

# Kegonsa Sanitary District

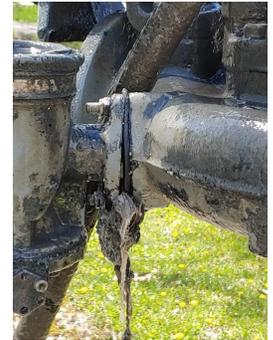
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## June 2020—Message From The Commissioners

### COVID-19 Crisis

The picture shows what happened to a pump at Pump Station C when flushable wipes, rags, and mop head strings clogged up. The photo shows the “flush valve” is separated from the pump. This caused elevated pump hours at the station, and the pump efficiency was compromised. The electricity costs were higher at the station too. Again, we ask you for your cooperation in flushing only the three P’s—Pee, Poop, and Paper. As this newsletter goes to print, it is before Governor Evers’ Safer at Home Order projected end date of May 26. We want to make you all aware of the precautions we have made for the District’s employees. The District operates with a shared labor agreement with the Pleasant Springs Sanitary District. When the Safer at Home Order was declared, we suspended the shared labor agreement. There are only three employees that maintain both Districts. We felt it necessary to separate them for exposure risks. The only reason they would be allowed to “work” together is in an emergency. Please be respectful of social distancing in the coming months. The employees will be out doing routine maintenance, please just wave to them from a distance. By flushing only the three P’s, you are doing your part to ensure there will not be an emergency. Again, **do not flush** the following items, please dispose of these items in your trash:



- **Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.**
- Diapers, socks, rags, cloth, cleaning rags—all should be disposed of in your garbage!
- Sanitary napkins or tampons. Place personal hygiene products and feminine products in a wastebasket and dispose of it in your garbage.
- Collect grease and fats in a heat-resistant container, **cool**, and dispose of it in your garbage.
- Collect animal waste and dispose of it in your garbage. **No kitty litter in the toilet!**
- Goldfish stone, when cleaning fish tanks, **do not flush** the rocks down the toilet!
- Seafood shells, egg shells
- Batteries, Glass, Metal
- Plastic objects (toys, utensils, etc.)
- Coffee grounds
- Paint—not rinsing a paintbrush, but half a gallon of left over paint.



If you use a cleaning service, please make them aware that their cleaning supplies should be put in the trash, not flushed down the toilet! **If we find negligence on the part of the homeowner for the grinder pump failing, the homeowner will be charged for the repairs!** This would include the cost to pump out the basin, the parts that need to be replaced in the pump, and our service operator’s labor.

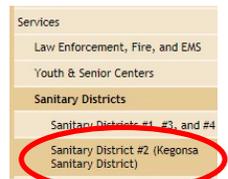
### New District Service Van

Recently, we took delivery of the District’s new service van. Our old van served the District for 16 years! We hope this van will serve us for that length of time as well. And just in case you needed a reminder of what not to flush, we put it on the back of the van!



### We’re on the Web!

The District has a link on the Town of Dunn’s website! The Town’s web address is: [www.http://town.dunn.wi.us/](http://town.dunn.wi.us/) Once there you will find our contact information, monthly agenda, sign-up form for automatic billing, and a link to our latest Newsletter.



### Payment Drop Box

Don’t forget, we have installed a payment drop box for you to drop off payments when the office is closed. The drop box is located in the service entrance door next to garage door #1.



## Commissioners

Mike Sherry, President  
Dan Hillery, Secretary  
Mike Petersen, Treasurer

### Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and  
Friday 8:00 a.m. to noon

### Service Operators are on Duty

Monday-Friday  
7:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

- The Commission's regular monthly meeting is generally held the first Monday of each month. Agendas are posted at the Dunn Town Hall, on the Town's website, Quick Stop, and the Sanitary District Office.
- Please continue to send your sewer user charge payments directly to the Sanitary District office to be processed. The address to send your payments to is:  
PO Box 486  
Stoughton, WI 53589
- For those of you who **share grinder pumps**, we believe that \$17 per home, per year is accurate for the power cost to run the grinder pump(s). If you share a grinder pump with your neighbor and the electricity to run the grinder pump comes from their home, you should be paying your neighbor your share of the electricity to run the grinder pump. It is your job to be a good neighbor.

## Spring Reminder!

Our service operators inform us that many residents have planted trees and/or bushes very close to the grinder pump basin. If you have a grinder pump basin on your property, please be sure to prune/trim the plants so our service operators can gain access to the pump should repairs be necessary. Also, if you require service please remove any large decorative items that may be on top of the basin prior to the service operator's arrival.



## Inflow and Infiltration

The total portion of user charges, which are attributable to wastewater treatment services and paid by the Kegonsa Sanitary District to Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 was \$126,407.56. In this time period the District pumped 46,086,427 gallons to MMSD for treatment. This is a reduction of 2,707,736 gallons from the previous time period! Again, 2019 saw historic rains and flooding. Our daily recordings show a significant increase in flow with every rain event. We believe the main cause of increased flows during rain events are sump pumps connected to the system. While we saw improvement, we all need to all do our part and make sure sump pumps are not connected to the sewer system. Remember it is a violation of KSD's Sewer Use Ordinance and MMSD's Sewer Use Ordinance to discharge clear water into the sanitary sewer.

We know you are concerned with the sewer charge rate. Following is a comparison of gallons pumped to MMSD and what we were charged for treatment in the past three years:

Date	Charged	Gallons
04/01/2019-03/31/2020	\$126,407.56	46,086,427
04/01/2018-03/31/2019	\$136,404.70	48,794,163
04/01/2017-03/31/2018	\$132,719.68	48,021,886

## Automatic Bill Payment Program

We are pleased to be able to offer you this convenient way to pay your quarterly sewer user charges. Currently, 239 customers are using the program. If you choose to sign up, this service will start with the September 1, 2020 billing. There are no charges for this service, but just like when you pay with a check, any transfers refused because of insufficient funds or a closed account will incur a service charge of \$25. Contact Cindy in the office if you have questions.

### Automatic Bill Payment Enrollment Form (Please Print)

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

New Sign up       Change (Checking Account)

Kegonsa Sanitary District Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like my Quarterly Invoice emailed to me, email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize the Kegonsa Sanitary District to charge my checking account quarterly for sewer user charges until further notice.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

You must include a **voided check** so that we can record the correct banking information. Please return this form to the District office. Kegonsa Sanitary District, PO Box 486, Stoughton, WI 53589.