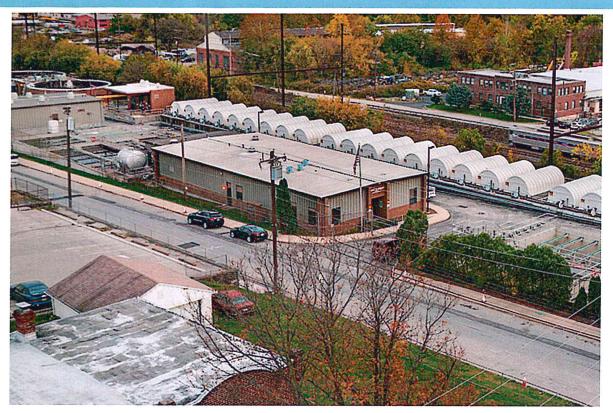
# News and Information for Customers of the Borough of Conshohocken Authority Volume 3 Issue 3 Winter 2016



## **Authority Highlights For 2016**

I. Tapping Fee Increase – The Conshohocken Borough Authority Board of Directors approved a Tapping Fee Increase from \$4,394.71 to \$5,600. The tapping fee is charged to new customers who are connecting to the Authority's sewer system. The fee is based on the Authority's equity in the sys-

tem and payment of the fee constitutes the new user's "buy-in" to the system.

II. BCA Applies for Grant – The BCA applied for PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant to help fund the BCA Interceptor Rehabilitation Project. The application is still under review.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

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CAROL SMITH Vice Chairman

Kyle Elliott Treasurer

ANITA BARTON Secretary

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#### MEETINGS

January 24 February 28 March 28 April 25 May 30 June 27

Meetings are held in the Authority Ofice: 601 East Elm St. Conshohocken

Meeting time 6:30 PM

### Tips To Avoid Frozen Pipes This Cold Winter Season

Leaky pipes that go unnoticed can easily become a broken pipe, and in freezing temperatures even healthy pipes are vulnerable. Here are ways to prevent pipes from breaking:

Insulate exposed pipes and

faucets outside and around your home, including those in unheated areas like basements, garages, attics or crawl-spaces.

• In severe cold, let cold water drip from faucets served by exposed pipes. Running a drip of water through the pipes helps prevent pipes from freezing because the temperature of the water is above freezing.

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## **Authority Looks Ahead to 2017**

#### **2017 Capital Projects**

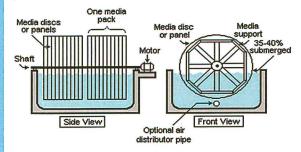
I. Odor Control Project - Is on schedule to be completed by the Spring of 2017.

II. RBC Replacement

What does the Authority plan to accom-

plish with this project?

The Rotating Biological Contactors (RBC) are at the end of its useful life cycle. The plant currently operates a total of 27 RBCs. The first 9 RBCs were replaced in 2010 with the understanding that the remaining 18 RBCs would be replaced in the future.



The RBCs are an important part of the treatment plant process. The RBC pro-

cess involves allowing the wastewater to come in contact with a biological medium in order to remove pollutants in the wastewater before discharge of the treated wastewater to the environment, usually a body of water (river, lake or ocean). Microorganisms grow on the surface of the discs where biological degradation takes place. By replacing the 9 units, the Authority will achieve a higher quality of discharge water to the Schuylkill River.

III. Interceptor Rehabilitation Project

What does the Authority plan to accom-

plish with this project?

The Authority's interceptor is currently experiencing excessive inflow/infiltration and as result, the production of additional flows is being received at the treatment plant. The sanitary sewer pipes are near the end of its useful life. By reducing the inflow/infiltration in the sanitary sewer interceptor, the flows to the treatment plant will be reduced, ultimately lowering operational costs of the plant. Another positive outcome would be additional capacity the treatment plant would have for future development.



# Tips to Frozen

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- · If a pipe does break on your property, know where your water meter is and how to turn water off immediately to avoid further damage and water waste.
- · If you are taking a vacation or will be away for several days, turn off your water at the meter in case damage occurs or ask someone to monitor your home in your absence.

# The Conshohocken Authority Wishes You A Safe New Year

## To Flush or Not to Flush?

These items should NOT be flushed down the toilet



- Baby wipes or diapers
   Disposable wipes
- Pesticides
- Feminine products
- Paint
- Fat, grease, oil
- Paper towels
- Pharmaceuticals
- Cat litter