

# WATER *line*

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## SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT: LATERAL UPDATE

In order to meet EPA requirements, Avon Lake needs to remove all storm water from the sanitary sewer to prevent raw sewage from discharging into Lake Erie. As a part of this process, some residents are making changes to their homes' sewer connections. Below are some updates for the residents who received letters earlier this year, letting them know about the project. 💧

**Belmar Neighborhood Sewer Separation:** The construction bid is delayed pending the results of the Avon Lake City Engineering office's storm water modeling project. Stay up to date on project status on your neighborhood update page on [avonlakewater.org](http://avonlakewater.org). At this point, construction should begin by May.

Belmar resident meetings on 1/29 and 2/7 were well attended, and more came to their annual Avon Lake Ward meetings. City council members, the mayor and representatives from ALMU and members from the Board of Municipal Utilities (ALMU's governing body) attended as well.



ALMU Chief Todd Danielson speaks to Belmar residents.

## NOT SURE IF YOU NEED A NEW LATERAL?

Did you get a letter about it in 2013? If not, then probably not. If your house was built after 1972, no. If your home is constructed on a slab, or you have had foundation drain or sewer work done in the last 5-7 years, maybe not. Call us at 440-933-6226 to set up a free ALMU inspection.

**Need to find a contractor?** One common homeowner request: How can we find someone we can trust to do this work? To answer that concern, ALMU has created a database of contractors who attended an ALMU briefing given on March 8. The database is now available online at [avonlakewater.org](http://avonlakewater.org) and in hard copy at ALMU's main office (201 Miller Road) and City Hall. 💧

## SAVING LAKE ERIE ONE SCHOOL AT A TIME

In March, we spent time with all four 4th-grade classes at Redwood Elementary to share the science of water. ALMU staff taught students about the water cycle. The students participated in experiments and took home a blue spruce seedling in honor of World Water Day, March 22nd.

Later this spring, ALMU will go to Troy Intermediate School to help Avon Lake 5th graders learn about Avon Lake's water delivery and recovery system, including a field trip to both Avon Lake Municipal Utilities' Lake Road plants—the pumping station that treats lake water for drinkability, and the wastewater



Redwood 4th graders simulate precipitation runoff during an ALMU presentation.

plant that cleans used water and puts it back into Lake Erie. Due to school system budgetary constraints, Avon Lake Municipal Utilities is underwriting the cost of the field trip.

Troy students will also meet Erin Huber, the executive director for Drink Local. Drink Tap. (DLDT), a local organization (and ALMU partner) that helps people in developing countries gain access to safe drinking water. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a Lake Erie beach clean-up project with DLDT. 💧

**Earth Day is April 22**  
**Keep it green. "Like" us on Facebook**  
**and receive a free plant.**

ALMU will give a blue spruce seedling or perennial to Avon Lakers who "like" us on Facebook on Earth Day. Trees and other plants' root systems hold on to soil, preventing erosion while they produce oxygen. Saving water and improving water quality saves you money. Get more water conservation tips at [avonlakewater.org](http://avonlakewater.org).

## ALMU ENGINEERING MANAGER REPRESENTS AVON LAKE ACROSS REGION, ENCOURAGES STUDENT ENGINEERS

To cap off Engineers Week® 2013, ALMU engineering manager Jack Gaydar lectured to the engineering classes at ALHS and shared his professional story, the legacy of Northeast Ohio's successful engineers and, in general, promoted engineering and surveying as career choices. Each class hosted their own catapult competition, and nearly 75 students were a part of the day.

High school is not the only place Gaydar represents his profession and Avon Lake. He was invited to serve as a "super judge" (judging all competitions) at the 65th Annual Western Reserve District 5 Science Day, held in March at the University of Akron.

Jack was also asked to judge the collegiate surveying and environmental competitions at Cleveland State University's Fenn College of Engineering Ohio Valley Student Conference in April. Mr.

Gaydar is one of the ALMU engineers who works with Avon Lake residents on a regular basis, including lateral drain concerns. 💧

*"Careers in engineering and surveying have so much to offer in today's world," reflects Gaydar. "I consider it an honor and a responsibility to help students find the same in their lives."*



Avon Lake Municipal Utilities engineer Jack Gaydar looks on as Avon Lake High School students Joe Smith and Charles Connolly compete in a class catapult competition as part of Engineers Week 2013.

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### In honor of Earth Day, help us clean up Miller Road Park beach.

If it's 50 degrees or warmer on Sunday, April 21, at 3 p.m., join ALMU at Miller Road Park beach to welcome spring back to Avon Lake—and pick up any litter that winter has deposited on our shores. Drinking water, rubber gloves and trash bags will be provided. All ages are welcome.

If it's too cold or rainy, come to our next scheduled beach clean-up: Sunday, May 5th at 3 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park

**Like us on Facebook or follow Avon Lake Water on Twitter for beach clean-up updates.**

### Our monthly board meetings have changed days and times.



The Avon Lake Board of Municipal Utilities meets at ALMU's administration building, 201 Miller Road, at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

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