

Lower Mahanoy Township Municipal Authority



Office Hours

❖ *Tuesdays* 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

❖ *Wednesdays* 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

❖ *Thursdays* 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

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POSSIBLE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Dalmatia is just one water main break away from disaster. The original water mains that have been in the ground since the beginning of the Dalmatia Water Company in 1916 have served well, but are at the end of their serviceable limit. These old pipes are the source of all the recent water problems. The oldest water mains are under Rt 147 and any major break there has the potential of devastating the center of town. 60,000 gallons of run-away water could create a sinkhole in the road; it could collapse adjacent home basement walls and foundations; in short, it has the potential to cause a lot of damage.

The Municipal Authority is currently in the process of planning a project to replace all the old water mains in the system. This is a project of opportunity. The state has plans to pave Rt 147 from the county line to the Mandata junction of Rt 225 between 2016 & 2018. It will include drainage and berm work all along the paving project. The water project will have to be completed before the road paving project. If the water project is not completed prior to this time, any restoration work for water repairs in a newly paved highway becomes very expensive.

Unfortunately, the cost of this project is estimated to cost \$2.7 million. The water rates will need to increase to help pay for this project. The Municipal Authority is currently pursuing grants and low interest rate loans to finance this project. More information will follow as it becomes available. The Board is asking for customer input on the pursuit of this project. A Town Hall meeting is being planned to obtain input from consumers within the system. Water customers will be receiving information in the December newsletter as to the date, time and place of the meeting. We strongly encourage all water customers to attend this function.

PUBLIC ACCESS ON RESERVOIR LAND

The Municipal Authority has decided to close the land which encompasses the reservoir/watershed area to public access. Violators who trespass will be subject to criminal prosecution. Limited access will be granted to members of the public for the purpose of hunting, trapping and other recreational activities. Any member of the public desiring to access this land must apply for a permission card. The cards are free of charge and must be renewed annually after July 1, 2014. The Authority does reserve the right to revoke, suspend, limit or reject any application for public access in its sole and absolute discretion. Application forms are also available on our website. Applications received will be reviewed at the monthly meetings.

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After hour contact – 570-274-0554

NEW AREA CODE AND DIALING

Just a reminder that starting September 21, 2013 area residents will be required to dial ten numbers instead of the present seven to make a local call. Then on October 13, 2013 anyone acquiring a new phone number in this area will be given a number with a new area code (272). Sources say it is necessary because of the rapid growth and extensive use of cell phones in the existing (570) area code.

LEAD AND COPPER TESTING

For those who have participated in the lead and copper testing this year, the Authority would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued cooperation in this mandatory testing by DEP. All of the results were in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

VENTS & HYDRANTS

It's that time of year when each of our customers should remove the snow when it is blocking sewer vents or fire hydrants. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

WEBSITE

The Lower Mahanoy Township Municipal Authority has a website that our customers can access for newsletters, meeting dates, hydrant flushing dates, contact information and rules and regulations for the water and wastewater systems. If you have internet access, please check out the customer service page with many options available to our customers. Also look for the link to receive notifications and alerts via email or text. The link is located in the upper right corner of the picture and also in the customer service section. The web address is LMTMA.COM.

CASH PAYMENTS

Just another reminder that any customer of the Authority who desires to make payment for their services in the form of cash shall make their payments in person at the Authority's Office during normal business hours Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Customers who make payment for their services in cash either through the drop box or mail do so at their own risk. If cash payments are not received and receipted by Authority personnel, it will be presumed that said cash payments have not been made as no proof of payment exists.

DAMAGE

Please contact the Authority Office immediately at 570-758-3615 if you discover that damage has occurred on either the water or wastewater system so that the proper repairs can be scheduled. The Authority would like to say thanks to those people who have taken the time to report damage and/or leaks. It is greatly appreciated.

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