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meet your sanitary engineer

By: Matt Armand, Administrative Office

With the retirement of Al Saari this past March, Randy Rothlisberger was named Sanitary Engineer for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

Randy brings a vast amount of experience to his new role. Prior to starting with LCDU, Randy worked as an Inspector for Toledo Testing for five years, then as an Engineer for CT Consultants for five years.

Randy joined the LCDU team in 1998, and initially served as a Deputy Sanitary Engineer, then moved into the position of Assistant Sanitary Engineer. Most recently, Randy served as the Director of Water. "It's a great feeling to be part of a system that operates two water treatment plants that serve roughly 40,000 customers, has approximately 550 miles of waterline, and



has a capacity to supply 29 million gallons of clean drinking water a day," said Rothlisberger.

Rothlisberger is no stranger to leadership. In addition to his daily job functions, he has served on the board of trustees for OTCO (Operator Training Committee of Ohio), he is a member of the Lake County GIS Board, the

AWWA Distribution Committee, and the Madison Township Zoning Commission.

Rick Martin, Executive Director for the department, says "Randy's engineering and operations background is a solid foundation for the continued growth and development of the Lake County Department of Utilities." Martin went on to say "Randy brings a proven combination of technical and people skills essential for the success of today's public utility leaders."

Randy obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering & Construction Management from the University of Toledo. He resides in Madison with his wife and two children, and enjoys camping, canoeing and outdoor activities.

employee development

By: Rick Martin, Administrative Office

Employee development is fundamental for attracting and retaining top talent. It encourages employees to acquire new or advanced skills, knowledge, and viewpoints, by providing learning, training, and avenues where such new ideas can be applied. Although 'employee development' can seem like a very broad concept, examples include on-the-job training, coaching, and active involvement in creating meaningful performance goals. From the countless committees our department offers, to the various training opportunities, or even the upcoming "Lunch & Learn" series, employee engagement and development is a core value we support. Successful employee development is not a one-person job, though. It requires organizational leadership that encourages its team members to share their knowledge and expertise; AND, inquisitive and interested employees who are willing to take advantage of the opportunities provided. Employee development is not only a clever and innovative concept; rather, it is an essential component necessary for long term professional engagement and organization success. As the saying goes, "give a man fish and you feed him for a day...teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

madison plant open house

By: Matt Armand, Administrative Office

With the expansion of the Madison Wastewater Treatment Plant on the verge of completion, the Lake County Department of Utilities will hold an open house and tour to showcase the new renovations.

The open house and tour will be held on Saturday, September 12, from 11am-2pm at the Madison Plant, located at 7815 Cashen Rd. in Madison. "We're eager to welcome members of our Lake County family and unveil the new expansion," said Gary Fedak,

Director of Sanitary Sewer.

Initial construction began in November 2012. With this newest expansion, plant capacity will increase from 3MGD (million gallons per day) to 5 MGD with a peak hourly flow of 15 MGD.

Additionally, new state of the art equipment has been added to make sure we are operating efficiently and with the latest technology available..

This is a 24/7 operation that requires staff on site at all times. Currently, the plant

services approximately 5,000 homes and businesses in the communities of Perry Village, North Perry Village, Perry Township and Madison Township. The expansion will satisfy the long-term capabilities for housing and industry growth.

Lake County employees and their families are invited to join the LCDU team on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 11am-2pm for tours, history, lunch and refreshments.

in the community...

By: Matt Armand, Administrative Office

If you attended 8 am mass at St. Mary Magdalene in Willowick on Sunday, May 31st, you likely heard Father Steve Kaminsky pay accolades to a congregation of roughly 300 attendees for the outstanding service our department provided the previous week. In his sermon, Father Kaminsky

described how the church had a blown 2" meter, and how LCDU staff responded quickly, was caring, and demonstrated outstanding values. It was later discovered that Jim Berg, Distribution Superintendent, was the LCDU representative who had initial contact with Father

Kaminski, later receiving support from LCDU employee Dale Moran.

By demonstrating professionalism and integrity, LCDU is making an ongoing difference every day in the greater community. Thank you!

☒ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Average
☐ Poor



confined space training

By: Steve Klemm, Administrative Office

The GLK Water Reclamation facility hosted two successful confined space entry training classes on April 30th and May 5th. The 8-hour sessions were lead by Ed Fitzgerald with Jack Doheny, training 41 LCDU employees who participated in classroom and hands-on exercises. Thank you all for your participation, and thank you for your ongoing commitment to safety!

new employees

By: Cindy Leonello, Administrative Office



Brian Palmer

Inspector, Engineering Group

About: Brian has lived in Lake County since 1998. Prior to joining the LCDU Team, Brian worked in engineering design for 15 years. He lives with his daughter and their dog, he enjoys Rock and Country music, and his hobbies include fishing and shooting.



Erica Czaplicki

Operator Trainee, Aquarius Lab

About: As a lifetime resident of Lake County, Erica grew up in Eastlake and still resides there with her dog. She graduated from Baldwin Wallace College, and enjoys Country music. In her spare time, Erica enjoys cooking and watching the Food Network. In December 2014, Erica took a volunteer service trip to Ghana, Africa.

the benefit of rain barrels

By: Nancy Hamblin, Solid Waste

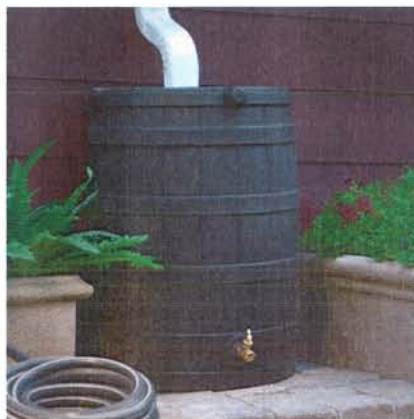
Rain Barrels Benefit the Environment, Your Plants and Your Budget.

Rain Barrels Benefit the Environment

Rain barrels benefit the environment by reducing the amount of rainwater runoff from our roofs. Rainwater runoff is a huge problem in urban and suburban areas, polluting our waterways with fertilizers, pesticides and other contaminants. The rainwater runoff is collected in a rain barrel rather than running off into the streets; keeping dirt, fertilizers and yard debris out of our local waterways, improving the local water quality. A rain barrel can also reduce erosion by slowing down the flow of rainwater runoff.

Rain Barrels Benefit Your Plants

Not only are rain barrels good for the environment, they're great for your plants too. Rainwater is the best type of water to use for watering potted plants.



Rain Barrels Benefit Your Budget

Rain barrels also help to save money. Rainwater can be used for many things, such as watering plants, filling up wash buckets for tasks like washing the car, washing windows or other household chores. A rain barrel can give you a steady supply of free water.

Rain barrels are easy to find these days. They are widely available at farm and garden stores, home improvement stores, garden centers or on the internet. Many people even make their own rain barrel.

summer events in lake county

By: Sarah Cerovski, Engineering Office

JUNE 2015



Harbor Fest

6/5/15-6/21/15

Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

Burger Bash

6/19/15, 5pm-9pm

Ferrante Winery & Ristorante

Willoughby Cruise-In

6/20/15, 4pm-10pm

Historic Downtown Willoughby

Lincoln Funeral Train

6/6/15-6/7/15, 10am-6pm

Painesville Railroad Museum

Blue Sky Folk Festival

6/20/15, 10am-6pm

East Shore Unitarian Church
Kirtland, Ohio

Father's Day Celebration

6/21/15, 1pm-7:30pm

Grand River Cellars
Madison, Ohio



JULY 2015

Mel Brooks' The Producers The Musical

7/11/15-7/12/15, 10am-4pm

The Fine Arts Association
Willoughby, Ohio

Party in the Park

7/17/15-7/19/15, 11am-11pm

Victoria Place
Painesville, Ohio

The Eagles Air Show

7/11/15-7/12/15, 10am-5:30pm

Lost Nation Airport
Willoughby, Ohio

LCDU Captains Game

7/18/15, 7pm

Captains Stadium
Eastlake, Ohio



AUGUST 2015

Vintage Ohio

8/7/15-8/8/15, 1pm-10pm

Lake Farmpark
Kirtland, Ohio

"Private Lives"

8/14/15-8/29/15, 8pm-10:30pm

Rabbit Run Theater
Madison, Ohio

Winey-Margarita Party

8/28/15, 7pm-11pm

Grand River Cellars
Madison, Ohio



employee achievements

By: Cindy Leonello, Administrative Office



To become a certified Class A, I, II, III or IV Water supply, Water distribution, Wastewater Treatment or Wastewater Collection operator in the State of Ohio, you must apply for and pass the state operator certification exam and document the appropriate level of hands on work experience.

You must have a high school diploma, and the designated work experience assigned to each classification. Class A requires 1040 hours of operating experience, Class I requires 12 months, Class II requires 36 months, Class III requires 60 months along with 12 months as a Class II operator, and Class IV requires 36 months as a Class III along with 24 months management experience at a Class III or IV facility. Each of these requires that the employee pass a written examination, the Class IV exam is a written essay. The following 64 LCDU employees have attained their respective classifications through hard work and dedication:

Andrew Siepka - Class II
 Bill Chandler-Class III
 Bill Simone-Class II
 Bob Blakesmith-Class I
 Brian Cook- Class I
 Chris Watts- Class I
 Damian Sherwood-Class I
 Dan Hambor-Class I
 Dan Watts-Class I
 Dave Baum Class III
 Dave Conway-Class I
 Dave Hernandez-Class III
 Dave Mihalek-Class II
 Dave Woodford-Class I
 Dennis Edmiston-Class I
 Domanick Sherwood-Class III
 Grant Glazier-Class II
 James Gallion-Class I
 Jay Spetrino-Class IV
 Jeff Urban-Class III
 Jerry Hagan-Class I
 Jerry Ondo-Class III
 Jim Berg-Class II
 Joe Abel-Class III

Joe Elmore-Class II
 Joel Jernejcic-Class II
 John Clarkson-Class I
 John Diemert-Class II
 John Thompson-Class II
 Jon Hegfield-Class III
 Josh Hattox-Class II
 Keith McCloskey-Class II
 Ken Bowling-Class II
 Ken Stoneman Class IV
 Kerry Troy-Class I
 Kevin Toczik-Class I
 Mark Tenkku-Class I
 Mark Yahner-Class I
 Matt Hanusosky-Class I
 Mike Erkkila-Class II
 Mike Melnyk-Class III
 Mike Mospens-Class II
 Mike Spencer-Class I
 Mike Stephens-Class II
 Mike Ward Jr-Class II

Nate Zuege-Class III
 Pat Bush-Class III
 Randy Rothlisberger Class II
 Rich Soden-Class III
 Rick Burnheimer-Class I
 Rick Inghram-Class II
 Rick Martin-Class IV
 Rob Edmonds-Class I
 Robert Yurchick-Class II
 Ronn Walker-Class I
 Roscoe Snoeberger-Class II
 Scott Burke-Class I
 Scott McGlothlin-Class IV
 Steve Doremus-Class I
 Susan Brochak-Class III
 Tom Orosz-Class II
 Tom Rigby-Class III
 Toni Ice-Class III
 Trevor Long-Class II
 Trevor Weaver-Class III



anniversaries

FOR THE MONTHS: April-June

By: Cindy Leonello, Administrative Office

1 YEAR

Matt Sutch, 5/19/2014

Bill Herron, 6/2/2014

Roy Fryman, 6/16/2014

Tom Bierer, 6/2/2014 *

Denny Jakse, 6/2/2014 *

Fred Lawson, 6/2/2014 *

Ed Monasky, 6/2/2014 *

Karin White, 6/2/2014 *

5 YEARS

Allen Sherlock, 6/21/2010

10 YEARS

Joe Elmore, 5/23/2005

Dave Woodford, 6/20/2005

Brian Cook, 6/20/2005

15 YEARS

Tonya Reidy, 4/24/2000

Skip Rigby, 5/8/2000

Scott McGlothin, 6/19/2000

25 YEARS

Theresa Schnell, 4/16/1990

30 YEARS

Rhuden Burnheimer, 5/28/1985

40 YEARS

Beth Hripko, 4/2/1975

* Previously worked for Lake County Garage

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