Welcome to our First Edition of Streamline

Welcome to Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority’s (WVSA) first edition of Streamline—a quarterly newsletter providing you with important news, upcoming events, and helpful resources. In this edition, you’ll find insightful information about our stormwater management projects and events. Equally important is our wastewater treatment division, which recently marked its 50-year anniversary of service to our communities!

In addition, we encourage you to visit our website at wvsa.org, where you’ll find helpful information on billing services as well as several projects benefiting our communities and our environment.

Looking ahead, WVSA is committed to providing all community stakeholders with clear and consistent communications. We hope you find our first edition of Streamline to be informative and welcome suggested content for future editions @ wvsanews.net.

Thank you

Tires…shopping carts…a Barbie jeep and more were removed during WVSA’s inaugural stream cleanup event held November 2 at Spring Run (South Empire & Northampton Streets), Wilkes-Barre Twp. More than 20 volunteers from organizations including EPCAMR (Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation), Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC), Pennsylvania American Water, Roots Recovery Support Center, DHL Supply Chain Logistics and WVSA waded through weeds and water to remove decades old trash. In total, 18 tires, 32 bags of trash (2.2 tons) and five shopping carts were cleared from the site that feeds into Solomon Creek. What proved to be a popular dumping ground was vastly cleared—thanks to our dedicated volunteers who braved the cold and stayed the course from morning until noon.

The cleanup project allowed volunteers to earn stormwater fee credits for their preferred nonprofit organization. Designated organizations that will benefit include the SPCA and VA Medical Center.
LET IT SNOW...
THE CLEAN WAY

It’s that time of year where snow builds up, freezes, and melts. While the ground is often frozen at the surface, melting snow can’t infiltrate into soil the way a light or moderate rain can. When snow builds up over several small storm events without melting in between, it can cause local flooding. At the same time, that melting snow is picking up debris and pollutants, including deicing salts and chemicals that eventually flow to local waterways.

What to do?
- Pile snow in locations with the most opportunity to infiltrate into the ground and where water doesn’t pond, such as lawns.
- For dry, powdery snow, try to shovel or sweep it immediately to avoid using deicers.
- For heavier snow, apply salt or deicers after the storm has finished.
- Remember, more salt does not equal faster melting; more salt and deicers mean more chloride that’s toxic to fish and plants.
- Aim for a 3-inch spread between salt granules or one pound per 250 square feet of pavement. For more information, visit wvsa.org/stormwater-management.

IN YOUR TOWNS

Stormwater Management by the Numbers (2019)

716 catch basins cleaned
81 catch basins repaired
2,433 miles of streets swept
Basin debris removed: 238 tons
Street debris removed: 1,915 tons

Earth Day Student Challenge

In advance of Earth Day, WVSA will be challenging 4th – 6th grade students to its Name the Otter Contest. The otter is part of the Authority’s stormwater management logo often used for program outreach. Teachers interested in having students participate in the contest should call 570-825-3902 or email wvsanews.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WVSA Board of Directors Meeting
January 21, 2020
February 18, 2020
March 17, 2020

Dates subject to change. Visit wvsa.org/upcoming-events.

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