



NEWSPLASH

News for Customers of the Erie Water Works
Third Quarter 2020

EWW's Response to COVID-19

The Erie Water Works (EWW) is an essential, life-sustaining business. Potable water service, along with public fire protection are critical to the health, safety and overall well-being of the residents and businesses in Northwest Pennsylvania.

As soon as Governor Wolf signed the emergency disaster declaration in early March we began taking steps to assure the safety of our employees and the public we serve.

EWW team members take great pride in delivering safe, uninterrupted, high quality water service to a population of more than 220,000. All of our 110 employees are committed

to continuing operations in the safest manner possible every single day.

The John J. McCormick Jr. Administration Building on the Bayfront Parkway has been closed to the public since March 16, 2020. A payment drop box is located outside the building for customers wishing to avoid postage or who simply didn't know the lobby was closed. Many customers have become familiar with the various payment options we have available on our website. Customers can also make a payment by phone by dialing the number in the blue banner below. Be sure to have your bill handy as you'll need your account number to

access your account or make a payment.

Businesses that may have been shut down for an extended period of time are encouraged to flush their building's water system in accordance with CDC guidelines. More information and tips for flushing can be found on our website www.eriewater.org.

EWW employees are required to wear a face covering. We ask that our customers practice safe social distancing and wear a face covering should you have an EWW employee at your home or business. Together we will get through this pandemic.

Pay online at www.eriewater.org or
by phone at 1-855-907-3211

2020 Water Line Projects

Construction Season is underway for EWW. Below is a list of ongoing or upcoming water line projects. Residents and businesses in these areas will receive correspondence or other notification in advance of any work that will include important project details. As you're out and about this construction season please use extreme caution when approaching ANY work zone to keep everyone safe!

<u>Water Main Projects</u>	<u>Intersections / Location</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>When</u>
Boyer Road, Creek Lane, Wildwood Way	6 Mile Creek – Iroquois Ave	Harborcreek	June – September
Francis Street	Willow Street – Station Road	Wesleyville	June – July
Gray Avenue	@ Willow Street	Wesleyville	June – July
State Street	21 st – 26 th	City of Erie	July – November
West 30th Street	@ Legion Road	Millcreek	July – Sept
Brooks Street	@ Colonial Avenue	Millcreek	July – Sept
West 36th Street	@ Pacific Avenue	Millcreek	July – Sept
West Gore Road	@ Lexington Street	Millcreek	July – Sept
East Grandview Blvd	Carney Ave. & English Ave	City of Erie	July – Sept
Chestnut Hill Drive	Roslindale – Dorchester	City of Erie	TBD
Miller Avenue	Chestnut Hill – Elwood Ave	City of Erie	TBD
Marshall & Forest Drive	North of West Lake	Millcreek	TBD

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The "Big Bertha" Open House scheduled in conjunction with Celebrate Erie on August 15, 2020 has been canceled.

The Erie Water Works 2019 Water Quality Report is available on our website.

Visit "www.eriewater.org/wqr/2019wqr.erie.pdf"

To have a paper copy mailed to your home please call 814-870-8000 ext. 299.



American Water Works Association

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The American Water Works Association (AWWA), founded in 1881, is the largest organization of water supply professionals in the world. AWWA's membership includes more than 4,300 utilities that supply roughly 80 percent of the nation's drinking water and treat almost half of the nation's wastewater. AWWA has 43 Sections throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. Pennsylvania became its own Section in 1948 and consists of six districts. Erie is located in the NW PA District. Erie Water Works employees have been members of PA AWWA since it was formed. Craig Palmer, Senior Manager of Engineering Services at EWW, currently serves as the PA Section Chair. Paul Vojtek, EWW's CEO, served as Section Treasurer from 2005-2017.

The Johnson Reservoirs and Pump Station located near East 38th and Page Street are named after Erie's very first Section Chair, Mr. John D. (Jack) Johnson who served in 1951. Mr. Johnson retired from the City of Erie Water Department in 1963 after 55 years of service.

PA AWWA and AWWA provide training opportunities for water treatment plant operators and engineers. Other member benefits include keeping up to date on current and emerging environmental regulations, learning best practices from other utilities (based on research and studies reported through AWWA Publications), as well as maintaining key industry contacts such as equipment vendors, contractors, engineers, and scientists who can help the Erie Water Works meet our mission.

State Street Water Main Replacement Project

EWW will be replacing water mains along State Street between 21st and 26th streets in the City of Erie. This project, valued at approximately \$900,000, represents a collaborative effort between EWW, the City of Erie, and property owners in order to make a significant long-term investment in the infrastructure and sustainability of the City.

The project will replace aging 12-inch and 6-inch water mains with one new 12-inch water main. The existing mains to be replaced were originally installed between 1904 and 1953 and have had many breaks in recent years. These breaks interrupt water service to many customers, cause major traffic disruptions, and lead to expensive pavement restoration.

The project has been awarded to Konzel Construction of Erie PA. Construction is expected to start in July, and will likely last about 5 months. There may be occasional traffic restrictions and road closures. EWW appreciates the patience and cooperation of customers, business owners, and motorists as this important project is completed.

As part of the project, EWW worked with the City of Erie Public Works Department on a detailed plan to safely abandon the "Koehler Tunnel". This tunnel linked the east and west side of State Street as part of the Koehler Brewery campus many years ago. This project includes filling the tunnel with low strength concrete to ensure that portion of State Street remains properly supported for decades to come.



Pictured left is the abandoned "Koehler Tunnel" running across State Street. Construction will replace water main from 21st - 26th streets.

