

GEORGETOWN WATER DEPARTMENT

Official Newsletter of the Georgetown Water Department



To Our Valued Customers

The Georgetown Water Department has had a very busy summer as we continue to work on improving our systems and customer service.

The Water Department received \$100,000 in grant money to address needed repair of our infrastructure. This money has been used to replace two failing and stuck gate valves, as well as adding a much-needed gate in the area of Crosby's Marketplace on Central Street. This is a significant step, as it is now less likely we will need to shut down water in the business district. J. Cardillo & Sons was general contractor, receiving the bid through a formal procurement process. We will be using the remaining money for two more repair projects later this year.



We have completed the long-awaited filter refurbishment project. Refurbishing the 24-year-old filters is incredibly labor-intensive and time-consuming. All components of both filters were all removed and repaired due to excess wear and tear and rusting, welding of pits and recoating was done in order to bring the structure back to its original structural integrity.

Thank you to all involved for your efforts!



Mark Leonard

Our co-worker and trusted friend Mark Leonard, who served the Georgetown community for 23 years, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 11.

Mark was the spirit of the Water Department. He always had a smile and was the first person to offer help to anyone who needed it.

Mark was a true water professional. His unwavering commitment to his work and his extraordinary service to our town's employees and residents will be profoundly missed.

We are keeping Mark's wife Julie, their daughters Allison and Ashlee, and his family and friends in our hearts. Mark's passion will inspire us for years to come.



The Department is grateful to have received a \$30 million appropriation at the May Annual Town Meeting to add an underground storage tank to be used for backwashing and to eliminate direct filtration to the distribution system, as well as additional filter systems with piping and appurtenances to support the design.

This work will help eliminate the breakthrough of iron into the distribution system and allow added filtration capacity.



GWD participated in the annual Vehicle Day at the Library!

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The Department was excited to assist Georgetown High School students during a visit to Pentucket Pond in May. Students in the environmental class, guided by instructors Kaylee Hawkes and Jeff Ray and Utility Director Marlene Ladderbush, tested water for nitrites, oxygen levels, pH, and dissolved oxygen. Students learned that the water was very clear and healthy for fish and wildlife. We were happy to host them!

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