

# Caledonia Utility District Newsletter

Summer 2020

## District Merger

### *Reduced Costs & Redundancy*

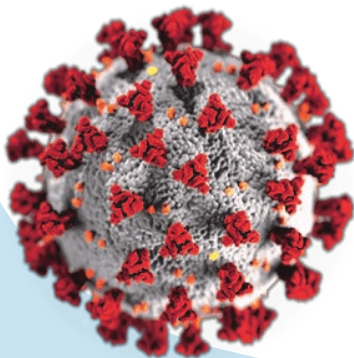
Effective December 23, 2017, the Village of Caledonia merged the Caledonia Storm Water Utility District, the Caledonia Water Utility District, and the Caledonia Sewer Utility District into the Village of Caledonia Utility District. This merger eliminated redundancy on various tasks and provides efficiencies within all three utilities. The merger also allows all three utilities to collaborate on projects to reduce overall costs.

## COVID-19

### *Changes We've Made*

In response to COVID -19, the Caledonia Utility District has changed several parts of its operation. We have temporarily suspended water meter change-outs and no longer accept in-person utility bill payments at the Utility District Office.

For the convenience of customers who want to drop off their bill payments, we have added a drop box just outside the Utility District Office entrance (in addition to the existing box on 4 ½ Mile Road).



## Don't Flush This

Why should you care what gets flushed down your toilet? Two reasons: First, anything other than human waste and toilet paper has the potential for doing expensive damage to your home plumbing system. Second, even if the item escapes your home's plumbing system, the sewage blockages that end up in larger pipes affect many more people than just your family. More blockages ultimately translate to a larger public bill.

Leading the **Do Not Flush** list are so-called "**flushable wipes**". This group of "**disposable**" rags includes **personal cleansing wipes, baby wipes, anti-bacterial cloths, and household or automobile cleaning rags**.

These items do not biodegrade as promised, and they create a lot of problems in our sewer system...from sewer mains all the way to lift stations. They build up in our system because they don't come apart.

For the same reason, please **Do Not Flush tissues, paper towels, or tissue paper**. These items are designed to hold together when wet, and that is what they do.

The list could be endless, but please **Do Not Flush** these other commonly flushed items: **cotton balls and swabs, condoms, dental floss, or hazardous waste (paint, medications, syringes, motor oil, and gasoline)**.

Note: The City of Racine holds hazardous waste collection events, where Caledonia residents may bring their materials for free disposal. Find collection dates at [CityofRacine.org](http://CityofRacine.org).

The next scheduled collection event is July 18. The drop off site is located at 6200 21st Street.

Thank you for your cooperation.



# Project Updates

## We're Working for You

### Lighthouse Drive Lift Station Upgrade

The Caledonia Utility District is currently working on upgrading the sanitary sewer lift station pumps, lift station controls, and back-up generator for the Lighthouse Drive lift station. This project will allow the Utility to control the lift station more efficiently while operating, and provide an acceptable back-up power source in the event of a power outage.

### Wind Point West Storm Water Utility Improvements Project

This project, also in progress, will update the storm sewer and storm water system within the project area. The existing storm sewer will be replaced with an appropriately sized storm sewer, and storm sewer laterals will be provided for owners to connect their sump pumps to the system. This will ultimately eliminate the wet ditches within the subdivision.

The sanitary sewer within the project area will also be lined to reduce Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) into the sanitary sewer system.

Projected to be completed around Labor Day, this work is being done ahead of a Village road resurfacing project scheduled for next year.

### South Lane Sanitary Sewer Relay Project

The Caledonia Utility District is nearly underway on relaying the gravity sanitary sewer in South Lane. The sanitary sewer is being replaced due to a Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) problem from the upstream force main. H<sub>2</sub>S has deteriorated the existing sanitary sewer manholes and sewer main. For this project, the Utility will be installing polymer concrete manholes. These manholes are corrosion-proof to H<sub>2</sub>S, making them a viable solution for the long term.

### Rio Vista, Shorewood, and Stonebridge Utility Improvements Project

Another project nearly underway is the water main replacement on Rio Vista Road, Shorewood Drive, and Stonebridge Drive West. These are areas where there is a long history of water main breaks, which this project will alleviate. Included in this project is lining several sections of sanitary sewer main to reduce I/I. This work is also being initiated ahead of a Village road resurfacing project scheduled for next year.

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The Caledonia Utility District Commission meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at the district office. Meetings start at 6:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

Agendas are available online at  
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