

THE SUSSEX BOROUGH

NEWSLETTER



BOROUGH DRINKING WATER - COMPLETION OF THE WATER FILTRATION PLANT

As you may be aware you are no longer receiving a flyer with your water bills concerning the Borough's non-compliance with the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water.

Our water filtration plant has been completed and we are finally on line and delivering to you clean/filtered drinking water.

Our plant went on line in April 1996. The Borough has contracted Operations Management International, a management company who deals specifically in the operations and maintenance of Water Treatment Facilities. We welcome them to our Borough with their expertise.

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, the Borough had entered into an Administrative Consent Order agreeing to have an operational system for corrosion control within 365 days. Now, here we are eleven years later and the plant is now completed and the Administrative Consent Order lifted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection - Bureau of Safe Drinking Water.

This is certainly an accomplishment and the water tastes great!

OTHER PROJECT INFORMATION - WE HAVE BEEN REALLY BUSY!

Not only have we been busy with the construction of our new Water Filtration Plant, this Administration has been busy as beavers!

THIRD STREET - DRAINAGE R.O.W. PROJECT

The Borough has once again been fortunate enough to receive grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of \$130,000 for curbing, drainage and resurfacing of Third Street, as well as installation of drainage along a right-of-way owned by the Borough of Sussex that runs parallel with Rt. 23 and behind Sycamore Street.

We anticipate this project will begin construction on or about September 15.

SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM - INFLOW & INFILTRATION PROJECT

The Borough will begin construction for the repair of existing sewer mains located in the area of Hill Street and Grant Street.

We have received a grant in the amount of \$350,000 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for this project.

The repair of these mains will decrease the amount of inflow and infiltration we receive into our sewer system. The inflow & infiltration consist of storm water runoff from rain events, etc. that infiltrate our sewer pipes from storm drains, residential gutters and leaders, sump pumps, etc. thus increasing the amount of flows we must treat.

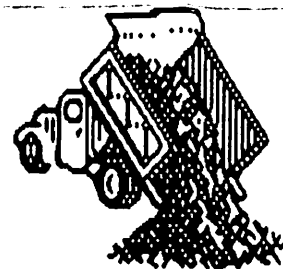
With the upcoming hook-up to the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority, these flows must be reduced in order to keep our costs down for the effluent we are sending to them. The more storm water reduced from our system, the less our flows being sent to the SCMUA.

In conjunction with this project, we have also begun construction on the remainder of the Borough for the reduction of inflow and infiltration.

We have also been fortunate enough to receive grant money from Farmers Home Administration for the reduction of inflow and infiltration for the remainder of Sussex Borough.

That construction has begun as well, as some of you may well be aware with the back pressure some residents have experienced through their toilets, sinks and bathtubs when the contractors were pressure cleaning the sewer lines. (If you did not have a sufficient back-flow preventer on your system, you probably know what I am talking about) But the worst is over, the pressure cleaning has been completed and they are now relining and/or replacing the sewer mains throughout the Borough.

We expect this project to be completed before the onset of the winter months.



MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION PROJECT

The Borough of Sussex has made application to obtain grant funding for the revitalization of Main Street. We have entered into an agreement with the County of Sussex for a combined effort in upgrading Main Street.

The Borough of Sussex shall be responsible for the installation of new sidewalks, curbing, lighting, landscaping and litter receptacles. The County of Sussex will be providing for new drainage, milling and resurfacing of Main Street.

Upon completion of the project, Main Street, which is now County Route 643, will be dedicated to the Borough of Sussex and remain a municipal roadway.

We anticipate that the construction will begin in spring 1997 and look forward to the new face lift we are going to be receiving!

CLOVE RIVER DAM REHABILITATION

The Borough of Sussex has awarded a contract for the repairs and rehabilitation of the Clove River Dam.

We have been fortunate in the fact that Senator Littell was instrumental in obtaining for us a \$400,000 grant in State funding allowing us to proceed with our repairs to the dam.

Weather permitting we hope to have the repairs underway before fall.

With regard to the sediment removal (dredging) a little more money is needed and we hope to have this project underway by next spring. Sure would be nice to have a swim come summer!

DECKERTOWN COMMONS PARK

As previously mentioned, the Borough of Sussex has contracted with Operations Management International, Hoboken, N.J for the operation of our Water Treatment Plant.

In an effort to become community involved, OMI has offered to the Borough of Sussex, the repair and restoration of the gazebo located in Deckertown Commons Park on Main Street.

Some of you may not know, but that gazebo has been a part of this Borough for over one hundred years! It was first located near the front of the Fountain Square Inn, it was then relocated to Walling Avenue and stood there unharmed for many years.

When the Borough undertook this park project, it was agreed that the gazebo return to its original home (or as close as possible) and was placed in the park for all to enjoy. It is unfortunate that some individuals do not respect public property and have virtually destroyed this valuable piece of our heritage. The Borough has attempted several times in the past to repair the gazebo each time these individuals have chosen to kick in the sides, or destroy the floor.

We would like to thank OMI for their efforts on behalf of our community and hope that once the repairs have been accomplished these individuals will realize that we WILL NOT give in to them and our pride will endure!

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

As you are all well aware, the State Police patrol our Borough and are doing a great job with the number of men they have to work with.

On behalf of the Borough of Sussex, we would like to welcome Sgt. Porter as the new Station Commander to the Augusta Barracks.

On August 19, 1996, Sgt. Porter attended our Mayor and Council meeting to introduce himself to the community.

He advised us that a new Community Policing Initiative has been started by the State Police requiring that the Station Commander or his assistant attend our town meetings on a monthly basis.

He further advised that Sussex Borough is one of twelve municipalities patrolled by the State Police and would effectively like to begin to create a better working relationship between the Borough of Sussex and his station.

Sgt. Porter also advised that they are more than willing to work with our town and its residents in anyway they can to assist in specific problems we may have. But, they also ask that the residents help also by being their eyes and ears on the street. If you see a problem let them know and help them to prosecute these individuals! If they just get a phone call, but no one wants to do anything, the process will not work.

We have a wonderful community, but we all know we do have our problems. But, those problems can be solved by becoming involved! Don't let these "individuals" take control, fight for your town and what you believe in, don't let THEM win!

Come to the meetings, talk to the Mayor and Council, talk to Sgt. Porter, let them know your concerns and ask what YOU can do to help!



*Make it a point...
get involved
it gets resolved!*

LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW!

Well, it's been a great summer, but before you know it winter will be upon us once again and we will be tromping out to shovel "precipitation" (don't like to think of snow)!

Please remember the "NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS" which take effect November 15 and continue through April 15. These regulations prohibit parking on all Borough owned streets from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. The regulations are for your protection and allow the Department of Public Works to properly and effectively plow the Borough streets. Any vehicles parked on Borough streets during the restricted hours will be towed at the owners expense!

Ponder this...Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?

Please also remember Borough Ordinance No. 3-3 - "REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE"

The owner or tenant of lands abutting or bordering upon the sidewalks or walkways, or public streets or public places in the Borough are hereby required to remove all snow and ice from the traveled portion of the sidewalks or walkways within 12 hours of daylight after the same falls or forms.

Where a building is occupied by more than one family, or tenant, then the owners are hereby required to remove all snow and ice from such traveled portion of the sidewalks or walkways within 12 hours of daylight after the same falls or forms.

If the owner of any premises neglects or refuses to comply with this section, a notice to comply will be issued, if after an additional six hours of daylight, the snow and or ice has not been removed, the superintendent of public works will be notified. The superintendent of public works may engage a private contractor or utilize Sussex Borough personnel to remove the snow and or ice. The cost of such removal will be charged against the land abutting or bordering upon such sidewalks or walkways, and the amount so charged shall become a lien upon the land, and shall be added to and become and form part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon such lands, and shall be collected and enforced in the same manner as taxes.

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove snow and or ice from any private property, residence, business, sidewalk or walkway and place same onto the roadway of any street or on another sidewalk or walkway.

Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

Ponder this...How does the guy who drives the snow plow get to work in the morning?



SNOW REMOVAL TIPS

Every year we all shovel our driveways, and then...the snow plows come by and block them in again. We certainly cannot completely eliminate this problem, but there are some smart things that you (we all) can and should do to minimize the infuriating blood pressure raising frustration...They are:

*THINK AND PLAN AHEAD, the day or night before the expected snowfall.

*When the snow is on the way, get ALL cars and vehicles completely OFF THE STREET. Park them so that the first one that has to get out is the last one parked in the driveway. Doing this will also give you less snow to shovel.

*When shoveling snow, always pile the snow behind the curb and not on the road. NEVER throw snow in front of the curb, because this only assures you that the plows will plow it back in. If someone you hired does your shoveling, suggest to them that they do it YOUR WAY!

*TAKE IT EASY. We (you) realize that shoveling is very hard work and just when you think you're ahead the plows will help getting your blood pressure up by depositing some snow at the end of your driveway. But working together and smartly we can do a better job more quickly for EVERYONE. We can all help each other if we use our collective SMARTS. Therefore, please remember:

--THINK AND PLAN AHEAD
--GET ALL VEHICLES OFF THE STREET
--PILE THE SNOW BEHIND THE CURB (and away from the left hand side of your driveway, with your back to your residence)
--TAKE IT EASY
And look forward to SPRING!



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Sussex Fire Department is sponsoring the Sussex County Fireman's Day Parade this year on Saturday, October 5, 1996, also marking their 100th birthday. The parade will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m.

The line up will begin on Libertyville Road, proceed along Rt. 23 to Main Street, from Main Street the parade will proceed along Mill Street (in front of Sussex Inn) and turn down Walling Avenue ending at Brookside Park.

The parade review stand will be located on Main Street in front of the Bank of New York. The hose laying contest will follow the parade and will be held on Main Street with the truck judging and awarding of trophies immediately following.

Please join us in recognizing these volunteers for their tireless efforts and accomplishments throughout the year!



UPCOMING EVENTS - RECREATION

ROLLER SKATING PARTY AT WHEELS IN MOTION

The Sussex Borough Recreation Commission is sponsoring a bus trip to "Wheel in Motion" for an evening of roller skating.

The event will be held on November 2, 1996 and is open to Sussex and Wantage residents. The cost is as follows: 6-12 years of age are FREE! Under 6 years old and accompanied by an adult, the child is free and the adult must pay \$7.50. The cost includes the bus ride, skate rental, 3 hours of skating, a soda and a slice of pizza and/or a hot dog. The trip is limited to 40 seats. For information please contact Mike Van Tassel at 875-2892.

The Recreation Commission is also sponsoring a Senior Citizen Bus Trip to Atlantic City on November 9, 1996. You will arrive at the Trump World's Fair Casino in Atlantic City for your day of adventure!

The cost per ticket is \$20.00 with refundable promotions from the Casino. For more information on this event please contact Mike Van Tassel at 875-2892. This trip is limited to 44 seats.



DOG/CAT LICENSING IN THE BOROUGH

Much has been said lately about the ordinance in the Borough requiring that all cats must be licensed.

To clear the air, this ordinance has been in effect in the Borough of Sussex since 1990. This ordinance requires that all dogs and cats in the Borough of Sussex must be licensed on an annual basis.

When this Ordinance was passed, it was published in the New Jersey Herald which is the Borough's official newspaper. In addition, each year we hold our annual free rabies clinic in the month of January, which is also advertised. That advertisement also contains a reminder that all dog and cat licenses are due by January 31 of that year.

There are posters posted at the municipal building, the Community Center. The fact that dog and cat licenses are due has also appeared on your annual tax bills and water bills.

In addition, most of you also take advantage of our annual free rabies clinic at the Public Works garage. We have been set up each year with tables and signs for the issuance of "DOG" and "CAT" licenses and have done so for many years.

The Borough of Sussex has done all they possibly can to notify the public of this requirement. But, it is ultimately the moral responsibility of the pet owner to insure that they meet all local requirements.

So, this is your reminder, your DOG and CAT LICENSES are once again due by January 31, 1997. If you fail to renew your licenses by that date, you will be assessed the late fine of \$2.00 per month for every month the animal remains unlicensed.

Those of you who are owners of apartment buildings, you are responsible to notify your tenants of the local requirements, make sure they are informed!

