NOW AVAILABLE: LATERAL LOANS

You asked, the Board answered: If you’ve not yet started your home’s separation project, we are now able to offer you a low-cost loan to spread out your project’s financing. Your Board of Municipal Utilities just approved 10-year, 2%-interest loans for homeowners who plan to separate their home’s outgoing water via two separate laterals, each connected to its appropriate sewer (storm and sanitary). Call us at (440) 933-6226 or go to http://alwtr.us/lateralloan to apply or find out more about the loans or schedule your pre-1972 home for a free inspection.

SEPARATION STATUS

Mull-Norman rehabilitation This project is more than halfway complete. Construction should finish in October, with yards, driveways, sidewalks and roads restored by the end of November. Many homeowners have already separated their home’s outgoing water, those that haven’t need to by February 2018.

Fairfield-Brookfield Residents of the area bounded by Fairfield and Brookfield (see map) will see construction start this fall and end in fall 2018. Many of these homes share laterals, which will add a level of complexity as homeowners separate their outgoing storm water from their wastewater. All residents/property owners are encouraged to come to Redwood Elementary School’s gym at 7 p.m. on September 7 to learn about what they might need to do by February 2019.

Curtis rehabilitation may begin this year, but may get pushed to 2017. The project should take less than six months once started. Many residents are already in compliance. Those who aren’t need to separate their home’s outgoing wastewater and storm water by February 2018.

The 45s Construction on this project area (shown below) is expected to start in 2017. Homeowners must separate their outgoing wastewater and storm water by June 30, 2019.

WALKER ROAD WATER LINE WORK BEGINS SOON, LANE CLOSURES TO COME

The Walker Road water main is one of Avon Lake’s most important “highways” for your water supply. To keep it strong, aging pipes must be replaced BEFORE they break. Last summer, we replaced portions of it from Jaycox west to 83. This year, it’s time to replace a few more sections across town (see graphic below). Lane closures in the first replacement area should begin in July and last about 30 days. Work (and accompanying lane closures) on the other two sections will follow, concluding in late fall, with treelawn restoration coming in early 2017. Residents in these areas who have treelawn irrigation systems should call us immediately at (440) 933-6226 to prevent damage to their system.
TURNING TROY STUDENTS INTO WATER WARRIORS

Avon Lake’s Class of 2023 got a look at how we “make the water” (and clean their wastewater). In a now-annual, three-day extravaganza, each day of the Water Warriors program includes: (1) an in-school session on water-infrastructure history and the urban water cycle; (2) a tour of our water filtration and wastewater treatment plants; and (3) classroom experiments. Our children can already take action to protect their lake, and we believe teaching them about their water is a key part of protecting our water supply. 🌊

THE WATER TOWER COMETH

Say goodbye to the water tower on Walker Road. Construction on its three-million-gallon replacement has begun. The structure will closely resemble Avon’s new water tower (see below) and is not expected to affect nearby residents or traffic. It will however, provide a powerful boost to the resiliency to Avon Lake’s water supply. (The old tower, built for a much smaller Avon Lake, is scheduled to be dismantled after project completion in late 2017.) 🌊

You helped Avon Lake’s Girl Scout Troop 539 collect nearly 70,000 bags. These young women are recycling the bags— by weaving them into these sturdy, comfortable, moisture-resistant mats for area nonprofit organizations to distribute to people in need to help them sleep more comfortably. Troop leader Jennifer Roberge expects work will continue throughout the summer.

CFLs (compact fluorescent lamps), the popular, energy-efficient bulbs you may have in your home, contain mercury vapor. To keep mercury out of Lake Erie, do not dispose of these bulbs in your home garbage or recycling bins. Instead, drop them off at CFL recycling locations at the front of home improvement stores such as Lowe’s or at Lorain County Solid Waste District, 540 Abbe Road open Monday and Wednesday from noon until 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

THANKS FOR THE SHOPPING BAGS!

Bring us your photos!

It’s not too late to enter your favorite photo of Lake Erie. Entries for the 2016 LOVE YOUR LAKE photo contest are due in mid July.

Visit avonlakewater.org for submission requirements.