SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide safe drinking water to everyone in New Orleans; to remove waste water for safe return to the environment; to drain away storm water; to provide water for fire protection; to provide information about products and services; and to do all of this continuously at a reasonable cost to the community.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MILLAGE APPROVED

New Orleans residents went to the polls on December 10th and in grand fashion overwhelmingly passed the proposition for the 4.46 mill drainage renewal for the New Orleans drainage system.

When Sewerage and Water Board was established by the Louisiana Legislature in 1899, the founding fathers assigned a separate funding source for each of the three systems. Water-related projects are funded by water rates. Sewer-related projects are funded by sewer rates, while drainage projects are funded through property tax millages.

The renewal of this millage for the next 30 years will greatly assist the Board in maintaining the current drainage system and meeting obligations related to the massive US Army Corps of Engineers’ SELA projects.

Because of the diligence of our executive director, general superintendent, board members and staff, in presenting the message to the public about how important the drainage system is to the well-being of our city, the public supported the proposition.

Wishing All S&WB Employees a Safe and Prosperous New Year!
EMERGENCY RESCUE

Zone 7, the Networks Division night and emergency crew, was called to the rescue when a contractor, building new office spaces for the New Orleans Advocate newspaper, put three holes in the 12-inch water main and disconnected two service lines from the building. The break caused low water pressure in the area.

Heavy rain and other conditions made it difficult to get a successful water closure.

Our workers used three pump trucks to alleviate water pressure while being drenched by cold, heavy rain. Eventually, crew members were forced to literally dive underwater to reach the main and service lines to complete the repair.

BIG TREESY—PARKS AND PARKWAYS TREE GIVE AWAY

S&WB Environmental Affairs employees Bridget Tydor and Jennifer Roberts supported the annual tree giveaway hosted by Parks and Parkways on December 4, 2016. Sewerage and Water Board contributed $5,000 from its Green Infrastructure fund toward native trees that were made available to Orleans Parish residents. During the event, Bridget and Jennifer provided residents with information about stormwater management best practices including the benefits of trees in the urban environment. The event opened to the public at 8 am and by 10 am all trees, rain gauges, and informational brochures had been distributed to attendees.
Sewerage and Water Board Employee Recreation Club hosted a holiday dance at the Crystal Palace Banquet Hall on December 10, 2016.

The dance is the second largest annual S&WB event for the Rec Club following the Crawfish Boil & Dance held each May.

Employees from all Board locations including the main office, Central Yard, Carrollton Water Plant, Algiers Customer Service Center, the Algiers Water Plant, and several pumping stations were in attendance. Even a few Board retirees attended the dance.

See if your photo made it to the Pipeliner!
Thinking Green, Living Green

Clean House—Clean Earth

Just because it’s winter doesn’t mean you can’t refresh your indoor air. Open your windows and doors for five minutes. Your furniture, carpets, and walls will retain heat while stale indoor air gets exchanged with fresher outdoor air.

Fire Evacuation Tips

When the fire alarm sounds, act immediately to ensure your safety. The fire alarm system is designed to provide you with an early warning to allow you to safely exit the building during an emergency situation.

• NEVER ignore the alarm, assume the alarm is false, or assume it is only a fire alarm test.
• Everyone MUST evacuate the building by way of the safest and closest exit and/or stairway. NEVER use an elevator to exit during a fire alarm activation.
• Once outside, move away from the building. Assemble across the street.
• The front of the building is where the firefighters and fire engines will be operating. Do not obstruct their access to the building.
• If there is an incident occurring on the upper floors and glass is being blown out of the windows, the area below is the hazard zone where serious personal injuries can occur. Stay away from this hazard zone.
• Once outside, never re-enter the building until you are told to do so by the fire department or police.
APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

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Wanda T. Joseph
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Corey Hall Laborer Zone One
Damien Harris Laborer Zone Six
Wanda T. Joseph Office Assistant Trainee HR Administration
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