



Council Report
City of Pataskala Utility Department
Trent Howell, Utility Director

➤ **New Items**

• **New Operational Updates**

- Creek Rd. Lift Station Force Main Upgrade Project
 - The Permit To Install (PTI) has been approved by the EPA. Strand is now working on the bid documents for the project.
- RFQ for the Creek Rd. Lift Station Force Main Upgrade
 - An RFQ for the Construction Administration (CA) portion of the Creek Rd. Lift Station Force Main Upgrade is already on the city website and will run in the newspaper July 2 and July 9. The due date for submissions will be July 28.
- 2022 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)
 - The Final copy of the CCR will be sent to the EPA on June 30, 2023. There will also be a link posted on the city website to view the CCR. We will also be including on the July due water bill the link to view the CCR on the city website.
- 2023 EPA Testing for Lead and Copper
 - The annual testing for Lead and Copper has begun. The treatment team has a pre-selected list of addresses based on age of the home as well as other factors that make them eligible to be sampled for Lead and Copper. 20 homes in total will be sampled. As of the end of June, 5 samples have been collected and the team hopes to have all samples collected by the end of July.
- WTP1 Painting
 - All the painting at WTP1 has been completed. High Tech Power Washing and Paint painted all the interior walls as well as the floors and did an amazing job.
- Meter Reading
 - Meter reading will take place June 30th
- Leaks
 - Replaced Hydrant at the corner of Oak Meadow Dr./Veasey Ln.
 - Service line leak fixed at 533 Richwood Dr.

- Ert replacement
 - 250 letters were sent to those customers that were identified as having a failed ert transmitter. This letter outlined our plan for replacement. It also asked them to contact the Utility Department for individual explanation/review of their account.

Ongoing Items

Water Reclamation Facility

- Daily Operations
 - The operators maintain exceptional daily operations of the WRF, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They consistently do an outstanding job of turning the City's wastewater into clean, safe water that is discharged into the South Fork of the Licking River
- WRF Upgrade
 - Waiting on the blowers to be delivered
 - Design for the blowers is currently taking place.
- COVID-19 Wastewater Testing
 - Pataskala Utility Department was selected to participate in the COVID-19 wastewater testing program.
 - This program looks for the virus RNA in the waste stream, giving a more accurate and nearly real-time representation of the infection rate of the community that we serve.
 - The results of the COVID-19 wastewater testing are currently being posted to the Ohio Corona Virus dashboard found here:
<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/wastewater>
 - The Utility Department will continue to participate in this program as long as it continues to be fully funded by the State.

Water Treatment Plants

- Daily Operations
 - The operators maintain exceptional daily operations of both Water Treatment Plants, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They consistently do an outstanding job of providing the City's customers with clean, safe water that meets or exceeds the requirements from the OEPA.

- Water Plant 1 Iron Filter 2
 - There is a small leak somewhere along the bottom of one of the iron filter tanks at WTP1. Repair will require removal and replacement of the filter media, structural repairs, and recoating of the filter tank surface.
 - The repair crew came out on Jan 11 to analyze the leak and see if repairs can be made. That analysis was not yet completed at the time of this report. Updates will be provided to the council at a later date.
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• **Distribution and Collection System**

- Daily Operations
 - The systems team maintains exceptional daily operations of the entire distribution and collections system, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They consistently do an outstanding job of providing customer service to the residents, maintaining the city's infrastructure, and responding to emergencies of various types.
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- Sewer Slip lining

- Phase 1-B is complete. Phase I is still underway. The contractors have been very responsive to customer questions and concerns.
- This phase of the project is expected to last about a month, weather permitting.
- The contractor is notifying each resident whose sewer line connects to the portion of the main being lined at least 24 hours in advance to the work taking place.
 - While the lining is occurring, we are encouraging residents to limit their usage as the liner will temporarily block their sewer line connection. Once the liner is installed, an opening is cut to return service to each connection. This work all takes place on the same day, limiting the inconvenience to our customers. This is explained in the notice provided by the contractor.
- As a reminder, this work is being partially paid for by two grants. One through HB 168 and one through OPWC.
 - The grants total \$500,000 and the local share is \$250,000 coming from our Sewer Capital Improvements Fund.
- Phase 1 Contractor Visu Sewer is around 80% complete with Phase 1 of the sewer slip lining project.
- They are waiting for a dryer weather period to finish up the remaining 20%.
- Beechwood Water Tower #1
 - As part of the 2023 Water Tower Maintenance program the Beechwood Water Tower #1 will get the wet interior of the bowl and a touch up of the dry interior of the tower. The tower has been drained and work started on June 11th, 2023. The project is expected to take around a week and a half to complete.
- SCADA Prop Study
 - The study on the effectiveness of our SCADA radio system is complete. J&K Communications is currently reviewing the data to make a proposal for us to upgrade that outdated system.
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- **Billing Team**

- Daily Operations
 - The billing team does an exceptional job of processing the payments for water and sewer service, scheduling the service work that needs done as well as providing excellent customer service 8 hours a day, 5 days a week.
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- **Director**

- WRF Expansion
 - Until the WRF permit is expanded, we will not be able to provide sewer service for any additional significant development projects within the Pataskala Utility Department sewer service area.
 - This excludes developments who are already in the process.
 - The permit expansion request was submitted to the EPA on May19th.
 - We expect there to be a 6-month review period by the EPA.
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- Safety Program
 - The department requires two safety meetings each month.
 - One is done at the team level by the Superintendents covering general safety issues.
 - The second is done with the entire staff.
 - Each month, a different member of the department will lead this training.

Respectfully submitted,

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