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DEAR LAWRENCE UTILITY CUSTOMER,

THE UTILITY WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR COMMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE PAINT SCHEME TO BE USED ON THE OAKLANDON TOWER WHEN IT IS REPAINTED IN 2018. THE UTILITY WILL HAVE CONTRACTORS BID THE FOLLOWING THREE OPTIONS:

- Repaint the exterior replicating the hot air balloon, basket and person, and logo as it is now on the tank
- Repaint the exterior of the tank white with the "City of Lawrence" logo only
- Basic white paint and add the "Oaklandon Community" logo as it appears now, at the same location on the tower. We would add "Lawrence" with the City logo similar to the 52nd Street tower, but facing directly south.

If you would like to comment on these options please register your opinion by emailing your comments to me at:

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I am pleased to report that the first two capital improvements projects for the water utility are now underway. At the time of this writing work has started on the Richardt Water Treatment Plant replacement project and we anticipate the contractor mobilizing to the Sumac water main replacement project this week.

We look forward to these projects and are eager to get started on our next two, which are the Oaklandon Tower Project and the Fort Harrison Wellfield Improvements Project. We anticipate final plans on the tower project at the beginning of September and going out to bid later in October. The work is planned for the spring construction season in 2018. The Fort Wellfield improvements project will likely bid in early 2018, but no dates have been set as of yet.

In addition to these projects we are also in the process of bidding our 2017 Manhole Rehabilitation Project. Manholes are structures used to access sanitary sewer mains for inspection, cleaning and

other maintenance activities, but can also be sources of significant inflow of rainwater into the sewer system. This project mainly will target the older manholes in the areas west of Post Road and some additional manholes with major defects in other parts of town.

We are also planning improvements along Franklin Road from 45th to 47th in conjunction with a road reconstruction project and also some sanitary sewer improvements along Richardt Street between 48th and 46th Streets, this one in conjunction with planned stormwater improvements in that area.

The Utility is in the process of developing the specifications for the Oaklandon Tower Rehabilitation Project. The total tower project is anticipated to cost between \$675K and \$700K, due to the need to shroud and blast the old exterior coating and apply primer and top coat, apply an interior recoating, make structural and safety repairs, and install security fencing.

PERFORMING A CHECK ON YOUR HOME'S PLUMBING SYSTEM



Many of you have likely heard the advice to check your smoke detector batteries when daylight savings time rolls around, which will be on Sunday, November 5th this year. While that is good advice and we certainly encourage everyone to do so, we would also like to add that it is also a good time to perform a check on your homes plumbing systems. Oftentimes these most important of systems

are overlooked and taken for granted. Do you know where your various shut off valves are located for your home's plumbing? If you do know, do you know if they work? Your toilets, sinks, bathtub/shower all have valves in order to shut them off and work on them. If you exercise them regularly, you will be assured of proper function when you need them. You will also do yourself a tremendous benefit by learning where all these valves are and what they control. Remember, the Utility is not responsible for your home's interior plumbing and leak adjustments are not authorized for the water portion of the bill. The only adjustment available is for the sewer portion of the bill when it is shown to the Utility's satisfaction that the leaking water did not enter the sanitary sewer.

In these times of rising utility costs it is important for water and sewer system users to

be aware of their water usage practices and to seek ways to conserve water usage, such as installing newer, water saving appliances and devices such as low-volume toilets, low-flow shower heads and just generally being aware of the condition of your home's plumbing. Perform regular visual inspections to look for leaks in faucets, fittings and pipes; check your toilets regularly for leaking flapper valves or stuck fill valves. Leaking toilets use a lot more water than most people are aware.

There are many websites available with similar information. One example of a site where you can find useful information: <http://porch.com/advice/water-conservation-tips/>

Thank you,
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