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THE LAWRENCE LIFT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Lawrence Utility Customer,

This month we will see the final completion of our new Richardt Water Treatment Plant. Although the plant has been producing water since January, the final parts of the project have been completed, including placement of new asphalt and the final grading and grass seed/straw application. This plant is capable of producing up to 3,000 gallons per minute of finished water, or roughly 4.3 million gallons per day. In addition, we will be able to expand this capacity in the future with adding a 4th filter and high service pump, which provision has been made for in the design of the new plant. Right now, the City's average daily demand is about 4.0 million gallons per day, but we do see peak flows in the summer months due to irrigation demands. With the new plant at Richardt and the coming improvements at our Fort Harrison and Indian Lake plants, along with continued well rehabilitation projects and new wells, the City's water supply is in very good shape.



EXCITING NEW PROJECTS UNDERWAY

We are also preparing to launch several water main projects, on Franklin Road, Shadeland Way, 47th & Richardt and in the Brookhaven area. In addition, main extensions are also being planned for Carroll Road and East 62nd Street.

The Phase I part of our water improvements projects is virtually complete, with roughly \$8.5 million being spent in total on capital improvements. The Phase II projects, representing a planned \$12 million, will cover the additional water plant work as well as storage tank and water main Improvements. Because of our greatly improved bond ratings, we will be able to bond Phase II on the open market with very favorable interest rates.

Our internal water capital funding is also healthy and will be supporting ongoing water main replacement projects as well as the purchase and installation of new meters on an ongoing basis.

We anticipate word on our OCRA Grant application in mid-August and are hoping to receive the additional funding to expand our sanitary sewer main and manhole rehabilitation work in the area east of Shadeland between 46th and the CSX tracks. In addition, the Lift Station 19 project on German Church Road is well underway and should be completed soon. Inflow and Infiltration of rain and ground water into the sanitary sewer system continues to be a problem though and sewer main and manhole projects will continue to be a focus for us as we are experiencing continued Sanitary Sewer Overflows due to the systems' capacity being negatively impacted by rain and ground water.

Our Street Department has been very busy too, working on drainage projects and tree trimming and removal among all the other items they are responsible for, including street sweeping, processing orders to mow and remove trash due to code enforce-

ment activity and making repairs to various infrastructure such as the storm sewer system and installing and replacing street signs.

Along these lines, please note that the Street Department will be performing curb inlet repairs along Lee Road between 56th Street and 59th Street in preparation for the milling and resurfacing project that will be done on Lee Road from 56th to Fall Creek. Indianapolis DPW must also finish the installation of the box culvert that had to be replaced on Lee Road just north of Trilobi Drive. This work is to be completed by August 30th per the contract, but the engineer and contractor do hope to beat that deadline. There was a delay by the manufacturer with respect to delivery of the actual concrete box culvert sections.

The contractor has completed the milling and resurfacing on Sunnyside Road. There will be some additional patching in the vicinity of the CSX crossing that will be performed by the City. The contract language for the milling and resurfacing projects did not include work in the CSX right of way. By the time our customers receive this newsletter, we should see patching prep work on 75th Street between Oaklandon and Sunnyside Roads as well as on Oaklandon Road, from Verdin Street north to 75th. Milling and resurfacing work for these segments as well as the remaining piece of German Church Road from 56th to just south of Pendleton Pike should be done starting the week of August 12th. Lee Road will not see final milling and resurfacing until the culvert project is done and the curb inlets repaired. Final touches will include the installation of pavement markings.

The City is also starting some extensive strip patching work on 56th Street from roughly Aston Drive to Post Road and also on 52nd Street from Normal to Richardt Street. Ahead of this work, city crews have performed tree trimming in order

to provide required sidewalk clearance as well as open up the canopy to allow more sunlight to hit the streets, which helps prolong pavement life by drying up water from rain, snow and ice. The City is trimming only those trees it is responsible for, which are those located in the right of way. If trees are dead, they will be removed.

Finally, I would like to again encourage all our residents and businesses to take care of their properties. Please police your property for litter, keep your drainage ditches clean and clear of obstructions, sweep and clean your sidewalks along your frontage, put your trash receptacles up after they have been emptied so that they are out of sight. These little things do so much for the overall appearance of our City. And for all of you who are doing these and other things to improve our City, like not throwing trash out of your car, THANK YOU!! There is a trash can where you are going people, don't use the City streets for your trash dumping!!

INFORMATION OF NOTE CONCERNING UTILITY BILLS: EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2019, THE UTILITY WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTING PAYMENTS THROUGH THE "PAYMENTUS" ELECTRONIC BILL PAY SERVICE. IF YOU ARE USING PAYMENTUS, YOU WILL WANT TO MAKE A NOTE TO SWITCH TO THE OTHER LINKS FOR MAKING ELECTRONIC PAYMENT, SUCH AS RECURRING CREDIT CARD PAYMENT, IVR OR E-CHECK OPTIONS.

Thank you,

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