

# WATER *line*

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## BELMAR SEWER SEPARATION BEGINS

Since the passage of the Clean Water Act in 1972, Avon Lake Municipal Utilities has been separating neighborhood sewers to help keep untreated wastewater out of basements and Lake Erie. Of the 17 Avon Lake neighborhoods originally built with combined sewers, 12 have been separated. Construction on the thirteenth neighborhood, the streets near Troy Intermediate School centered around Belmar Road, will begin in early July.



At the beginning of June, we awarded the construction contract for the Belmar Combined Sewer Separation to Underground Utilities, Inc., for the estimated 14-month-long Belmar project. Once ALMU begins construction meetings with UII, we will provide projected street closures (closed to thru traffic) and dates to residents via local media, the Avon Lake Firehouse Community Center, the Avon Lake Public Library, Facebook, Twitter (BelmarCSS) and avonlakewater.org. In general, all streets will remain open to residents throughout the project.

While construction on Belmar near Troy will stop briefly at the beginning of the school year, all school traffic (for non-Belmar residents) should use the southerly Canterbury Road entrance.

## ALMU SERVES UP LAKE ERIE'S FINEST LIBATION AT 2013 AVON LAKE WINE FEST

Join us at Veterans' Memorial Park Saturday, July 13, 2013, as Avon Lake celebrates summer with the Avon Lake Wine Fest from 4 p.m. until sunset. This year, ALMU will be serving up complimentary tap-water cocktails to wine drinkers and designated drivers alike. In its second year, the festival kicks off Avon Lake Waterfront's three-event season. (Following the wine event, Summer Market offers artisan wares July 26 and 27, and the Back to School BBQ will give families quality lake time on Saturday, August 3.) All events take place at Veterans' Memorial Park. Go to avonlakewaterfront.com for more information.

## OFFSET RATE INCREASES WITH CONSERVATION

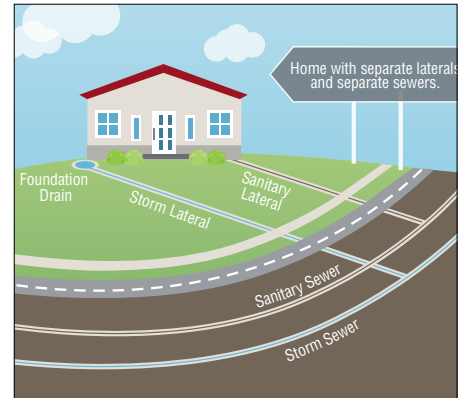
Water and wastewater rates go up next billing cycle. Don't worry, even when they do, you'll still pay less for a day's worth of drinking, flushing, cooking, bathing and washing for you and your family than you'd pay for a 20-ounce bottle of water at a local convenience store. But if you'd like to try and conserve a little to save the 8¢-a-day increase, try shaving about 8 minutes per day off your family's cumulative shower time.



*Reduce lawn irrigation by one day a week this summer to save water, money.*

## WAS YOUR HOME BUILT BEFORE 1972?

To meet EPA requirements, Avon Lake needs to remove all storm water from the sanitary sewer (and wastewater from storm sewers) to prevent raw sewage from discharging into Lake Erie. As a part of this process, some Avon Lakers need to make changes to their homes' sewer connections to make sure their clean water (from the foundation drain) and wastewater (coming from sinks and toilets) are being sent to the correct sewer. If you received a letter earlier this year, or, if your home was built before 1972, you are likely one of them.



It's all about "laterals." A lateral is the small pipe that takes the water leaving your home to the sewer under the street outside your home. If your home is constructed on a slab, or you have had foundation drain or sewer work done in the last 5-7 years, you may not need to do a thing. Call us at 440-933-6226 to set up a free inspection by ALMU. We will walk you through the entire process from meeting with your contractor to overseeing your new lateral's connection to the new wastewater line. Get more info at the library, Old Firehouse Community Center, 201 Miller Road or online at avonlakewater.org.

**SAVE THE DATE. *BIG TRUCKS* IS COMING. 9.21.13**

## EARTH DAY IN MAY BEACH CLEAN UP



A big thank you to the volunteers who came out to support our clean-up event on May 5 at Miller Road Park beach. With your help, we rid Avon Lake of more than 200 pounds of trash. Thanks for loving Lake Erie with us.



**The water your family uses in a day costs less than a 20 oz. bottle of water bought at a convenience store.**

## TROY STUDENTS EXPERIENCE WATER-SCIENCE IMMERSION

On April 30, May 2 and 3, ALMU gave Troy Intermediate 5th graders a first-hand look at how ALMU provides water, then cleans wastewater before putting it back into Lake Erie. Students learned about the chemistry behind Avon Lake's water delivery and recovery system, including a field trip to both ALMU plants and post-field-trip experiments with ALMU staff. Due to school system budgetary constraints, ALMU underwrote the cost of the field trip.



## ALMU IS NOW ON ALC-TV

Want to know what the Board of Municipal Utilities is talking about during their bi-weekly meetings? If not, you should. The Board of Municipal Utilities, ALMU's governing body, is elected by you to ensure Avon Lake's reliable water supply. For the first time, you don't even have to go to a board meeting to watch what happens. Starting June 2013, ALMU is providing ratepayers with a board recap show on Avon Lake Community Television. Board recap shows began airing June 12, and are available 24/7 on ALC-TV's on-demand video site [avonlake.pegcentral.com](http://avonlake.pegcentral.com).

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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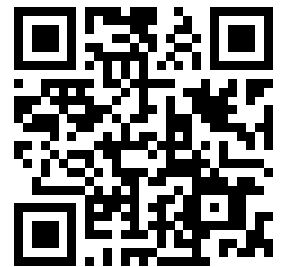
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