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2012 Veterans Memorial Bridge & Subway Tour



The Veterans Memorial Bridge and subway tour was an enormous success on Saturday, July 7th attracting 1,118 visitors to the subway level of the Veterans Memorial Bridge. Visitors

traveled from all over the country from Chicago, El Paso, Texas, Phoenix, Arizona and as far west as Sacramento, California. I would like to personally thank all the employees that volunteered their time and knowledge, without them this tour would not have been as successful; Michelle Carter, Judy Cetina, Paul Ciupa, Maria Cordaro, Scot Davis, Doug Dillon, Mark Elsesser, Karen Gonzalez, Celia Jenkins, Rickie Jenkins, Don Jerele, Valeria Price, Carolyn Ragan, Lou Ragone, Bonnie Teeuwen, Lisa Willey and Mike Zavoda. Also working behind the



Subway Level looking East

scenes were Joe Conway and Scott Harley. This was the first year that Judy Cetina gave an hourly presentation on the history of the bridge and subway level, visitors thoroughly enjoyed listening to her presentation. There were exhibitors displaying trolley memorabilia from Northern Ohio

Railway Museum and Mid-West Preservation Society. Volunteers representing the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter were also on hand with photos of many dogs that are presently up for adoption, they wished they could have

had some of the dogs visit the tour but it was much too hot for the dogs to be out in 98 degree weather. Past enthusiasm shown by thousands of Greater Clevelanders for the past 11 years who already experienced our bridge and subway tours pro-



Subway Level looking West

vides us with the duty to continue and improve this unique, nostalgic glimpse of Cleveland's transportation history.

Lateral Services Department

In 2010 the **House** and the **Inflow and Infiltration (I&I)** Departments were combined to streamline the needs of the 34 communities they service to become the Lateral Services Department. The department is the most diverse out of the five departments of the Sanitary Engineers Division. Because of this diversity the department is supervised by two: Suzanne Britt and John Gribble.

Most calls from residences or businesses are due to their lateral being blocked. The lateral is the pipe from their sanitary stack to the mains at the street. Many times they have raw sewage in their basements leaving their homes or businesses out of commission. When arriving at the job the crew must first find the riser/cleanout. The riser runs perpendicular to the lateral and it is where they run the snake from. If it's not visible the crew accesses the original building permit from our data base, measures the distance, and probes the ground trying to locate the riser. Many times they dig 4X4X2 areas to unearth said riser.

Sometimes the riser has been concreted over or is under heavy tree roots or there is no permit on record. In these instances they will enter the basements with their heavy equipment and hopefully give relief by snaking via the sanitary stack.

If, in the course of opening the blocked lateral, a crew detects that there may be additional problems than it being blocked they will lateral camera the line. Often they find broken or cracked laterals that need to be repaired. This can save homeowners and businesses valuable time and money.

Dye/smoke testing crews are normally called upon by cities experiencing severe flooding. Many homes have downspouts connected to their sanitary lines and under large rain events the sanitary sewers become overloaded with storm water leading to flooding of homes. Dye/smoke testing can also determine if the sanitary lateral is cross connected to the storm main leading to pollution of our streams, rivers and lake.

The department also uses and monitors flow meters in the mains during both dry and wet weather conditions. The data is passed forward to engineers who determine if sewer problems are due to infiltration at joints or if new homes or businesses can be added to the system in place.

Various other duties are performed by the Lateral Services Department such as: inspection of manholes and catch basins, installing pans in manholes, bringing risers up to grade and investigating sink holes. The department works closely with city and county engineers as well as service directors, mayors and residents.

The department consists of ten trucks that are dispatched on a daily basis throughout the county. In 2011 they snaked 9,722 residences, performed 451 dye/smoke tests and videoed 2,888 residences/businesses. The department is also on 24 hour—on-call for emergency maintenance.

GOOD NEWS!

Magistrate Michelle C. Edwards from the Domestic Relations Court sent Otilio Morales, Facilities Superintendent an e-mail bringing to his attention the actions of two wonderful employees **Mark Atkins, Custodial Worker** and **Roger Periandri, Custodial Work Supervisor**. Upon going home one evening, Magistrate Edwards noticed that her 26 year wedding anniversary diamond bracelet was not on her arm. Unbeknownst to her it had a loose clasp and had fallen off of her arm. When she arrived at

work the following morning, her bracelet was hanging on her computer monitor. She then tracked down Mark and asked whether he was the person who found the bracelet. Mark gave credit to Roger for finding the bracelet right outside the Magistrate's office door. Both Roger and Mark graciously declined a small financial reward.

Nichole English, Transportation Planning Engineer emailed Michael Dever, Maintenance Administrator, letting him know of the great staff that works for the De-

partment of Public Works. Nichole along with the CBRE the county's real estate program manager completed the building tours of potential sale properties, **Ben Cannon, Building Maintenance Superintendent, Dave Bania, Pipefitter, Tom Regas, Building and Grounds Superintendent, Curt Causinau, Stationary Engineer** and **Ricky Jenkins, Yard Supervisor** all were very helpful and informative as they met the group at the designated buildings and led them around each

property and offered insights that CBRE found very helpful. They were all quick to adjust their schedules on such short notice to accommodate the group.



SAFETY:



Ready for a trip to the beach, a hike in the woods or a back yard-barbeque? Make sure you know how to prevent common problems that could ruin your summer fun. **Food Poisoning**, minimize your risks when warmer weather promotes bacterial growth.

Clean your hands often with sanitizer or soap and water and rinse all your produce before cutting or eating. When preparing food use clean utensils and cutting boards. Keep perishable food below 40 degrees. Perishable food can become inedible when left

out over two hours or one hour above 90 degrees. **Heat Illness**, it is easy to overheat during various exercise or rigorous work. Drink water before, during and after exercise or work. Do your heaviest work in the coolest part of the day. Take breaks, during activ-

ity, preferably in a cool spot, and reduce exertion at the first signs of illness (cramps, headaches, nausea). With a few precautions you can still enjoy the outdoors.





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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT....

Denise Steve, Facility Supervisor has worked for the Department of Public Works for the last 30 years. She works from the Huntington Park Garage where she oversees all special events and makes sure that the daily operations of the county parking garages and lots run smoothly, from customer service

to report writing. Away from the job Denise enjoys gardening, photography and any type of physical activity. She plays intramural women’s volleyball and takes great pride and joy in coaching girls basketball. For the last 19 years, Denise has coached at St. Ignatius Elementary School, in Cleveland. This year the

girls 5-8th grade division won the Basketball Championship, Denise has been waiting for this honor since she began coaching. Denise and her husband David have two children two children Helen 17 and Joseph 19.



What is a Locavore?

In the quest to eat fresh, healthy food and be kind to the environment, a movement has sprung up to eat vegetables grown nearby, for instance, “Locavores” believe they are supporting local farmers and businesses, getting fresher food and being “green” by reducing the amount of fuel required to transport food over long distances. If you’re interested in the locavores ap-

proach you can try supporting local farmers and bakers, read labels or ask your grocer about the country or origin of foods. Your supermarket may start buying more locally grown food if enough shoppers request it. If you have a chance, please visit the Cuyahoga County Farmer’s Market, featuring the Garden Boyz. The goal of the Garden Boyz project is to provide locally

grown food for the Cleveland community as well as positive, potentially life changing work experience for urban teen boys living in Cleveland’s Central neighborhood. The boys work after school during the spring and fall and throughout the summer at their one half acre parcel of land on E. 35th Street. In addition to starting and planting, they are also responsible for preparing

their produce for sale and setting up and staffing their market stands. The market will make available fresh locally grown, organic produce from kale to flowers every Friday this summer from 11:00 a.m.~ 2:00 p.m. in the lobby of the County Administration Building, cash only.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY... AUGUST 2012

08/02 *Kariel Jonson*

08/04 *Frederick W. Whatley*

08/04 *Gayle Lewin*

08/05 *Ronald R. Willoughby*

08/06 *Thaddeus Gates*

08/08 *Daniel A. Giersz, II*

08/08 *Chaquita Crittenden*

08/09 *Scott B. Grant*

08/10 *Quiana Brown*

08/11 *Stephen Mulloy*

08/11 *Joseph S. Harley*

08/13 *Thomas L. Coleman*

08/13 *Leroy Turner Jr.*

08/13 *Catherine Cobb*

08/14 *Bennie Russell*

08/14 *Donald Ehlert*

08/16 *James Rochford, Jr.*

08/17 *Julio Swift, Jr.*

08/17 *Joshua Dress*

08/18 *Sean Hanna*

08/18 *Aloysius Hoenigman*

08/18 *Gregory J. Flowers*

08/19 *John Parker*

08/19 *Meighan Hayden*

08/21 *Alvin Jacobs*

08/21 *Willa Jordan*

08/21 *Kenneth Lewis*

08/22 *Jamal H. Husani*

08/22 *Toni Cousett*

08/23 *Marie D. Sigmon*

08/24 *Steven Frimel*

08/24 *Donald Barcy*

08/24 *Donald Monachino, Jr.*

08/25 *Larry Flowers*

08/26 *Kenneth C. Szekeley*

08/27 *Michael W. Chambers*

08/27 *John Schweda*

08/28 *Julius Hardy*

08/28 *Daniel Dempsey*

08/30 *Thomas C. Kincer*

08/31 *Donna Albert*

