

STREAMLINE

News and Events at Louisville MSD

July 2016

OUR VISION

Achieving Safe, Clean Waterways
for a Healthy and Vibrant Community



The original gate for Paddy's Run lies on the ground as the new gate is lowered by crane—with the slightest of wiggle room—into its housing.

The station still requires \$23 million to replace the six pumps and the electrical system, as evidenced by the 1950s dials and gauges used to operate the facility. Longer term, it will also need an additional \$37 million to double the pumping capacity as we see an increase in heavy rainfall events, and to support the 56 percent increase in the population of Jefferson County since the station was built.



OUR MISSION

Providing Exceptional Wastewater, Drainage
and Flood Protection Services for Our Community

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**“It’s a big relief
...it helps me
sleep at night,”**
said MSD Flood
Protection Manager
Daren Thompson
about the installation
of the new
45,000 pound gate.

New gate installation at Paddy's Run completed without a hitch

A large swath of the population of Louisville Metro—extending from the Ohio River in Rubbertown, through Park Duvalle to Middletown became a bit safer on June 22, 2016, as a massive gate was replaced at the MSD Paddy's Run Flood Pump Station.

The new gate replaces the original, which was installed in 1953 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The original gate was pitted, corroded and well beyond its useful life. The Corps first sited this gate for replacement in 1990. Due to budget constraints and other priorities, the replacement was postponed by MSD for 26 years.

The new \$850,000 gate is just one component of needed renovations at the Paddy's Run station. When the river is high and heavy rains strike the city, the gate is closed to keep the river at bay. The pumps are then engaged to push the rainwater out of the city into the river. Massive evacuations of areas near the site would be required if this gate fails.



Local media gather as MSD Executive Director Tony Parrott celebrates the demolition of the final outdated wastewater treatment facility—McNeely Lake WQTC on June 23.

MSD demolishes last outdated wastewater facility

Wastewater now treated at five regional plants, reducing risk of stream overflows

On Thursday, June 23, MSD completed a 36-year journey to eliminate more than 300 small, inefficient and outdated wastewater treatment plants scattered throughout the community and transition to a modernized regional wastewater treatment system. The demolition of the final remaining outdated wastewater treatment facility—McNeely Lake Water Quality Treatment Center (WQTC) in southeastern Louisville—occurred several weeks after it was taken offline.

“We’ve looked forward to this day for, literally, decades,” said

Brian Bingham, MSD chief of operations.

“We’ve made significant environmental improvements since we started on our quest to acquire and close these plants more than 30 years ago. The closure of the last package treatment plant in Louisville is

an important milestone as MSD strives to attain our vision of safe, clean waterways for the community,” said Bingham.

Wastewater flow that once went to the McNeely Lake WQTC is now treated at the Derek R. Guthrie WQTC, near the Ohio River on Lower River Road in southwest Louisville. Completion of this project will offer protection from sanitary sewer overflows to the Pond Creek watershed.



Customer **Compliments**

I recently visited MSD’s Main Office to talk about water issues on my property, and spoke with **Connie Rhodes**. She told me that my complaint was in the jurisdiction of Louisville Metro Public Works. She filed my complaint for me and even scanned the pictures that I had brought in and forwarded all documents to Public Works. Connie is an outstanding employee and a positive reflection of MSD.

— Gary Alcorn

I want to thank **Joe Exely** for coordinating a drainage improvement project. The contractor under his direction did a fantastic job.

— Brenda Harrell
Springhurst Community Association

Adam Bader, Phillip Bradley, Matthew Clark and David Reynolds did a great job on the ditch regrading at my property.

— Michael Riggle

Volunteers make a clean sweep of the Ohio riverbanks

This year, Ohio River Sweep marked its 27th anniversary as one of the nation’s largest and longest-running environmental cleanup events.

MSD’s **Rhonda Boyle-Crotzer** coordinated Jefferson County’s leg of the sweep. **Julie Buckler, Brandon Flaherty, Lanita Grimes, Loren Levitz, Nelson Little, Jay Thomas** and **Daren Thompson** hosted six locations along the Ohio River. **Robin Ferrell** coordinated crews for proper removal of 25 tons of trash.

MSD extends its thanks to the 250 volunteers who assisted with this cleanup. With your help, we will reach **Our Vision—Achieving Clean, Safe Waterways for a Healthy and Vibrant Community.**

River Sweep is sponsored by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO), and locally by MSD, Louisville Water and LG&E.



A young volunteer collects trash along the Ohio River banks.



Volunteers comb the shoreline at Riverview Park.

MSD Milestones

Welcome to MSD

- Bradley Bailey**, Process Technician Trainee
- Bruce Binkley**, Maintenance Mechanic
- Alex Corum**, Laborer
- Larry Cummings**, Utility Trainee
- Raegan Davis**, Temporary Employee-Development/MS4
- Caleb Deerr**, Utility Trainee
- Michael Dorton**, Utility Trainee
- Billy Gnagie**, Auto/Heavy Equipment Technician
- Bradley Good**, Controller
- Kenneth Hudgins**, Maintenance Electrician

Congratulations on your promotion/reclassification

- Gina Davis**, Executive Assistant
- Sandra Gibson**, Business & Community Partnership Administrator
- Timothy Gilstrap**, Master Maintenance Electrician
- Lopez High**, Safety & Security Director
- Dana Scott**, IT Specialist

Welcome to a new role

- Calbert Kelsey**, Drainage Department

Happy service anniversary

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| 15 years | James Poyner | |
| 10 years | Nicholas Age | Austin Duvall |
| | Ellis Anderson IV | Timothy Hinkle |
| | Da’Rius Calloway | William Phillips III |
| | Scott Doss | Joy Walker |
| 5 years | Jerry Bond Jr. | Lisa Gowin |
| | Stephen Goggans | |

Congratulations on your retirement

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| Lisa Gaus | Maribeth Sherrard |
| John Selch | Dennis Thomasson |

Thank you to these employees for their help at River Sweep

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| Brian Bingham | Brandon Flaherty | William Phillips |
| Whitney Boles | Dan French | David Radke |
| Yozette Borges | Tony Glore | Connie Rhodes |
| Rhonda Boyle-Crotzer | Richard Grigsby | Eric Sawyers |
| Keith Brooks | Lanita Grimes | Robin Shaw |
| Virgil Brown | Kandyce Groves | Shawn Sisk |
| Julie Buckler | Dedra Houston | Cary Smith |
| Johnny Caudill | Van Johnson | Jim Speaker |
| Sean Craig | Sheryl Lauder | Jay Thomas |
| Gina Davis | Nelson Little | Rene’ Thomas |
| Eugene Downs | Loren Levitz | Daren Thompson |
| Dwayne Edwards | Tony Marconi | Morris Tolbert |
| June Embers | Gregory McCraney | Erin Wagoner |
| Robin Ferrell | David Mulloy | Mike Young |
| Ryan Fischer | Alex Novak | |



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Access <http://msdrecords.louisvillemsd.org/openmsd/board.aspx> for the full schedule of both regular and Board committee meetings.

Upcoming Events

JULY 12
MSD Audit Committee Meeting
4 pm, 700 West Liberty Street

NOTE: DATE CHANGE FOR JULY BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 1
MSD Board Meeting
1 pm, Open Session, 700 West Liberty Street

AUGUST 22
MSD Board Meeting
1 pm, Open Session, 700 West Liberty Street



Robert Bates and Kevin Ries conduct a tour for science teachers at Floyd's Fork Water Quality Treatment Center in June.

MSD Board approves reduced rate increase of 6.9 percent

On June 27, the MSD Board approved a proposed rate increase of 6.9 percent. This will result in an average increase for a residential customer of \$3.38 per month for wastewater and drainage/stormwater, taking the average monthly bill from \$49.12 to \$52.50.

In May, the Board approved a proposed increase of 20 percent. However, the Louisville Metro Council and Mayor Greg Fischer did not support that amount.

The MSD Board will take final action on the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and the 6.9 percent rate at the meeting on August 1.

A notice of the proposed rate increase has been published in "The Courier-Journal." The rate increase will take effect August 1, 2016, pending final approval by the MSD Board.

Written comments may be addressed to:

MSD Board Rate Increase
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