



# Wastewater News

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## History

The Caln Township Department of Wastewater Operations was created in 2003, and the Caln Township Municipal Authority in 2005. The Department of Wastewater Operations is responsible, under contract with the Municipal Authority, for the operation and maintenance of the Township's sanitary sewer system. There are over 45 miles of sewer lines and nearly 1,000 manholes within Caln Township. An important priority of the Authority and Township Wastewater staff is doing what is necessary to stabilize and reduce higher treatment costs by reducing inflow and infiltration from rainwater within the public sewer lines. This includes grouting of manholes, installation of self sealing manhole lids, inspection of cleanouts and vent stacks, and televised inspection of the sewer lines. Routine maintenance also includes cleaning of sewer lines, utilizing the recently purchased Vac-Con high pressure cleaner truck.

## Sewer Rates

Enclosed with this news update is your sewer bill for the first quarter of 2007. The sewer rental fee will be \$67.50 per quarter for residential customers. This year's fee is \$7.50 per quarter greater than last year's due to increasing costs for treatment expenses as well as ongoing maintenance activities. The 2007 rate is still less than many other Municipal Authority rates.

## Caln Township Municipal Authority Update

Kathy Chambers recently stepped down from the Municipal Authority Board after two years of service to the Township. The Authority and the Board of Commissioners would like to thank Kathy for her service to the Township Authority.

The Commissioners are looking for applicants interested in filling Kathy's position on the Authority Board. Applications are available at the Municipal Building, 253 Municipal Drive, Thorndale 19372. Interested residents are also encouraged to submit an application to serve on other Township Boards and Commissions when future vacancies occur. 610-384-0600 ext. 3.

## Completed Sewer Extensions

"the Parkside Extension a first priority for the newly formed Authority."

The Caln Township Board of Commissioners and the Caln Township Municipal Authority completed the Parkside Sewer Extension in 2006, making public sewer available to 20 homes served with on-lot systems. Poor soils and small lots have caused problems for on-lot systems within this area in the past, making the Parkside Extension a first priority for the newly formed Authority. Utilizing \$154,800 in HUD grant funding, approximately 700' of new public sanitary sewer main was installed.

The Longview Sewer Extension and the extension from Kings Grant to the Woodview Subdivision capped sewer was completed in 2006 by the developer of Kings Grant. This made public sewer available to fifty four homes with on-lot systems.

The WAWA/CVS project was completed, extending the public sewer system to James Buchanan Drive and making public sewer available to a nearby commercial establishment.

## Reminders

"Connection of sump pumps, downspouts and floor drains to the public sewer system is illegal"

Property owners can help reduce the amount of inflow into the sanitary sewer system by disconnecting any sump pumps, downspouts, and/or floor drains that are connected to the sanitary sewer system. Inspection of clean-outs and vent stacks located in yards and parking areas to ensure they are 6" above finish grade with a cover, will prevent them from taking in any surface water. Customers are reminded that the connection of sump pumps, downspouts and floor drains to the public sewer system is illegal. Owners who do not have the expertise to determine if their sump pumps, floor drains and down spouts are illegally connected should call the Township at 610-384-0600 x 5 for assistance.

"Keep cooking grease from going down the drain"

Cooking grease is the number one cause of sewer backups in homes and businesses. If you pour cooking grease down your drains it may build up, blocking pipes and causing rancid odors or messy costly sewage backups in your home. It can also clog the Township's sewer lines. When you pour hot grease down your drains, it eventually cools, then congeals and coats pipes. When enough grease builds up, it can block your plumbing or the Townships sewer lines. Do not rely on a garbage disposal to get rid of grease—it grinds food into smaller pieces, but doesn't keep cooking grease from going down the drain. Pour grease into a can for disposal in the trash.