

# DISTRICT DIGEST

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BRUNSWICK SEWER DISTRICT *Protecting Maine's Environment*

## 2015 RATE ADJUSTMENT

At the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees, the second of two votes required to implement the new sewer user rates will be taken. The rate for those on metered water use would go from \$4.685 per 100 cubic feet (748 gallons), to \$5.36. The minimum charge per quarter for 0 to 800 cubic feet (5,984 gallons) would go from \$37.48 to \$42.88. For the average quarterly household which uses 2,000 cubic feet (14,960 gallons), the rate would go from \$93.70 to \$107.20. The new rates would become effective April 01, 2015. The basis for the new rates is to fund the \$20-\$22 million upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant and to fund necessary pipe replacements. We thank you for your understanding and support.

CONSUMPTION ON YOUR BILL IS IN 100 CUBIC FEET	CUBIC FEET TRANSLATED INTO GALLONS (100 cf = 748 gals)	IF YOUR CURRENT BILL AMOUNT IS	YOUR NEW BILL AMOUNT WILL BE	Increase in Quarterly Bill	Annual Increase
<b>0 - 8*</b>	<b>0 - 5,984</b>	<b>\$37.48</b>	<b>\$42.88</b>	<b>\$5.40</b>	<b>\$21.60</b>
9	6,732	\$42.16	\$48.24	\$6.08	\$24.32
10	7,480	\$46.85	\$53.60	\$6.75	\$27.00
11	8,228	\$51.54	\$58.96	\$7.42	\$29.68
12	8,976	\$56.22	\$64.32	\$8.10	\$32.40
13	9,724	\$60.90	\$69.68	\$8.78	\$35.12
14	10,472	\$65.59	\$75.04	\$9.45	\$37.80
15	11,220	\$70.27	\$80.40	\$10.13	\$40.52
16	11,968	\$74.96	\$85.76	\$10.80	\$43.20
17	12,716	\$79.64	\$91.12	\$11.48	\$45.92
18	13,464	\$84.33	\$96.48	\$12.15	\$48.60
19	14,212	\$89.01	\$101.84	\$12.83	\$51.32
<b>20**</b>	<b>14,960</b>	<b>\$93.70</b>	<b>\$107.20</b>	<b>\$13.50</b>	<b>\$54.00</b>

### Jennifer Nicholson Promoted to Treatment Operations Supervisor



Long time Lab Tech / Operator, Jennifer Nicholson, has been promoted to the Treatment Operations Supervisor. Jennifer started her career in 1992 at Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District (Waterville, Maine) as their Lab Tech, after receiving her Associates of Applied Science in Environmental Technology from SMTC. Two years later in 1994, the Brunswick Sewer District, was fortunate enough to hire Jen as our Lab Tech. Jen holds many Licenses: Maine State grade V Operators License, Grade II Collections License and Grade II Voluntary Lab analyst Certificate. After 22 years in the industry she still continues to advance herself through various college classes, as well as volunteering in the local community. Throughout her 20 years at BSD she has worked on many committees, most notably Health and Safety as Chairperson numerous times and as Safety coordinator. She always puts great effort into any and all projects she has been tasked with completing. We look forward to many more years of working with Jen to continue to improve the water quality of the Androscoggin River.



## ANNIVERSARIES

We are proud of our staff of 17 employees who have 256 years of combined service to our District. We have profiled some of our award winning staff in previous newsletters. We continue to strive to be the best operated sewer district in the state. We thank these employees, with anniversaries in the first quarter 2015, for their service:

Wesley Wharff	Collection/Pumping Supervisor	27 years
Jennifer Nicholson	Treatment Plant Supervisor	21 years
Bonnie Shippen	Administrative Assistant	3 years

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## REMINDERS

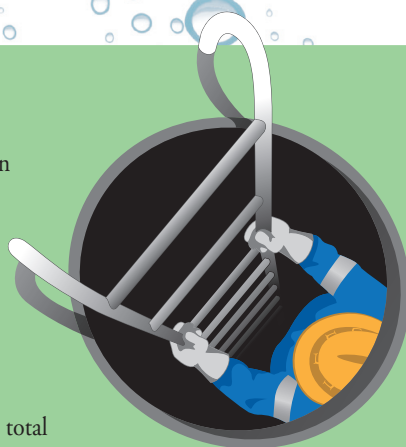
If you encounter a loose or rattling manhole cover, or drive by one of our pumping stations and a red light is on or flashing, please do not hesitate to call us at **729-0148** anytime day or night. All of our pump stations have blue and white signs noting the name of the station. **For example: Mill Street Station, Brunswick Sewer District.**



Remember, our facilities belong to you, our rate payers. If you would like to visit any of the pump stations and/or the wastewater treatment plant, please call us to schedule a visit.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ...that each of the 1,300 District manholes have an average depth of 8 feet.
- ...if the District's 60 +/- miles of sewer pipe were completely filled, they would contain roughly 826,848 gallons.
- ...that our 19 pump stations pump approximately 1,100,000 gallons/day, which is roughly half of the total daily flow, to the treatment plant.



## TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

### Garage Complex Construction

For those of you who have been reading our newsletter, it should come as no surprise that the District is in the process of upgrading the treatment plant facility. As we progress through the design process, we are always looking for ways to achieve the goals of the project and reduce costs. One goal of the project is to expand room for our collection staff. The original plant constructed in 1967 was not meant to house our collection crew of 6 employees, and construct a garage to protect our vehicles and equipment assets. Initial plans for the project called for an addition to the treatment plant process building. Because of the type of construction and logistics tying in the building addition, construction costs were relatively high. The District and our construction team looked at alternatives and learned that we can construct two, 5,000 sf steel buildings on site for less than the cost of the single addition. By not being attached to the treatment plant process building, we are able to locate the two buildings to create a "campus effect" that fits in well with the neighborhood and will better serve the space needs of the District. We expect to break ground on this portion of the project in early spring.