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MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

By: Robert J. Berner

The summer seems to finally be arriving. The weather is heating up and we are beginning to heat up our Phase I sewer project. We sent letters to all of our future customers in Eaton and Carlisle Townships informing them they will be able to begin connecting to the sewers in June. This is a monumental day for LORCO. The inspectors with LORCO/ALMU will be scheduling inspections for our first connections. The first flush is just around the corner.

There are still a few loose items to complete on the construction side. In addition, there is still extensive site restoration remaining. We have been delayed substantially on the site restoration due to the inclement spring weather. Let's hope this sunshine will continue and our contractors can complete the tasks of restoring residents' property.

Last month, I expressed some thoughts on regional sewers and their advantages. This month, here is more exciting news on the bigger picture of regional sewers. LORCO has been a leader in the efforts to provide sanitary sewers to the rural communities in Lorain County. Currently the sixteen communities LORCO represent have been strong proponents of working together to provide services across community borders. These collaborative efforts have benefited our communities and we hope more communities in the area will recognize these collaborative efforts and become part of the LORCO district.

Along these same lines, the Lorain County Chamber of Commerce has begun a series of six workshops throughout the summer with communities in Lorain County

to discuss the feasibility and practicality of collaborating on wastewater treatment. The concept of a regional treatment plant is significant for LORCO. We currently do not have a treatment plant of our own. Our cooperative agreement with Avon Lake Municipal Utilities has been a tremendous asset. We hope to be able to use this same concept to serve our other communities.

I am optimistic the discussions on collaboration will be beneficial to LORCO and all other communities in Lorain County. Much more can be accomplished working together. Collaboration also creates economies of scale to reduce the individual costs and makes projects much more practical. The mission and goal of LORCO to provide cost efficient sanitary sewers and maintain perpetual independence become much easier when regional collaboration occurs. Let's hope we can move these efforts forward for all of Lorain County.

If you have any questions or wish to comment on any sanitary sewer issues, please contact LORCO at: 440-647-4882 or you can email me at: rberner@lorco.org.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

By: James McConnell

We are coming out of one of the wettest springs in LORCO history. The onset of June marks the beginning of hook-ups to our Phase I project.

Spring also brought heartache to the LORCO family. On behalf of the Board of Trustees for LORCO I want to express my sincere condolences to Trustee James Woodrum and his family on the tragic loss of his son Ryan. Words cannot express the grief he and his family must be experiencing. We are all saddened when tragedies like this hit close to home.

