

# Upper Moreland - Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority

## *News*

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This newsletter is published by the Authority to keep its service area customers up-to-date on current and new projects and activities.

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### ONLINE BILL PAYING - ENTER TO WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD

The Authority will be rolling out an e-commerce bill paying system starting June 1, 2016. This will include the ability to receive your bills online and pay your bills electronically through your bank or our UMHJSA.MyGovHub.com portal.

You can also be eligible for one of five \$100 gift cards that will be awarded through a random drawing at the beginning of December. To be eligible, you need to:

- Be current on your bills;
- Sign up for online invoicing through the link on our website;
- Confirm that you signed up for online billing by sending an email with your account number to [billing@umhjsa.org](mailto:billing@umhjsa.org); and
- Pay your bill electronically through your bank or UMHJSA.MyGovHub.com.

See our website - [www.umhjsa.org](http://www.umhjsa.org) - for additional details.

Your payments will sync with our accounting system to credit your account. You will be able to monitor up to 2 years of your account history through the website. In addition, you will receive future semi-annual newsletters from the Authority via email to reduce mailing costs. All email lists will be used for Authority business and not for solicitations.

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**A Reminder Note:** Our Administration Office hours are 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Payments may be put in the mail slot at other times---no cash, please---checks or money orders only!! Credit card payments can still be made at the office during business hours, however, there is a 2% transaction fee, which defers some of the fees charged to the Authority. Credit or debit card payments will be available for online invoice payment through [UMHJSA.MyGovHub.com](http://UMHJSA.MyGovHub.com).

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**IMPORTANT:** Payments must be received by the due date. A 10% penalty will be added to bill payments that are received late.

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**SEWER BACKING UP?** If your sewer is backing up, call us before you call a plumber. We'll determine where the problem is, and advise you what needs to be done. And we'll do it for free. When it comes to sewer problems, we're the Authority! Call 215-659-1462.

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**The Sewer Plant is Going Green** - The Authority is currently upgrading our plant and

replacing equipment that is past its service life. Over \$1,000,000 is being spent to replace our blower system that was over 29 years old. The new blowers are more efficient and can have the air volume adjusted to deliver the proper amount of oxygen to support the bacteria needed to help treat the wastewater, which will save electricity.

We are also replacing our 25-year-old filter press, which should remove more water from the sludge and again reduce overall energy costs to operate the plant. Upgrades to the lighting at the plant have occurred with LED lights to save additional energy, such as replacing 300 W incandescent bulbs with 16 W LED bulbs.

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**Verizon Cell Phone Tower** - Due to reduced cell phone coverage in the area caused by the removal of a Verizon facility in Willow Grove, Upper Moreland Township requested the Authority's assistance to allow a Verizon cell phone tower to be installed on our property. We are working with Verizon to improve reception for the community.

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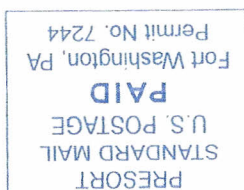
**Computer Avenue Sewer Replacement** - The Authority has awarded a contract to replace sewer lines on Computer Avenue between the entrance to Sam's Club and Wal-Mart. This replacement is needed due to the change in

wastewater characteristics from the former manufacturing facility to the current restaurant and retail center, and the condition of the existing pipe. We anticipate the majority of the sewer line replacement will be completed in ~3 weeks. The project is scheduled to start late spring and traffic in both directions will continue during the construction.

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**Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP)** - Since 2009, the Authority has aggressively used CIPP to reduce the infiltration and inflow (I/I) into the plant. Reducing the amount of "clean" water that enters during rain and high-water events and requires treatment is critical to the Authority's performance. By the end of this year we will have lined over 35,460 feet (~6.7 miles) of cracked/leaking pipe in the past 8 years. This year's project is anticipated to start in spring.

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