

Carroll Township News

Thanks for flushing our business down the drain!

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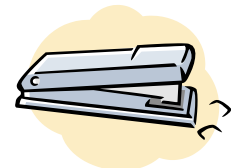
It's Here - You only have a couple more weeks to sign up for our first email billing! It will start with the March billing. CTA will be able to email your bill directly to your email address! If you would prefer to have your bill emailed to you instead of being mailed through the postal service, please either stop in the office, log onto our website (www.carrolltownshipauthority.com), or call for a registration form.

Corning Ware - The Corning Glass Plant in Charleroi has been around for many decades and we're sure just about everybody has a piece of Corning Ware in their cupboard at home. Here's how it was discovered: in 1952 a research scientist at Corning in New York was working on a project. A piece of glass was being heated in a furnace, the thermostat malfunctioned, and the temperature soared past 900° C. Instead of a blob of glass, he discovered an intact piece with a creamy white ceramic appearance. As the glass was removed from the furnace, it dropped to the floor without breaking. These two incidents, heating glass a second time, turned it into a very hard ceramic material—and the discovery of Corning Ware.



School Zone Traffic Alert - The new Ringgold Elementary Center in Carroll Township has flashing yellow school zone lights along Route #837. These signals are in operation during the opening and closing hours of the school day. Some motorists are not heeding these signals when active and they face the associated traffic penalties. Please slow down! For our children's sake!

Just a Note - Please don't staple your check or money order to your payment stub when paying your sewage bill. Removing the staple damages the check or money order and makes it difficult to run through our scanner.



*"Nobody will ever win the battle of the sexes.
There's too much fraternizing with the enemy."*

Henry Kissinger

FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Included below in this month's newsletter is a copy of the CTA 2012 Budget. A detailed copy is available on line at our web site; www.carrolltownshipauthority.com or in our office for public inspection.

As our budget was being developed for 2012, we prepared it to deal with the challenges that face the Carroll Township Authority. Throughout the 2011 year we dealt with a year that had significant rainfall and some of the highest flows we have experienced in recent years. The 2011 year budgeted for treatment costs to Monongahela Authority in the amount of \$950,000 which was a significant increase over the previous year. Actual treatment costs paid to the Monongahela Authority amounted to \$1,192,000 or \$242,000 over budget. This did not include the \$210,000 in overrun charges which our customers paid. The rate for 2012 that we will pay for sewage treatment was reduced which will allow the authority to recover from the deficit costs that were paid in 2011.

The Carroll Township Authority continues to work to improve our collection system which consists of 45 miles of sewage lines, 1,100 manholes and 15 pump stations. Our system is over 35 years old and in need of upgrades. In late 2010 a rehabilitation project in the amount of approximately \$1,000,000 was completed and funded with no outside funding. As a result we saw increase in our debt future debt service. This year, 2012, we will be completing Phase II of our continued rehabilitation initiative with project costing approximately, \$500,000. This will be funded primarily with an H2O grant as well as Local Share funds. Phase III is being planned for 2013 with an estimated cost of \$900,000. The Carroll Authority was just notified last month of funding approval from Pennvest by way of a low interest loan. We also anticipate additional funding support from Local Share funds.

The Carroll Authority has been conducting discussions with the Monongahela Authority regarding a new contract covering treatment costs and overrun charges. Talks are continuing and have remained positive. Additionally discussions have occurred with other neighboring authorities for the purpose of possible treatment of sewage from Carroll Township after our current contract expires.

The Carroll Authority looks forward to a very busy 2012 and the opportunity to serve our residents.

Carroll Township Authority 2012 Operating Budget

<u>REVENUE</u>			<u>REVENUE REQUIREMENTS</u>		
	<u>2011 Budget</u>	<u>2012 Budget</u>		<u>2011 Budget</u>	<u>2012 Budget</u>
Residential	\$1,540,000	\$1,620,000	Administration	\$ 150,300	\$147,900
Commercial	576,000	500,000	Billing & Collection	23,000	26,500
Interest (Revenue Fund)	1,000	1,000	Operation & Maintenance	417,200	462,450
Refunds/Miscellaneous	2,000	2,000	Insurance	143,000	158,000
No lien - DS	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	Sewage Treatment		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,122,000	\$2,126,000	MACM	950,000	830,000
			MVA	70,000	75,000
			Debt Service & Coverage	<u>363,600</u>	<u>398,800</u>
			TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,117,000	\$2,098,650
			REQUIREMENTS		
			SURPLUS		\$27,350

CTA Public Meeting - The next public meeting of the Carroll Township Authority will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2011 starting at 6pm located at the Municipal Building, 130 Baird Street, Monongahela.