



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

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

- Muskegon Wind, LLC (Gamesa) had three wind monitoring towers installed on the Wastewater site. The SODAR unit was moved near one of the towers to correlate data.
- Staff continues to work on mapping utilities on the 11,000-acre Wastewater site and downloading the information into the GIS program in Equalization.
- Design work continues on the Marsh project, after which the MDEQ, Ducks Unlimited, and the Drain Commissioner will meet to finalize the design and determine the construction schedule.
- The Wastewater lagoons are at their lowest level since 2005, due to the hot, dry summer, and irrigation should be shutting down around the end of September.
- The Board approved the inside inspection of the Evanston water tank, and it should be back online soon after being refurbished and repainted.
- Work will be done over the winter to install a new meter in the Laketon Township sewer line.
- An initial proposal was made to the Board to close out the former Whitehall Wastewater site and relieve the consent order.
- The first floor renovations at the Hall of Justice should be wrapped up around the first of October.
- The Wastewater Hunting Committee met this summer and recommended a few minor changes archery hunting area. The Board once again approved hunting for this year, and passes are being sold.
- Heavy equipment training continues for selected employees with crane rigging/signaling and a telehandler course being conducted this week.
- This year's entire Wastewater corn crop was chopped for silage. Alfalfa has done very well this year with a fourth cutting being completed on the newly-planted fields, and the soybean harvest should be commencing soon.
- Periodic flushing and chlorinating of the Northside water main will begin soon now that Michigan's Adventure is closed for the season.
- The great summer weather had a positive impact on the Parks with more campers and increased revenues for the season.
- Repairs had to be made to electrical equipment in the bathroom at Blue Lake Park after a lightning strike caused some damage.
- Solid Waste has adopted two miles of Apple Avenue (M-46), from Swanson Road to Sullivan Road.
- 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
- We would like to transmit 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!



Wind monitoring tower installed on Wastewater site



Renovation work on the first floor of the Hall of Justice



Solid Waste employees Jake Butkus, Bob Kunnen, and Mike Faino

Personnel

- We recognize two service anniversaries this quarter, **Forrest McCauley** and **John Warner**, who each marked 15 years.
- Our best wishes to **Tony Dunn** who retired August 31, with 37+ years of service at the Wastewater.
- Wastewater welcomes a new Irrigation Technician, **Mike Chupailo**.
- Congratulations to **Steve Barnard** and **Tom Robinson** who both received awards from the Michigan Water Environment Association (MWEA).
- We express our condolences to the family of **Rich Miller**, Public Works Maintenance Mechanic, who passed away September 13.



Tony Dunn



Steve Barnard, recipient of the MWEA Health & Safety Professional of the Year award



Tom Robinson receiving the P. K. Sarda Lab Analyst of the Year award from MWEA