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Foundation Drain Sump Disconnection Program Customers are helping to prevent a minimum of 160,000 gallons of water from entering the sanitary sewer. The ALMU Board approved funds to continue the program to potentially prevent an additional 300,000 gallons of water from entering the sanitary sewer during a 2” rain event. Qualifying property owners will receive either a $300 sewer credit or a $100 sewer credit and a basin pump for permanently preventing foundation drain water from entering the sanitary sewer. Forty-five homes have been addressed, and 60 more will soon be complete. Residents/property owners must apply for free building permits in order to participate in the program.

Sunset Road Storm Water Sources Survey We recently completed an infiltration and inflow survey in an area that previously had a combined sanitary and storm sewer and has private property conditions similar to other areas of Avon Lake that have had flooding problems. Results of testing found that the storm...
Deadline for testing sprinkling systems is May 25

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Still time to qualify for a $300 sewer credit!

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Piggy-backing ALMU projects could save the City big bucks

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The Belmar Drainage Basin Combined Sewer Separation project will consist of separating about 11,600 feet of sewer main and replacing laterals to serve 167 homes on Belmar, Ashwood, Mooreland, Artsdale, and parts of Redwood and Electric. Storm sewer, catch basins, yard catch and ditch enclosures will be either repaired or replaced by the city at the time. The Redwood Water Main Replacement project will consist of replacing 2,600 feet of water main and the service connections for 49 homes on Redwood Blvd.

Here is another example of how ALMU and the City are working together to get the best bang for the taxpayer’s buck.

Temporary Flow Relief Structures
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