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Our Quality Assurance Department conducts hydrant flushing of dead end water mains during the warm weather months . This year we are utilizing the industry best practice of flushing called unidirectional flushing.

Unidirectional flushing is the process of closing main water line valves and flowing hydrants in small areas to cause the water to flow only from one direction. The hydrant being used is flowed at a high velocity. This velocity helps remove sediment and tuberculation from the water line and provides a higher quality of water to our customers.

Customers are advised of the flushing process through notices in the News Herald and the Plain Dealer. Continual updates are posted on the LCDU website. A "Frequently Asked Questions" section, also on our website, assists our customers. Google Maps have also been utilized and flushing signs are posted to keep the public advised of the areas to be flushed. Crews are currently working on the east sub-district which includes Painesville Township, Perry, Madison and a small portion of Concord.

Unidirectional flushing will enable us to determine the efficiency of our distribution system. Valves and hydrants are operated, fire flows are run, and pressure and chlorine readings are taken. This information is used to evaluate the water main and the need to repair or replace valves and hydrants. Unidirectional flushing uses less water and accomplishes more for the distribution system than dead end flushing.

Submitted by John Diemert, Distribution System Coordinator

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Lake County Vehicle Maintenance Garage

The Lake County Vehicle Maintenance Garage now has a new home located at 4485 North Ridge Road, Perry, Ohio 44081.

The new building came equipped with 8 lifts, state of the art alignment machine, tire balancer, tire machine and office furniture. There are two wash bays in the new facility that all departments are encouraged to utilize for keeping their county owned vehicles clean.

This new facility has enabled us to go "green" - it has its own waste oil heaters that allow us to burn the used oil from our vehicles to heat the new building. This is both cost effective and environmentally friendly. We also have a quick lube area for faster service (appointments required). For the employees' convenience we have a waiting area where they may wait while their vehicle is being serviced.

The Garage currently has 8 employees and services 257 vehicles owned by the County Commissioners.



Submitted by: Karin White, Secretary, Garage Vehicle Maintenance

Customer Service Group

The Customer Service Group welcomed two new members: Ken Bowling from the West End Service Department and Brian Cook from the Engineering Department. The group meets monthly to discuss improving communications and service with our internal and external customers. Currently the group is focusing on helping customers with the meter change out program.

We would like to thank the following Utilities staff who, in the past year, have facilitated informational power point presentations:

- Dave Bradshaw and Phil Spencer: Solid Waste Operations
- Jay Spetrino and Rick Douglas: Safe Drinking Water /Operations
- John Diemert: Water Distribution System / Water Pressure/System Hydraulics
- Phil Peluso: Water Distribution System / Main Lines, Leaks and Service Connections
- Dave Kenny: Meters, Curb Boxes, Vaults
- Toni Ice: Water Treatment Laboratory
- Don Battista and Mike Melnyk: Wastewater Collections/Treatment Plant
- Mark Rhoades: Wastewater Lift Stations and Pump Operations
- Jerry Ondo: Wastewater Industrial Pretreatment Inspections

These informative training sessions help to increase the understanding of our Departments functions. These sessions are held at the ULAB and are open to all LCDU employees. Future training dates will be posted on the LCDU website bulletin board.

Submitted by Dee Hine, Administrative Group

In Case of Emergency Information

In our fast paced lives we forget about the simplest things, like having emergency contact information handy for emergency personnel. No one likes to think about the possibility of being seriously injured in an accident, but take a moment to consider what might happen if you're rendered unconscious in an accident or other disaster. How would authorities or emergency personnel notify your loved ones? By tracing your car's license number or looking at your driver's license, it may be possible to obtain your home phone number, but your loved ones may not be there to receive the call. In an emergency situation, you may not be able to speak and give vital information to help alert others concerning your health. Medical providers must sometimes treat accident victims without having any basic medical information about the individual or any way to contact someone who could provide crucial information.




ICE Your Cell Phone for Emergency Contacts

Almost everyone has an **In Case of Emergency** line pre-programmed into their cell phones under their contacts. This is usually the first line under your contact list, in red with a red/white medical id. Most phones have the ability to enter more than one contact and some even have the ability to enter personal information under this same contact.

Programming your cell phone takes only minutes to accomplish, yet it may save you and your loved ones hours of anguish in the event of an emergency. Rapid access to your next of kin, who will be able to provide your medical history and any background information needed, can also enhance the success of your emergency treatment.

Free Emergency Medical Identification Card

You can create a free emergency medical identification card online in a few minutes at <http://www.medids.com/free-id.php> or simply complete and cut out the card below. The best approach is to keep the completed card right behind your driver's license in your wallet. There are two versions available: One is free and the other one requires a membership fee that allows you to easily update the card later.

 EMERGENCY MEDICAL IDENTIFICATION Courtesy of MedIDs.com		Medical Conditions: - _____ - _____
Address: _____ City: _____, State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Blood Type: _____		Medications: Name of Med, Dosage, Times per day - _____ - _____ - _____
Emergency Contacts: _____ Physicians: _____		Allergies: - _____ -Card Printed: 4/22/2010 Courtesy of MedIDs.com

----- Cut around outer edge of above card; fold in half; laminate for durability -----

Free Emergency Medical Form

Complete form on your computer keyboard or print out this form and complete by hand. Enclose in a zip-lock bag and keep a copy on your refrigerator, in your automobile, purse or wallet, etc. Save form on your computer.

http://www.medids.com/Emergency_Medical_Form.html

Source: [MedIDs.com](http://www.MedIDs.com)

Recipes

Simple Summer Smoothie

Ingredients

- 1 banana
- 1 cup frozen strawberries
- 1 cup frozen blueberries
- 1 cup frozen cherries
- 4 ice cubes
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 3/4 cup vanilla yogurt
- 1/2 teaspoon honey (optional)

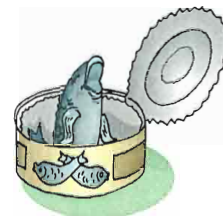


Place banana, strawberries, blueberries, cherries and ice cubes into a blender. Pour in orange juice, vanilla yogurt and honey. Puree until smooth. Enjoy.

Awesome Tuna Salad

Ingredients

- 2 (6 oz) cans tuna, drained
- 1/2 head broccoli, finely chopped
- 1/2 head cauliflower, finely chopped
- 1/2 red onion, finely chopped
- 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
- 1 cup fat-free mayo, or to taste
- 4 pita bread rounds



In a large bowl, toss together the tuna, broccoli, cauliflower, onion and celery. Stir in mayo until the salad reaches your desired consistency. Serve on the pita bread.

Submitted by Vicki Thorsen, Billing Group

LCDU Retirees (Jan - June 2010)

Paulette Knepp – 25 years

Sammie Rice – 30 years

Bob Rose – 30 years

Tom Hillwig - 27 years

Phil Peluso - 30 years

Bernado Slovinsky - 30 years

We appreciate your many years of service and dedication. We extend our sincere congratulations and wish you the best!

U Can Go Green



In an effort to reduce waste, you can elect to have an electronic version (PDF format) of the newsletter emailed to you in lieu of a paper copy.

Please email your Name, Physical Location/Address and email Address to melissa.weiss@lakecountyohio.gov or complete the form below and send either by interoffice mail to Missy Weiss @ the Main Office. As always, you can access current and past issues on the Utilities Department "X" network drive.

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Meet Our New Employee - Chad Hamilton

Do you have any hobbies or interest?

I enjoy watching and playing sports, especially baseball.

Where did you grow up and go to school?

I grew up in Fairport and still live there with my wife and nine month old daughter, Aubry.

What would you say is your least favorite household chore?

I would have to say it's putting clothes away.

Do you have any pets?

Yes, we have a Blue Shar-pei dog named Cooper.

What would you say is the most interesting place you have been?

I enjoy Cancun, Mexico for the resort experience with lots of sunshine.

What do you like most about your position/job?

My co-workers and the steady paycheck. After many years in the trades (union) it's a welcome change.

What is your favorite food?

Any Hungarian dish will do.

Do you collect anything?

I collect old money (coins and paper). The oldest piece I have is dated 1908.

What is your favorite after work activity?

Just spending time with my family and playing the drums in my spare time.



Chad Hamilton
Operator Trainee
Madison Wastewater
Treatment Plant

Local Farmers Markets

Eastlake: 8am to 1pm every Saturday, May 29 - October 2 www.eastlakeohio.com

Lake Metroparks: 3pm to 6pm every Wednesday, May 19 - October 13 www.lakemetroparks.com

Mentor: 4pm to 8pm on Fridays, July 30, August 6, August 13, August 20 www.cityofmentor.com

Painesville: 2pm to 6pm every Thursday, May 13 - October 21 www.painesville.com

Willoughby: 8am to 12pm every Saturday, May - October www.heartofwilloughby.com



LCDU Anniversaries (January - September 2010)

10 Year

Doug Bradley 1/3
John Thompson 1/3
Dale Moran 3/6
Steve Seaman 3/6
Shawn White 3/6
Bob Ruscitti 4/10
Lenny O'Dell 4/17
Tonya Reidy 4/24
Dave "Skip" Rigby 5/8
Bob Taylor 5/22
Scott McGlothlin 6/19
Tom Orosz 7/10

15 Year

Connie Strickland 2/13
Carol Chase 3/27
Ruth Medved 3/27
Nancy Perkins 3/27

20 Year

Pat Bush 3/19
Nancy Videtic 3/26
Theresa Schnell 4/16
Bob Blakesmith 9/24
John Diemert 9/24

25 Year

Dave Hardy 2/12

Al Saari 3/18
Rick Burnheimer 5/28
Dave Hutchinson 8/19
Greg Widmer 8/20
Dave Kenny 8/26
Chris Hodges 8/27

30 Year

Rick Martin 2/4
Rich Hazen 3/23
Phil Peluso 3/23
John Spuzzillo 3/23
Katie Sheffield 5/7

35 Year

Beth Hripko 4/2

LCDU Birthdays (July - September)

July Birthdays

Glen Oldaker 7/2
Dave Bradshaw 7/3
Nate Zuege 7/4
Grant Glazier 7/5
Angela Keck 7/5
Brad Frederick 7/9
Karen Dickerson 7/9
Katie Sheffield 7/10
Debbie Szampias 7/11
Marie Vanjo 7/16
Jesus "Jr." Gonzalez 7/18
Damian Sherwood 7/18
Rick Burnheimer 7/21
Mike Stephens 7/23
Frank Martin 7/24
Mark Yahner 7/26
Domanick Sherwood 7/27
Jay Spetrino 7/28
Dave Hardy 7/29



August Birthdays

Robyn Needler 8/2
Tom Erkkila 8/5
Dale Anthony 8/8
Rich Siepka 8/10
Helen Hensley 8/12
Joel Jernejcic 8/13
Karen Peterson 8/15
Mary Jo Valaitis 8/16
Dave Mihalik 8/18
Vicki Thorsen 8/20
Keith McCloskey 8/23
Karen Goodin 8/24
Bob Ruscitti 8/24
Jerry Hagan 8/26
Cindy Leonello 8/27
Bob Shelby 8/28
Roland Skaggs 8/29
Jolene Ball 8/30

September Birthdays

Donnie Battista 9/1
Ken Bowling 9/1
Bert Guinn 9/1
Ken Anzelc 9/2
Bill Davis 9/2
Mark Tenkku 9/4
Ruth Medved 9/9
Jim Berg 9/11
Kenn Paprocki 9/14
Lenny O'Dell 9/19
Chad Hamilton 9/22
Mike Pegoraro 9/22
Kay Meadon 9/23
Jim Lubinsky 9/25
Phil Peluso 9/27
Dave Woodford 9/27
Dave Ivans 9/28
Rick Martin 9/29

