

Muhlenberg Township Authority News & Information

- The Authority is continuing to install radio read meters throughout the Township. The use of the radio read meters will improve accuracy of metered usage as well as reducing the cost of meter reading. The Authority is working to begin installation of a system that will allow monitoring of flows in the system, and allow for detection of leaks much quicker and avoid unaccounted for water. If you have not been contacted, or if you have been contacted and have not scheduled your installation, please contact the office during normal business hours to schedule a time to install your meter.
- The Authority is in the process of updating its water and sewer system maps. You may see some of these individuals locating and logging GPS locations of our water valves, curb boxes and meter pits as well as sewer traps and manholes throughout the Township. If you have any questions about this, please contact the Authority office.
- Effective March 1, 2017 the Authority will increase water rates. This will cause the average residential water bill to increase by approximately \$3.58 per quarter. Sewer rates will remain unchanged. A full copy of the rates effective March 1, 2017 can be found under the "Rates" section of our site.
- The Authority recently completed the latest round of our Infiltration/Inflow survey of the sewer system. This is a process where the sewer lines are televised to detect defects in the underground piping. After the televising any defects are repaired. As the Authority pays the City of Reading for treatment of sewage from Muhlenberg, and it is based on the number of gallons transported, the only way to reduce our bill to the city is to make sure that no water is getting into the sewer lines that should not be there. As a customer of the Authority, you can help to prevent some of this as well. Make sure that the downspouts on your home are not connected in any way to your sanitary sewer. Make sure water runoff from roofs or downspouts does not flow into your sewer traps or cleanouts on your property. If you have a sump pump in your home, it should not be connected to the sanitary sewer. All of these things will make a difference and help us keep rates affordable for everyone.
- The Authority will be undertaking a large project in the Spring of 2017. The 1 million gallon Elevated Tank at the intersection of Stoudts Ferry Bridge Road and Tuckerton Road will be taken out-of-service for a complete painting both inside and out. This is a major project for us and has an estimated cost of \$1,000,000. We will try to post some photos as the project gets under way.

Be sure to check back as we will be updating information on our projects on a regular basis.