

Newsletter

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UNITY

By Christopher Olney – PBHMD Director

I've been hearing so much talk of unity and coming together as a country. To me, all I'm hearing is high level pacification from the media and politicians. Unity does not come from a national level; it comes from the local community level.

Unity comes from getting to know who your neighbors are and to care about them. I'm not saying we should all be the best of friends, but what I am saying is knowing your neighbors' names, what they do or did for a living, and where they may have come from. Having compassion and understanding for the world starts at a local level, a neighbor level. So, reach out to your neighbor, say hello, start a conversation and learn who lives around you. This is the way our country begins to be unified and to rebuild.

“Remember upon the conduct of each depends the fate of all.”

– Alexander the Great



Tips for Water Conservation

With the hot summer and plenty of outdoor activities on its way, it may be time to think about your lawn care. For some in our community, xeriscaping has made lawn maintenance easy. While others prefer to have a lush green lawn, which leads to an increase in water usage. So, to help our residents with water usage, we have a strategy to ladder watering days and what times may be best to help reduce the amount spent watering.

Odd-numbered street addresses – Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

Even-numbered street addresses – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

If you use a sprinkler system, try to schedule the watering to be either in the early morning (before 10 am) or late evening (after 6 pm).



Flushable wipes - Are they really?

By Steve Knepper - O.R.C.

These days, wet wipes are everywhere, from baby wipes to cleaning wipes to pre-moistened towelettes meant for bathroom use. Many wipes on the market are specifically labeled as non-flushable, while others claim to be “flushable” or “septic safe.” Lately, we have seen a dramatic increase in people putting wipes down the District’s sewer system and even more so since the pandemic hit. The issue is that these items are not really flushable. Yes, they do fit but they contain reinforcements (some are nylon) for strength and do not readily break down. If these get past the homes drain system without causing a clog, then they tend to get tangled up in our sewage pumps and we have to manually take them apart to get the twisted mess out (see Fig 1).

Along with the wasted time of disassembling sewage pumps and adding to wear and tear, another problem is that some of these wipes are anti-bacterial. While this may sound safe, it can cause a problem at wastewater treatment facilities that rely on bacteria to breakdown the sewage. When these small clogs encounter fats, oils or grease (FOG’s) that people dump down their drains (another no-no), they combine to form larger clumps called Fatbergs that can stay in place indefinitely. There was a 130 Ton Fatberg cleaned out of London sewers in 2017 (see Fig 2)!

In summary, with more and more homes coming online, this continues to be a growing concern. We ask the public to not flush these wipes down your drain but to dispose of them in your trash instead. Realize to that these can also clog the residents drain and cause a backup into the home. Thank you for your understanding and remember the 3 flushing “P’s”. Pee, Poop and Paper (toilet). 😊



(Figure 1) Ball of twisted wipes that damaged the black rubber gasket pump seal.

(Figure 2) Large twist of wipes from a London sewer system.

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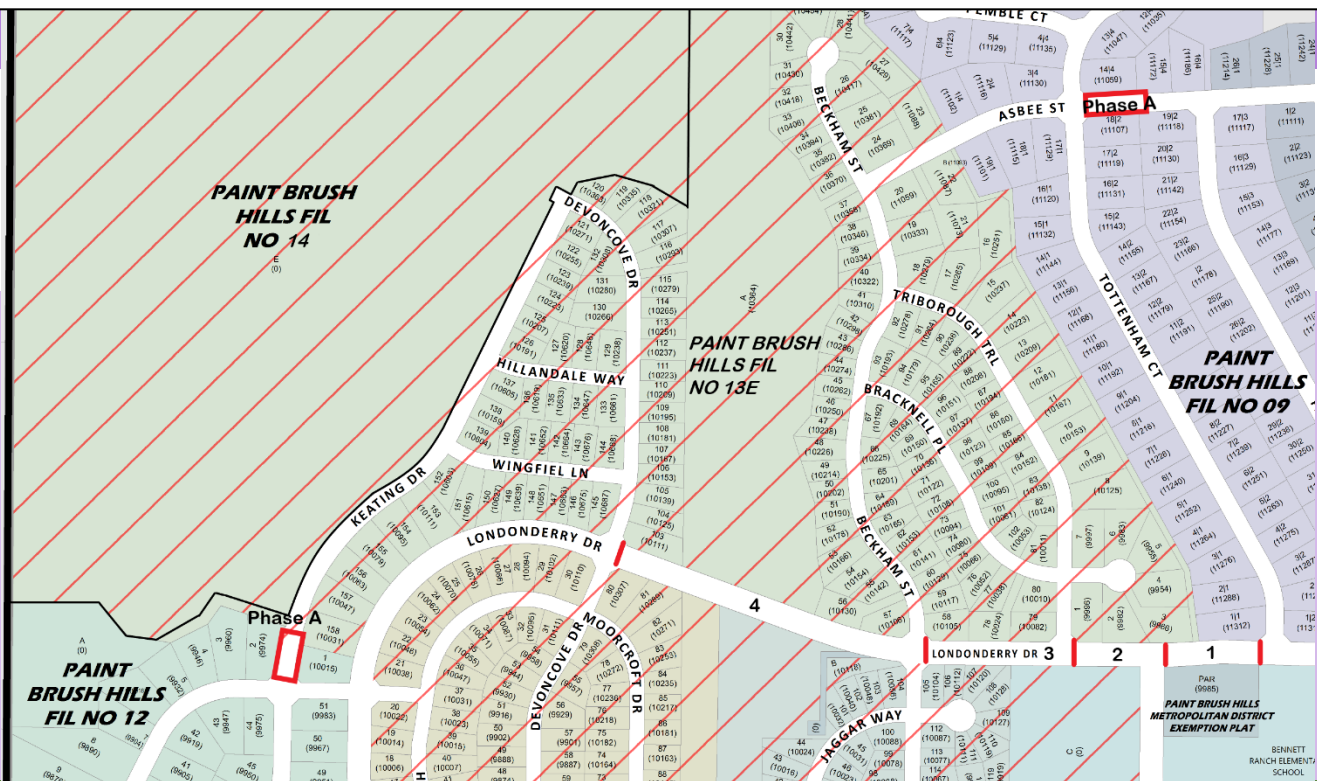
Project Updates and Road Closures

By Robert J Guevara – District Manager

The current building phase (**Filing 13E**, the Red lined area north of Londonderry) is coming to a close, only 48 homes left and 20 scheduled to close in May. The last house may be finished by July.

Filing 14 – Located in the open fields in the Northwest corner of our district. The Developer will break ground on the infrastructure (streets, water-gas-power etc.) near the end of May or beginning of June. This should be about a 3-month process. The construction of the infrastructure will directly affect our new residents on the northern part of Keating Dr and Devon Cove area. Home construction will begin shortly after this is completed. Please remember to take care while walking your dogs or traveling to the Black Forest trails. We will try to keep at least one path to the Black Forest trails open, if possible.

Water system upgrade – A higher pressure water line will be installed on Londonderry. This will start near the end of June. This improvement is designed to ensure water pressure for our higher zones are maintained. The higher zones include the area of Filing 14 and streets of Asbee and Pemble Ct. The improvements will include Pressure Regulating Valves (PRVs). Part of this plan will be a new and stronger booster pump station to be installed behind the admin building. During the construction on Londonderry, there will be sections of Londonderry Drive that will be closed. The road will only be closed during the day (7:30 AM – 6:00 PM). The Londonderry part of the project and PRVs will be Step 1, The new Booster pump house is Step 2. Step 1 must be completed before we bring Step 2 online. The road closures will be completed in 4 phases, see map for each phase. Phase A could be completed independently of the other phases. Exact dates of road closures will be posted on Facebook and our website when they become available. The entire time of the project should last no more than 4 months, depending on the weather. We will also complete the Towner-Londonderry area while school is out of session.



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Friendly Reminders!

Board Meetings will be on May 20th and June 17th. Any changes will be announced on our [Facebook](#) and [website](#). Our Board Meetings now start at 5:30 PM and go until 8:00 PM.

Our office will be closed on May 31st in observation of Memorial Day.

With the warmer weather coming out, we would like to remind our residents that the open spaces are not to be used for motorized vehicles.



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Kid's Corner

Reaching the Summer Months

By Erin Dillon - Editor

How is summer already almost here? Time is flying by quickly this year which will make summer break and warmer days even better when they arrive. With the summer so close that means free time for our children. Perhaps you're able to take time off from work and spend time going out on a family vacation. Or maybe you're planning a long weekend, no matter what you decide to do. Make sure to keep yourself, family, and community safe.

Whether you are staying local or going on a trip, be sure to remember to relax and have fun. Vacations, no matter how small, are always fondly looked back on, especially as our children grow older. Whatever you may choose to do, be sure to enjoy the hot weather and make lasting memories with your children. We all deserve downtime!

Let us also not forget that in May and June, we have Mother's Day and Father's Day. So be sure to be spoiled on your respective day, perhaps even enjoy some breakfast in bed!



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Soy-Ginger Pulled Pork with Tangy Sesame Slaw

½ cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
½ cup apricot jam
⅓ cup rice vinegar
⅓ cup molasses
3 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper
2 teaspoons Chinese five-spice powder
½ teaspoon salt
3 ½ pounds boneless pork shoulder roast, trimmed
1 tablespoon canola or corn oil
2 cups thin onion wedges
1 1-inch piece fresh ginger, sliced
5 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons cold water
2 teaspoons cornstarch
12 sesame seed buns
Tangy Cabbage Slaw (See Link)

Credit – <https://www.midwestliving.com/recipe/soy-ginger-pulled-pork-with-tangy-sesame-slaw/>

Instructions

In a 5- to 6-quart slow cooker, whisk together broth, jam, vinegar, molasses, soy sauce and crushed red pepper.

In a small bowl, combine five-spice powder and salt; rub all over pork. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high. Add pork; cook, turning to brown well on all sides, about 10 minutes. Transfer to slow cooker; turn pork to coat in sauce mixture. Top with onion, ginger, and garlic. Cover and cook on low until pork is tender, 8 to 10 hours.

Remove pork from slow cooker, reserving liquid. Coarsely shred pork using two forks. Remove onion with a slotted spoon; add to pork, discarding any ginger pieces.

Skim fat from liquid, if desired, and transfer to a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, until reduced to roughly 1 ¼ cups, about 10 minutes. In a small bowl, whisk together the cold water and cornstarch; add cornstarch mixture to sauce, stirring constantly until thickened. Drizzle sauce over pork; toss gently to coat. Serve on buns with slaw.