

# SE MONTHLY

Sanitary Engineer Department Newsletter

MARCH, 2020

## SPRING IS IN THE AIR?



Every year on March 17, the Irish and the Irish-at-heart across the globe observe St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the patron saint of Ireland has become an international festival celebrating Irish culture with parades, dancing, special foods and a whole lot of green.

### BIRTHDAYS

### March

Tara Jordan (SE)	9
David Smith (SE)	12
Ed Jacobs (SE)	13
Debbie Smith (SE)	31
Michael Seegert (WR)	31

### DEPT ANNIVERSARY- March

David Kovacs (SE)	41 yrs
Todd Melnyk (SE)	24
Tony Roemmele (WR)	8
Gordon Schultz (SE)	6
Alexandra Slawinski (WR)	4
Ron Keiser (SW)	2



Sunday, March 8, 2020 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

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Thanks to the contributors of this newsletter and to ALL employees for your continued hard work.  
You are making a DIFFERENCE!

## SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Sanitary Engineer Mission: *To provide customers with high quality, safe, cost effective, and sustainable - water and wastewater services in accordance with applicable Local, State and Federal requirements for a healthier today and a sustainable tomorrow.*

### **Administration** (Next NBU mtg: **Monday, March 16 @ 2pm**)

Safety/Health – **SAFETY FIRST!!!** Avoid sun glare with clean dashboard and clean windows.

Budget – Oracle Cloud is in action, replacing PeopleSoft as we know it (Financial in Jan, 2020 and HR is Jan, 2021)

Training – See postings or bring relevant topics to Supervisor(s) for consideration.

General – When completing Incident reports, please continue to be very specific (who, what, when, where, & how).

- Please welcome Steve Lange, P.E. (new Project Engineer) to the department
- Please welcome Brandon Dickman (new Utilities Laborer) to the department.

King Road Landfill – Still need to find new spoil location for SE maintenance.

### **SE Maintenance** (Next mtg: **Crew Leaders & Others – March 9 & 23 @ 8:30am;** **Pump Crew – Mon March 2,16,30 @ 8am; Maintenance Staff – Wed March 25 @ 8am**)

General – Many thanks to Tim Farrell and maintenance staff for handling the complications related to the 36" water main closure!

Pump Stations – Air Cargo is on 1 pump.

Utilities – Valve Maintenance program in the works (w/ new technology). Each crew should have at least 1 MHI person. A renewed focus on PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE is needed and we plan to ramp up training to ensure all on the same page.

Fleet – Dumps in – other fleet in the works for justification to obtain approval.

Building & Grounds – Continued efforts are appreciated to maintain **snow/ice control** and building/ground areas.

### **SE Projects** (Next mtg: **Inspectors – Wed, March 18 @ 8am; Staff – Wed, March 18 @ 10am**)

General – Water Master Plan coming along fairly well.

- Curtice area san. sewers are being considered for Ottawa County and Lucas County (State GRANT funds being sought).

Projects – S77 & S189 lining project in Ottawa Hills – Inland Waters making repairs to defects and better coordination sought

- Cairl Ditch Siphon Rehab Project – Lining is complete with restoration needed.
- S500 Rehab - MH2 to MH4 design is complete and advertising soon. Planning for MH4 to MH6 has begun.
- Dorr Street Interchange Project: Right-of-Way clearing complete. Utility relocation underway and clearing visible for interchange.
- Fallen Timbers PS Rehab (S-715R) – Plans complete. Will be advertising soon.

### **WRRF** (Staff meeting, **Mondays** and Work Order meetings, **Daily (M-F)**)

Mission: *To operate and maintain the Lucas County Water Resource Recovery Facility in a cost effective, reliable, and safe manner which meets all State and Federal permits and regulations.*

Flows for February: Total 491.845 MG; Avg: 16.960 MGD; Min: 15.526 MGD; Max: 19.030 MGD

- OTCO Basic Wastewater Treatment Course held at the WRRF on Wednesdays 4:00 - 7:00 PM through middle of May.
- Effluent disinfection season began March 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **SWMD** (Next Driver's meeting: **Mon March 9 @ 1:00pm @ the MAT**)

Mission: *To develop and enhance programs which enable residents to easily recycle common household wastes as well as to assist business and industry with the implementation of waste reduction and recycling programs, with programs/services to reduce, reuse and recycle.*

- All Drivers are back to parking the recycling trucks at the District office.
- Kuhlman has had 2 fires due to someone illegally recycling batteries; however, they are back to being fully operational
- Thomas Sutton is expected to be off work until April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Request for New Recycling Truck will go before the Board of County Commissioners in March
- Investigating the possibility of a pilot public drop off site at the Village on Adams
- Thank you to Alice for cleaning up the residual from the make shift holding location in the District parking lot
- JLM presented four alternatives for a hybrid MRF at Kuhlman's site and we submitted for a grant to begin the hybrid MRF
- Discussions are taking place for the possibility of a full scale MRF