects. He utilizes

these talents as a member of Bristol Townships Zoning Board.

We offer a special welcome to both.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**


The Authority's Board is made up of six members; three from Bristol Township and three from Tullytown Borough. Anthony V. Gesualdi is the remaining Bristol Township representative and Edmund Armstrong, Edward Czyzyk and John W. Servis, Jr. are the representatives from the Borough of Tullytown.

The Board of Directors hold their monthly meetings at the Authority's main office located at 7811 New Falls Road, Levittown, Pennsylvania, on the following dates and times:


Work Shop/Committee Meetings: First Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

Board Meetings: Fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

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**LOWER BUCKS COUNTY JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
FLUSHING OF WATER MAINS  
IMPORTANT NOTICE — MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

SECTION OF LEVITTOWN

DATE

<b>Levittown Discount World</b> , Kenwood, Junewood, Coriel Apts., Dogwood, Farmbrook, Greenbrook, .... Stonybrook; Kenwood Court and Ambassador Arms Apts.	Tuesday, April 23,1996
<b>Tullytown</b> , Lakeside, Pinewood, Creek Village Apts.....	Wednesday, April 24,1996
<b>Oaktree</b> , Crabtree, Willowood, Elderberry .....	Thursday, April 25,1996
<b>Magnolia Hill</b> , Birch Valley, Galilee Village, North Park, Village of Pennbrook, Millcreek Manor .....	Friday, April 26,1996
<b>Holly Hill</b> , Appletree, and Red Cedar Hill .....	Tuesday, April 30,1996
<b>Thornridge</b> , Vermillion Hills, and Pennsbury Wood Apartments .....	Wednesday, May 1,1996
<b>Goldenridge</b> , Orangewood, Violetwood, Whitewood, Green Lynne, Millcreek Road; Roman,..... Millcreek Garden & Orangewood Apts.	Thursday, May 2,1996
<b>Indian Creek</b> , Blueridge, Crestwood Condos, Yellowood, Bloomsdale Gardens; and..... Avalon Court, Millcreek Falls & Brittany Spring Apts.	Friday, May 3,1996
<b>Quincy Hollow</b> , Juniper Hill, Upper Orchard, Lower Orchard, Plumridge, Rt. 413; Racquet Club, ..... Foxwood Manor, Hamilton Park & Sherwood Towers Apts., Bristol Plaza, and Keystone Garden Apts	Tuesday, May 7,1996
<b>Cobalt Ridge</b> , Red Rose Gate, Woodbourne Rd.; Woodbourne, Elmwood Terrace & Longview Apts. ....	Wednesday, May 8,1996
<b>Forsythia Gate</b> , Snowballgate; Chesterfield and County Club Apartments, and Hollybrook.....	Thursday, May 9,1996
<b>Highland Park</b> , Twin Oaks, Deep Dale East and Deep Dale West; Twin Terrace; ..... Country Manor and Dorilyn Terrace Apts.	Friday, May 10,1996

Daily flushing of hydrants will take place in areas of Levittown in the order shown (between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.)

Residents in the areas being flushed and adjacent areas may notice a slight discoloration in the water during the period when flushing is in progress, flushing is now conducted annually to clean the water mains. The disturbance, if any, is usually less than an hour in duration. Residents are advised to refrain from using water for drinking, cooking, or clothes washing while the flushing is in progress.

Flushing may be postponed at any time due to water restrictions from insufficient rainfall.

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