Resource Recovery Newsletter

WEST RANDALL LIFT STATION

Grand River continued to pour and form concrete for the lift station in spite of the frigid temperatures.



Photo curtesy of Prein&Newhof.

FARM REPORT

The Farm wrapped up final ground prep for alfalfa mid-April and began seeding. This year we only have 550 acres of alfalfa to plant. After that, we'll shift focus to soybeans, followed by corn.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL FORCE MAIN

Force Main from West Randall Lift Station to County Line | Milbocker & Sons

Over the past month, Milbocker installed over 2,000 feet of HDPE pipe as they continued working along the railroad corridor.

Force Main from County Line to Heights Ravenna | Kamminga & Roodvoets

With Moorland Road closed from Heights Ravenna to Wilson, K&R has successfully installed approximately 3,200 feet of pipe starting from Heights Ravenna Road to south of the Musketawa Trail.

Force Main from Heights Ravenna to the RRC Treatment Site | Kamminga & Roodvoets

Over the past month, K&R has installed approximately 2,000 feet of pipe. Beginning the week of May 19, K&R began installing pipe in the Apple Avenue right-of-way between Ensley Road (extended) and Sullivan Rd.

NEW HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

On January 8 Travis Kurtz (John Ball Park Zoo), Kurt Eschman (RRC Operations Maintenance) and Anita Friend installed our very first American kestrel nest box along the George Wickstrom Trail.



SOLAR SITE PROGRESS

Burns & McDonnell has continued construction on the Muskegon Solar Energy Center through the harsh winter. They've installed 100% of the piles and panel trackers and 35% of the panels.



WHAT IS IT ABOUT OUR GATES?



What is it about our gates that makes them such attractive targets for nighttime drivers??? Above is all that was left of our Sullivan Road gate after a driver crashed into it on the night of Sept. 9. It was déjà vu all over again after another driver had taken out our Swanson Road gate (pictured below) earlier this year on the night of March 15.



THE PASSING OF DOC DEMIRJIAN

Last March saw the passing of Yervant Aram Demirjian, better known as Doc Demirjian, the first director of the Resource Recovery Center.

Yervant Demirjian

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This rooster pheasant started hanging around the RRC administration building. He makes the rounds to all the bird feeders and sometimes stops to peek in at the front doors. He's fond of ruffling up his feathers, giving his body a shake, and letting out a shriek. With the pheasant being the state bird of South Dakota, we naturally thought of our coworker from South Dakota, Doug Noyes, and decided to name our new feathered friend Douglas *Noise*. We hope that with all that crowing, Douglas can find a nice lady friend and settle down comfortably and start a family.



WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL WATER EXTENSION

Jackson-Merkey has resumed construction on the Whitehall Township Water Extension Project.



