



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

- For the remainder of 2013, the Public Works Board meeting time will be changed to 4:00 PM to coincide with the rest of the Boards' meetings.
- The punch list items have been completed on the Hall of Justice first floor remodel. Testing and balancing of the HVAC system is being conducted throughout the building now that remodeling projects are finished.
- The water tank at Michigan's Adventure will receive a 5-year inspection, as approved by the Board. The Whitehall Road line will also be flushed soon to maintain adequate chlorine levels.
- MDEQ is very pleased with MCWMS for having zero violations on their 2012 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit!
- The Board approved the purchase of GPS equipment to be installed on the compactor and dozer in the Solid Waste Department and the excavator in the Wastewater Department. This technology will be shared between the departments and will improve accuracy and efficiency.
- The bid was awarded to complete the rehab of the Ruddiman sewer line, with work starting in May and being completed late this summer.
- The Sewer Use Ordinance and the new local limits for industrial dischargers has gone through the necessary steps and notices and was approved by the Public Works Board. The new ordinance will go into effect April 1.
- Ducks Unlimited will be hosting an open house and ceremonial groundbreaking for the Black Creek Filter Marsh on **Tuesday, April 9, at 10 AM near the Operations Maintenance building, 9065 E. Laketon Avenue**, on the Wastewater site.
- The Parks are offering **FREE County Parks Day on Saturday, May 4, from 10 AM - 4 PM at Twin Lake and Pioneer Parks**. In addition to free admission, there will be free workshops offered with fun for the entire family! Food and refreshments will be available. For further information as the date draws near, please check the Parks website at www.co.muskegon.mi.us/parks
- Household Hazardous Waste collection has scheduled two Saturday collection events! The first is **April 27, from 9 AM - 1 PM, at the City of Muskegon DPW, 1350 E. Keating Avenue**. The second event is slated for October 12. In addition to HHW, Goodwill Industries will be collecting electronic waste and any other household donations. Regular HHW collection hours are the second and fourth Friday of each month, May through October, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. For more details, please check the website at www.co.muskegon.mi.us/HHW
- The Muskegon Area Medication Disposal Program has many locations for controlled and non-controlled medication drop-off, including all law enforcement offices. There is a Saturday collection event for medication and sharps scheduled for **April 27, from 10 AM - 2 PM, at the Muskegon Fire Department, 770 Terrace Street**. For more information and a list of all the regular collection sites, please check the website at www.mamdp.com
- We would like to distribute this newsletter via email whenever possible. Please forward your email addresses to burnsma@co.muskegon.mi.us to be added to the list. Thank you!

Personnel

- We recognize three service anniversaries this quarter: **Patrick Pastor** who marked 5 years, **Tom Strach** who marked 20 years, and **Ron Glover** who marked 25 years.
- Congratulations to **Carly Hines** who is the new Administrative Analyst in Public Works and to **Mark Gatrell** who is now a Wastewater Operations Maintenance Mechanic.
- Public Works welcomes a new Sustainability Coordinator, **Sara Damm**; Solid Waste welcomes a new Account Clerk, **Pam Roesch**; Facilities Management welcomes a new Courier/Housekeeper, **Samuel Marble**; and Wastewater welcomes a new Laboratory Technician, **Julie DeWald**, who starts March 25.



*The newly-renovated first floor lobby
in the Hall of Justice*



*Prep work is underway on the flow-through
marsh project on the Wastewater site*



*Ron Glover works on moving dirt and
clearing trees as part of the marsh project*



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