



Wastewater & Public Works Quarterly Newsletter Issue #6, Summer 2012

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

- The County signed contracts with Gamesa in May that continues the wind energy project moving forward.
- The application deadline for the Marsh has been extended pending approval from EPA regarding an existing wetland.
- Hauled Waste flows are still trending higher for the FY when compared with the last two years.
- The Board awarded the bid to replace the radiant heaters in the Fleet Maintenance building.
- Solid Waste received a new Cat 826H compactor, and it is now in service.
- The Board approved the Furrin Group's request to hold a rally racing event on the Wastewater site.
- At Pioneer Park, a new roof was put on the picnic lodge and a new electrical service panel was installed for the campground.
- The new wind screens should be in place soon in the landfill to reduce the amount of trash that blows out.
- The County Road Commission is patching a portion of White Road and will be doing a chip-seal on it as their schedule allows.
- Solid Waste and Wastewater computers are scheduled to be replaced with virtual desktop appliances the week of July 30.
- Heavy equipment training is scheduled for selected employees the week of July 9.
- Arc Flash training was held for Wastewater electricians.
- Piggging of the gas line from Solid Waste was complete and will need to become a regular maintenance activity.
- John Deere diagnostic software was purchased and installed at Fleet Maintenance so more repair work can be done in-house.
- The Board approved Prein&Newhof as the Wastewater engineering consultant for the next three years.
- The dry weather in May translated into the fields requiring heavier irrigation.
- Work is being done to the roof of the south building at the Farm.
- The second cutting of alfalfa has been completed. This creates additional work for the laboratory as well, testing samples for moisture.
- A new uniform service, Aramark, will take over in July.
- The Memorial Day weekend was very good for the Parks as they were nearly full, and revenues are up through May.
- Household Hazardous Waste is holding a Saturday Collection Event at the City of Muskegon DPW, 1350 E. Keating, on 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 continue transmitting this newsletter via email where possible. Please forward your email addresses to burnsma@co.muskegon.mi.us to be added to the list. Thank you!

Personnel

- We recognize several service anniversaries this quarter: **Mark Gatrell** who marked 5 years, **Jeff Hiddema** and **Bob Kunnen** who both marked 10 years, **Ellen Pallasch** and **Vivek Singh** who both marked 15 years, and **Mark Johnston** who marked 20 years.
- Our best wishes to **Mike Lorentz** who retired May 31, with 28+ years of service and to **Ed Washington** who also retired May 31, with 10+ years of service.
- Congratulations to **Harold Maat** who will be moving to an Irrigation Operator position.
- Wastewater welcomes our summer Engineering Aid, **Scott Hall** and Temporary Irrigation Operator, **Kimba Root**.



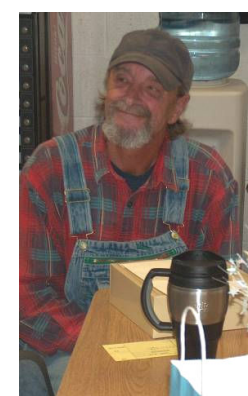
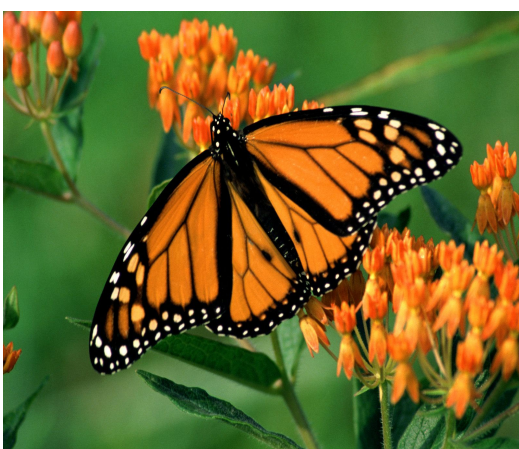
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Wind screens being assembled at Solid Waste



Sludge being hauled from the Wastewater drying beds



Mike Lorentz



Ed Washington

