



News from Public Works Board, Water Policy Board, and Municipal Wastewater Committee Meetings

- The Muskegon Wind Project is still moving forward slowly. The contract with Gamesa could be signed as early as May 2012.
- Visitor activity at the Wastewater has been very high this winter due to the presence of snowy owls and the related media attention.
- Staff continues mapping irrigation piping and electrical lines in preparation for possible wind turbine construction.
- Hauled Waste flows have gone up for the FY when compared with last year. A new record for the month of February was set with just over 2 MG. March is projecting a new monthly record as well.
- The pump was replaced in the lift station at the Wastewater Administration building, and a new discharge pipeline is being installed by staff.
- The new sprayer for the Farm has been delivered and is being set up for use by Fleet Maintenance.
- Solid Waste and Wastewater computers were transitioned to the County domain, the first step in the virtualization process.
- The purchase of the Farm chemicals and fertilizers has been approved, and alfalfa contracts have been finalized for this year.
- Staff is working on a bid proposal for heavy equipment training.
- All accident reports will now require a visit to the occupational health clinic.
- At Patterson Park, the well at the house is going to be connected to the bathroom building, eliminating the need for a second well.
- The Hall of Justice remodeling continues on the first floor with more asbestos abatement and some plan modifications.
- Permission was granted for Solid Waste to purchase portable wind screens to capture blowing debris. Workers from the jail have been busy trying to clean up after all the windy weather.
- The annual free dump day for several municipalities was approved for this year. The dates will be listed on the Public Works web page at www.co.muskegon.mi.us/solidwaste/
- The new replacement LED lighting should be installed at Heritage Landing in April.
- Household Hazardous Waste is holding two Saturday Collection Events at the City of Muskegon DPW, 1350 E. Keating, on April 28 and October 13, 2012, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. Regular collection hours are the second and fourth Friday of each month, May through October, from 1:00-3:00 PM. You can visit www.co.muskegon.mi.us/HHW for more details.
- The Muskegon Area Medication Disposal Program has many locations for controlled and non-controlled medication drop-off, including all law enforcement offices. For more information and a list of all the sites, please check our website at www.co.muskegon.mi.us/sustainability/medsharps.htm
- **ATTENTION:** We would like to transmit this newsletter via email where possible, so if you could forward your email addresses to burnsma@co.muskegon.mi.us we will add you to the list. Thank you!



Pipeline replacement at the Wastewater Administration building



The new sprayer for the Farm



Culvert work on Yuba Street affecting the Q to C Wastewater line

Personnel

- We recognize **Steve Holke** who marked 15 years of service with the County this quarter.
- Our best wishes to **Ray Kuypers** upon his retirement January 13, after 31+ years of service.
- The Industrial Pretreatment department has a new coordinator. Congratulations to **Eric Imbault** who filled that vacancy.
- Solid Waste welcomes a new part-time scale attendant, **Brenda Neuman**, who started March 7.
- We express our condolences to the family of **Pat Kelley**, longtime Wastewater employee, who passed away March 8.
- Congratulations to **Vic Singh** on winning a table tennis tournament in Holland. Check out the story in the *Holland Sentinel*, www.hollandsentinel.com/news/x1785608057/One-hundred-table-tennis-players-compete-in-local-tournament



This snowy owl has been a regular in the RI beds at Wastewater this winter



Brenda Neuman, the new part-time Solid Waste scale attendant