Lake County Department of Utilities Unidirectional Flushing Program



Aquarius Water Plant History

- Water Plant was put on line in 1985
 - Rated for 20MGD
 - Five High Service pumps
 - Three 8MGD pumps with Golden Anderson control valves
 - Two 4MGD pumps with Golden Anderson control valves
 - Valve issues
 - 2010 one 8MGD pump was converted to a VFD
 - 2011 second 8MGD pump was converted to a VFD
 - Set for pressure
 - Flow setting

Distribution System History

Cleveland Water

Surface water fed from west to east

- Eastlake
- Lakeline
- Timberlake
- Wickliffe
- Willowick
- Willoughy Hills

Willoughby Water (Daniels Park)

River water plant fed from south to north

- Willoughby
- Aquarius Water Plant

Surface Water feeds water east to west

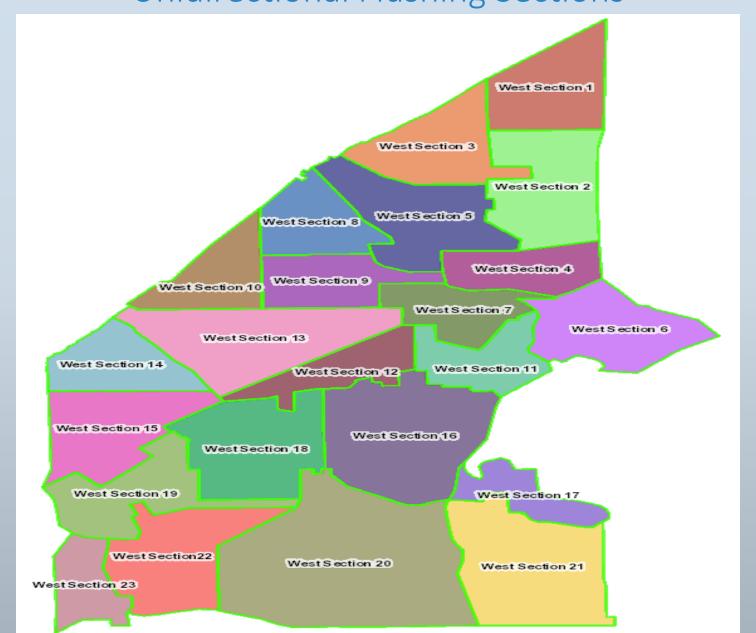
West Sub-district Pressure Districts



Why We Started?

- Inaccurate valve surveys
- Only distribution crews could turn valves and others needed to learn the distribution system
- Better communication
- Large employee turnover
- No touch policy

West Sub-district Unidirectional Flushing Sections



Unidirectional flushing

- Started in our East Sub-District in 2010
 - 23 Sections
 - Larger area
 - Smaller Customer base
 - Rural area
 - Newer water mains
- West Sub-District
 - 23 Sections
 - Cleveland Suburbs
 - Older water mains
 - High population density



Personnel

Distribution Maintenance Crews

- Prior to flushing
 - Locate valves
 - Raise valve boxes as needed
 - Clean valve boxes as needed
- Quality Assurance Crew (3 man crew)
 - According to the flushing zones that have been established create work orders for the section being flushed
 - Multiple work orders may be needed
 - Add assets on to work order and create inspections for each individual asset.

Equipment

❖ Valve Machine

- Jack Hammer
- Pressure washer
- GPS
 - Trimble Recon
 - Bluetooth antenna
- Valve Machine Software
- Valve Turner
- Vacuum
- 300 gallon holding tank
- Tool Box
- LPD Dechlor Tablets



Pro City Nut Replacement Kit

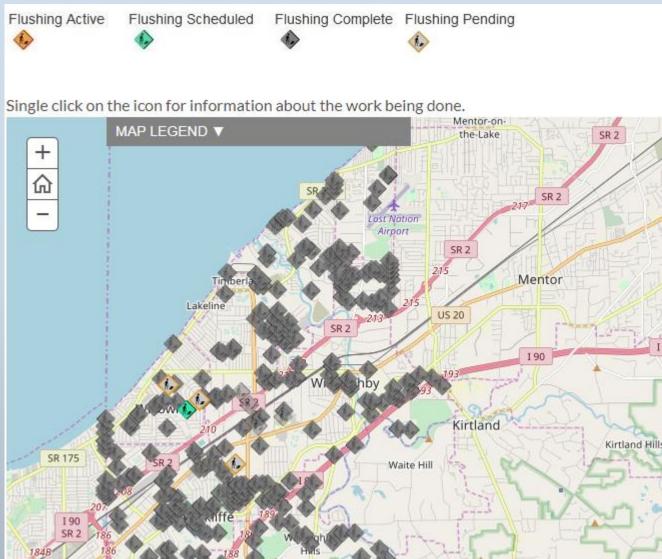




Flushing Commences

Notification

- News Paper
- Webpage
- Fire Department
- City Personnel
- Utilities Personnel
- Updates



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Work Orders Icons

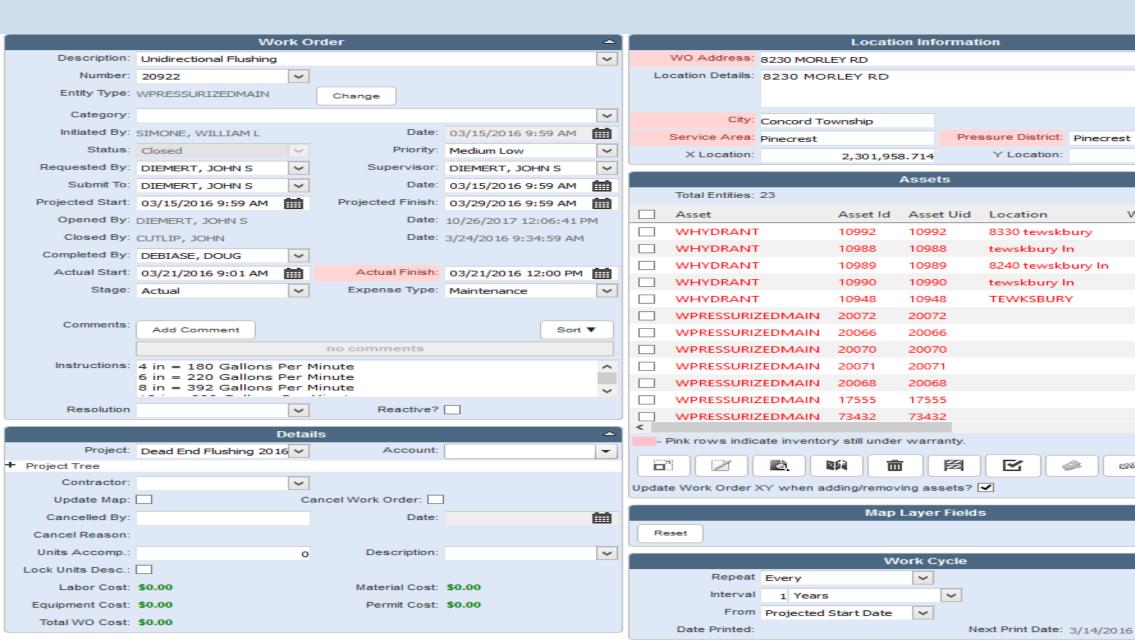


Work Order

723,156.655

Warranty Date

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Inspections

Inspection Id:	13	Work Order Id:	20922	Inspection Id	13	Work Order Id: 20922
General Cus	stom Fields					
Hydrant Id:	10988	Inspected By:	~	General Cu	stom Fields	
Inspected On:	03/21/2016			General	Stom rieius	
Location:	8240 TEWKSBURY LN			Catagon		
X:	2301937.659	Y:	723579.404	Category	Unidirectional Flushing	<u> </u>
	Functioning	Water Condition:	Clear			
	B-500 to 999 gpm	7		Gallons Per Minute	е	392
Manufacturer:	Kennedy					
Model:		Year:		Minutes Flushed	d	12
Barrel Diameter:		Number of Nozzles:	3	Total Gallons	S 4	,704
Seat Diameter:		Update Map:		10121 0211011	7,	,704
Nozzle Size		Connection		Chlorine	e	0.8
First:	210		2.5	System Pressure	Δ	00
Condition	4.5	, routin.		- System ressure	~	90
Check those items the	hat need repair.					
Caps:		Valve Seat:				
Chains:		Branch Valve:				
Paint:	✓	Hydrant Valve:				
Stem:		Packing:				
Pintle:		Drainage:				
Nozzles:		Was hydrant	✓			
		flushed:				
Comments						
Repairs:						
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REPAIRS/BREAKS

Breaks

- Distribution crews are notified immediately and all flushing is stopped until repairs are made
- Work orders for the break are created by the distribution crews

*Repairs

- Service request are sent to the proper personnel via email immediately after inspections are completed
- Distribution crews are scheduled to fix or repair the asset that is not functioning properly

Solving problems

- Does not replace dead end flushing
 - Minimum twice a year

\$ Issues

- Valves
 - Closed
 - Broken
 - Partially closed
 - Stainless bolts
- Hydrants
- Breaks
- Flooding
- Drainage

Financial Ramifications

- **❖** Valve Machine
 - **\$55,000**
- Operating Nut replacement Tool
 - **\$4,000**
- Hydrants

❖ Valves

- Most of the problems involved the operating nut
- Road Repair
 - Upon completion of our first 3 sections we saved over \$110,000 on road repairs.
- Overtime

FAQ

- What is the field crew doing and why?
- I lost water service. Why, and what do I do?
- Will I be paying for the water used in flushing?
- Why does flush water (hydrant or Sink) appear discolored?
- How do I get rid of the discolored appearance?
- Is the water safe to drink?
- Is this counterproductive to conservation?
- Does discharged water affect the environment?
- ➤ Why is the Utilities Department doing it? Aren't the water pipes clean?
- ➤ What else do Lake County Department of Utilities water customers need to know to prepare for the flushing process?
- Who do I call with questions?