

In the Pipeline

June 2017

Summer Projects

MAWSA continually strives to preserve and improve the systems' infrastructure. When you are out and about, please be mindful of road closures, speed limits, and crew members.

We want to send employees home safe to their families, and keep drivers and passengers safe as well.

This project season we have;

- completed the upgrade of 565 feet of water line on South Charlotte Street from a 3" water main to an 8" water main,
- installed a roof for the preservation of the WAS pump station controls,
- rebuilt one of the filters at the water treatment plant,
- The high service pumps at the water treatment plant are near completion as well,

A few other projects on the schedule are;

- the rebuild of the wastewater plant belt filter press. This press is a key component in the dewatering of processed waste,
- the repair of a sagging sewer line on South Linden Street. The line has been a long standing continuing maintenance item,
- Repair/replacement of a water line on Logan Avenue. Low pressure has been reported and confirmed.

Due to the nature of the location and other services located in that area, special equipment and coordination will be required for completion.

MAWSA is Hiring

We are hiring a Water/Wastewater Laborer. We offer stable leadership and growth, view employees as valuable resources, and rewards success with competitive pay and benefits.

We are seeking a self-motivated full-time laborer to join our team in Manheim, PA and become an integral part of our team. The successful candidate will provide support activities for the operations and maintenance of water and wastewater treatment and distribution/collection facilities.

This position comes with a full benefits package: health, Rx, eye, dental, life insurance, disability insurance, pension, vacation time, paid holidays, etc. Responsibilities of the position includes; activities supporting the daily operation and maintenance of a wastewater plant operation, drinking water plant operation, system maintenance and repairs.

This position requires basic mechanical knowledge with an emphasis in plumbing. The ability to lift and carry 60 pounds and work under inclement weather conditions are necessary. Candidates must possess reliable transportation and live within 30 minutes of our facilities. Strong safety awareness and a good record and understanding of safe work practices are essential.

Please email résumé and letter of interest to info@mawsa.org.



2016 Audit & Future Projects

The Authority received another clean audit this year illustrating an increase in revenue and assets while maintaining a rate decrease initiated in November. Some authority rate increases range from 3 to 4% annually. Current residential rates for MAWSA have been in place since 2012.

In 2016 the Authority was able to retire \$1 million in debt. While re-financing has helped to stabilize rates, the board now looks to evaluate the system's long term and short term project needs. The board's committees have been meeting to discuss infrastructure maintenance and repairs, costs, rates, and rising costs in materials from suppliers, services, and contractors.

Board members and staff continually seek efficiencies to minimize budgetary impacts. For example, the transmitter system for the water meters is nearing age. As a result, batteries in transmitters are requiring replacement. Due to the innovative re-design of the re-placement program, our customers are slated to save almost \$450,000 in related replacement costs.

Future and capital projects for the existing infrastructure include maintenance of the water tower and reservoirs, repair of doors and windows at the water treatment plant, interconnection of the town side booster station, and more.

Customers are encouraged to continue making self-participation habit changes improvements such as refraining from pouring grease into sinks/toilets, discontinuing the flushing of wipes, napkins, and shop rags down the sewer, disconnecting sump pumps from the sanitary sewer system to discharges them onto lawns. Such practices increase processing costs at the plants and increase the need for costly pump, and pump station, repairs and replacements.

2016 CCR Report Released

Public water suppliers are required to provide a consumer confidence report "CCR", also called a water quality report, to their customers every year. For occupants who rent, the report is supposed to be provided by the property owner.

Each CCR is tailored to the local water system that provides your service, and should include where your source water comes from, levels of contaminants found in the water, and the standards of recommended levels of the contaminants. Additionally, general information is typically provided for certain contaminants such as Cryptosporidium, Lead, and Nitrates.

Knowing where your source water comes and whether or not it is safe is very important. Operators conduct a smattering of tests every single day to make sure that your drinking water is safe.

We at MAWSA firmly believe in providing "safe and reliable drinking water" every day. Testing with a reputable lab is a decent portion of the budget, and of the highest priority in our daily operations.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed report, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Having Trouble Making a Payment On Time?

Please call ahead to our office before the due date to see what payment options we may be able to provide, or if there is an entity that may be able to assist you.

