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MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

By: Robert J. Berner

The thermometer has confirmed that summer has ended. The chill of winter is not far off and we are completing much of our Phase I project in parts of Eaton and Carlisle Townships. Last month I informed our readers of the delays in the substantial completion date for the project. During a progress meeting with Avon Lake Municipal Utilities it appears we are now looking at March 1, 2011 for substantial completion of the Phase I project.

This date is actually good news for many of our new customers because it means they will not have to deal with the winter weather in Northeast Ohio for the installation of their sewer laterals. We will anticipate sending official notice in early March of 2011 and allowing customers up to ninety (90) days to connect to the system. The weather conditions should be conducive for connection by early April and into May.

There has also been good activity for the last couple of months from developers. We have experienced new connections in Barrington Park in Grafton. In addition, Barrington has begun a new phase of development adding another ten sublots. There have also been builders expressing interest in new construction in areas of our Phase I project. We will remain optimistic the economy will continue to grow and building will rebound in Lorain County.

I am writing this newsletter November 3, 2011 following the mid-term elections. It looks like there will be significant changes in leadership over the next few years. I want to congratulate our new county commissioner, Tom Williams, on his successful election. Tom will certainly have his hands full with some of the challenges facing Lorain County.

Changing gears a little I want to clarify LORCO's position with respect to the new Lorain County Storm Water management project. First, LORCO is a sanitary sewer district and as such is not charged with addressing storm water issues. Second, the

storm water fees have no impact on LORCO sewers. Our systems do not have repair issues needed to reduce inflow and infiltration of storm water. We will be willing to assist the county officials in whatever capacity the county deems our services would be helpful to our member communities.

Finally, I want to thank the residents of LaGrange Township who attended a public work session on November 1, 2010 at the township hall. It is always helpful to discuss LORCO's role to our member communities and how we actually work for our member communities. Our mission and goals were developed to serve our communities and we will continue to serve our communities to the best of our ability.

If you have questions about the current status of the project, please call 440-647-4882. Our office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, except Holidays.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

By: James McConnell

I want to begin by thanking our policy and finance committees for their efforts in crafting a proposal to address our rate structure. We are intending a public hearing at the December board meeting to hear from our customers' their views on a single rate plan which has been recommended by the committees. This plan will have a single sewer rate for customers each month. We will look forward to receiving input from our customers on their impression of this plan. We will not be acting on this plan until we get public input and hear from our customers.

I am encouraged by the news that the challenges we have faced from the City of Elyria seem to be coming to an end. We want to be in a position to work cooperatively with other districts in Lorain County and this settlement is a step in the right direction. Again, our goal is to provide services which address the need for sewers to our member communities. We hope we can now work together with other government entities to fulfill this need.