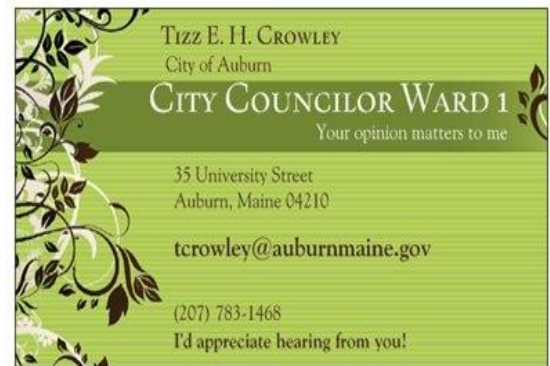


Auburn Sewerage District Report for Meeting Monday 2014.11.03

TO: Residents of Auburn and the Auburn City Council
FROM: Tizz E. H. Crowley- Auburn City Council Ward 1
Mayor LaBonte's representative to AWD

The Auburn Sewerage District Trustees met on Tuesday, October 21, 2014.



The ASD is planning a rate increase of about 9% overall. Customers are invited to attend a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday November 18th at the District offices 268 Court Street at 5:30pm. A four page customer information and notice was sent to all ratepayers. Many of the larger customers have been contacted personally regarding the proposed rate change. The increase is approximately 9% and we would not expect another change until 2019. We are on track for December 1st implementation, but the final decision will be made after the public hearing.

Auburn's share of the LAWPCA costs is about \$50,000 over budget to date. The deficit is a likely combination of 3 factors. One is that our industrial customers are running above budget projections. Although treatment expenses are up, we have a corresponding bump in revenue. Our volumetric flow only accounts for 38.4% of capacity, but our BOD (biochemical oxygen demand) was 65.5% and TSS (total suspended solids) 59.8%. A second reason is the dry weather that benefits Lewiston. Lewiston's flow responds quickly to rain, while Auburn is much less responsive because of our CSO work. I'm sure the recent rains this week will move us closer to meeting projections. A final factor is Lewiston had a major break on one for its sewer interceptors.

Sewer tip for November: That pool of juice simmering around your turkey makes delicious gravy, but when cooled, congealed and poured down a drain; it can become a nasty, costly clog.

Our friends from Columbus Ohio caution that fats, oils and grease clog pipes in your house and create subterranean headaches citywide. "It could end up congealing and coagulating and catch on something like a tree root and become a real problem," said a utilities spokesman. "It can cause backups into basements that will create a huge mess."

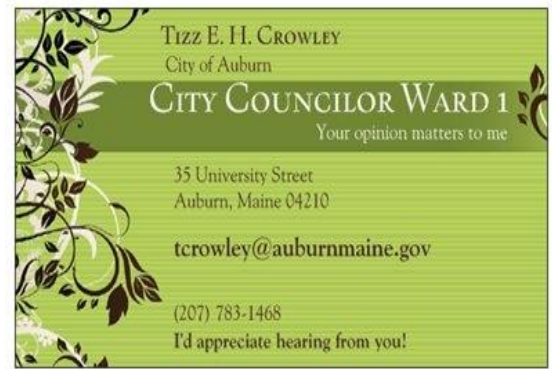
Plumbing clogs made headlines when sewer workers in London, England, spent 10 days removing a so-called "fatberg" — a 15-ton lump of fat and residue found underground.

Let the turkey fat congeal, wipe it out with paper towels and throw it out. Adding cat litter or wood shavings to the container also helps absorb the mess and minimize the risk of leaks from your garbage. Be sure to toss the cat litter into the trash and not down the toilet.

As always, thank you Mr. Mayor for the pleasure of serving in your place.

Auburn Water District Report for Meeting Monday 2014.11.03

TO: Residents of Auburn and the Auburn City Council
FROM: Tizz E. H. Crowley- Auburn City Council Ward 1
Mayor LaBonte's representative to AWD



The Auburn Water District Trustees met on Wednesday, October 22, 2014. The most important news I have to report is the funding for Lewiston's share for cleaning the only in-take line will go to the Lewiston City Council on November 18th hopefully. This critical work has been held up because Lewiston staff wanted to wait until the election had passed. Let's hope there is no problem in the coming weeks with our water supply. The Auburn Water District Trustees authorized the work mid-September because of the high risk to the community if we wait.

The other safety concern happened last week when there was a fuel spill near the Route 4 causeway. AWD/ASD crews responded along with Lewiston Water and Sewer, and Maine DEP. The spill has been contained. Maine DEP was overseeing the cleanup and recovery of what was left. Fortunately it doesn't appear that we will have any impact to our drinking water.

AWD Plant Manager, Mike Broadbent, and Water Quality Manager, Mary Jane Dillingham, responded immediately via one of our boats. AWD notified Lewiston and dispatched our HAZMAT Team. We share a HAZMAT Team with personnel from Lewiston Water & Sewer. Both Auburn Water & Lewiston Water personnel responded, as they have trained together to address potential spill events.

The spill was noticed around the Route 4 causeway and the plume was extending into Lake Auburn. The spill also extended all throughout the Outlet Beach area and was noticed at the East Auburn Dam. AWD opened the lower gate of the dam to induce a large volume of flow – this allowed water to discharge well below the dam surface, thus keeping the floating sheen trapped behind the dam. This generated sufficient outflow and water current to suck the plume back under the Route 4 causeway. Once the plume receded under the causeway AWD crews installed a floating spill boom to prevent anything from flowing back into the Lake.

We found that the source of the spill was a drainage basin located within the Route 4 turnout that is maintained by the Maine Department of Transportation.

MDEP reps indicated they likely couldn't capture the sheen that was on the water. They recommended installing a floating absorbent boom at the outlet of the East Auburn Dam, and then switching the outgoing flow to "surface flow", as opposed to withdrawing it through the bottom of the dam. This approach would help capture and flush the surficial sheen out of the Outlet area. MDEP thought this was the only course of action – they expected aeration and sunlight would help volatilize and evaporate the remaining sheen. MDEP did call in technicians from Clean Harbors to vacuum out the catch basin (there was a sequential basin downstream that needed to be cleaned as well). Techs were also going to attempt to remove whatever fuel was left in the ditchline.

Supt. Storer did not believe MDEP had an estimate on the amount of the spill, but his hunch was that it was somewhere between 5 and 20 gallons. We have no evidence to support whether it was intentional or accidental – not sure if we will ever know. In moving forward, AWD plans to flush water through the catch basin system with some pumps. MDEP thought that might help flush out any remaining fuel. MDEP will continue to monitor the

floating absorbent booms and will likely have some tech's on the water tomorrow within the Outlet area in an attempt to capture and retrieve any lingering pockets of fuel.

Finally, as it relates to the lake, the AWD Trustees authorized work to find alternate ground water source should there be a problem with the Lake as we had last year. The consultants are in the process of narrowing down the options. Once again, Lewiston did not want to fund such work- hopefully they have a plan for Lewiston residents should the Lake become unusable for drinking water.

The South Main Street project will be over budget when completed. We budgeted \$126,000 and had spent \$200,000 by the end of September- primarily due to the extra work on Bolster Street. The excess costs will be covered by monies saved on the Hotel Road project.

The AWD Trustees voted to approve a 9-1-1 billing stuffer which reminds customers to use 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency. The Auburn Fire Department provides the bill stuffer and any extra mailing costs. Safety is paramount to the AWD and its crews.

As always, thank you Mr. Mayor for providing me the opportunity to serve.