

# MTSA NEWSLETTER

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## LONGVUE 1 NOW ONLINE!!



On September 17, 2010 the newly expanded and rehabilitated Longvue #1 Wastewater Treatment Plant was officially dedicated. With this project completed, the Authority now has a state of the art facility that provides exceptional treatment dramatically improving the downstream environment.

In attendance were several state, county and local officials who heard an excellent presentation by the key note speaker, Dr. Bruce Dixon from the Allegheny Health Department.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

- 12/18—*Holiday Party*
- 12/23—*Christmas Eve (Holiday)*
- 12/24—*Christmas (Holiday)*
- 12/30—*New Year's Eve (Holiday)*
- 12/31—*New Year's (Holiday)*

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## MTSA LEADS THE WAY IN SAFETY

MTSA has always strived to be among the industry leaders in safety. Training courses and top-of-the-line personal protective equipment have been provided and used but more importantly, our employees strive to work as safely as possible and have always worked in a

“buddy” system to ensure that everyone remains safe.

In 2010 MTSA even raised the bar to a higher level of safety awareness. As of October, all employees have been re-certified in confined space safety. Classes in chlorine safety,

CPR / first aid and electrical safety are also in the works to be offered in the near future. In addition to these classes, our own safety committee has developed on-site “workshops” to ensure that all team members(SEE SAFETY, PAGE 2)

## NEW BOARD MEMBER



We want to welcome Jim Wallaert to the MTSA Board of Directors. Jim joined the Board early this spring, filling the vacancy left when Mr. Ryan moved to Denver. Jim brings a lifetime of experience to the Authority. He is a Civil Engineer with a Masters Degree. He began his career with the Dravo Corporation and then was employed by Heyl & Patterson until his retirement in 2006. Heyl & Patterson works extensively

with the design and construction of very large unloading equipment. During his time there, Jim contributed all aspects of the organization. He is often called back to offer his expertise as a consultant. The skills Jim brings will make him very valuable to the Authority in the review and implantation of the many engineering aspects of the Authority.

Jim is a long time resident of the Town of McCandless. He

resides in Calais Village, where he is a member of their Residents Board of Directors. Jim has two adult children and twelve grandchildren. Jim loves sports, especially baseball which is a favorite for he and his grandchildren. To date, Jim has been a very enthusiastic Board Member and has been very eager to learn all that he can about the Authority. Please join us in welcoming him to MTSA!

### 2011 BOARD MEMBERS

- Chairman: William C. Kirk, Jr.
- Vice Chairman: William C. Hunkele
- Secretary: R. Tomas Riley (*not pictured*)
- Treasurer: Patrick E. Connell
- Board Member: James Wallaert



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New Employee, Dave Magliocco practices being lowered into a manhole.

(*SAFETY, FROM PAGE 1*) remain focused and aware in at-risk situations. An example of one of these workshops was a presentation on how to properly operate fall retrieval and gas detection equipment when lowering a person into a confined space such as a manhole. These workshops were lead by Steve Buehler.

During 2010, MTSA has also upgraded much of its personal protective equipment. A few of these upgrades include seven new MX-6 gas monitors, eight new fall retrieval harnesses, three new fresh air blower units and new hard hats.

Safety for our team members has always been MTSA’s

number one priority. As we have in the past, we will continue to constantly upgrade equipment and train our team members so they remain among the safest in the industry.

## 2011 MTSA HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

<u>Holiday(1/1/2011)</u>	<u>Observance Day</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>
New Year's Day	12/31/2010	Friday
Good Friday	4/22/2011	Friday
Memorial Day	5/30/2011	Monday
Independence Day	7/4/2011	Monday
Labor Day	9/5/2011	Monday
Thanksgiving Day	11/24/2011	Thursday
Day after Thanksgiving	11/25/2011	Friday
Christmas Eve—1/2 Day	12/23/2011	Friday
Christmas	12/26/2011	Monday
New Year's Eve—1/2 Day	12/30/2011	Friday
New Year's Day	1/2/2012	Monday



## 2011 BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE

<u>Regular Meetings— First Thursday</u>	<u>Work Session Meetings— Third Thursday</u>
1/6/2011	1/20/2011
2/3/2011	2/17/2011
3/3/2011	3/17/2011
4/7/2011	4/21/2011
5/5/2011	5/19/2011
6/2/2011	6/16/2011
7/7/2011	7/21/2011
8/4/2011	8/18/2011
9/1/2011	9/15/2011
10/6/2011	10/20/2011
11/3/2011	11/17/2011
12/1/2011	12/15/2011
1/5/2012	1/19/2012

BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 7:30PM





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## Who Are We?

The McCandless Township Sanitary Authority was incorporated on December 30, 1955 for the purpose of providing sewage service for McCandless Township. In the early 1970's, agreements were reached to include Franklin Park Borough, Bradford Woods Borough, Pine Township, Marshall Township and portions of Ross and Hampton Townships in the MTSA Service Area. Currently, the Authority services approximately 17,000 accounts consisting of approximately 52,000 customers. Our customers include residential, commercial, schools, colleges and a hospital. The Authority owns and operates a comprehensive sanitary sewer system which consists of four treatment plants, nineteen pumping stations and over 240 miles of 8" to 42" sanitary sewer lines.



## DRIVING ON ICY ROADS

1. Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
2. Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.
3. Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
4. Keep your lights and windshield clean.
5. Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.
6. Don't use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads.
7. Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.
8. Don't pass snow plows and sanding trucks. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.
9. Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.



*Sources: National Safety Council, New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Washington State Government*