



Laboratory Space Has Been Completed

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The final stage of our first phase of renovations has been completed at K.S.D. In March, staff occupied the new administrative building at 44 Water Street. This allowed our contractors to renovate the old administrative space located inside the treatment plant into an up to date laboratory, office space, and operator's room. The new laboratory greatly improved our ability to perform the daily lab tests required. The operator's room provides much needed space for our employees to complete their necessary work assignments and research. If anyone is interested, we welcome you to call and schedule a tour of our new facilities or plant.



Graduation Day



Danny Boissoneault recently completed Management Candidate School. This was a year long program with 22 other water professionals from around the State designed to prepare students for career advancement in the wastewater field. Congrats!

Waterford Greene Pump Station Nearing Completion

The Waterford Greene pump station has been upgraded by our staff. New pumps and a control panel have been installed and are functioning well. Landscaping and fence installation will be completed in the spring.



2018: The Year of Retirements, Promotions, and New Hires



(L to R) Alex King, Jeff Hanscom, Shelby Carver, Danny Boissoneault, Cathy Reim, Susan Richards

There have been several staff changes at Kennebunk Sewer District this year. In March, we welcomed a new Assistant Manager and Chief Operator when Chris Gallant and Dan Laflamme came aboard. Since then, there have been a few other changes. We have had three long term employees announce their retirement. Bruce Hilton, our collection system foreman, retired in July. Bruce worked for K.S.D. for 43 years! Maurice Bedard, our lab technician, retired in November. Maurice had been with K.S.D. for 38 years! Cathy Reim, our office manager, will be retiring in mid-December. Cathy has 26 years of service with K.S.D. That is 107 years between these three! We hope they all enjoy retirement, they have certainly earned it.

Taking over the reins of collection system foreman will be Danny Boissoneault, who has been with the district 12 years. Shelby Carver has been promoted as the new Lab Technician. Shelby has been with K.S.D. for 2 years and has been training in the lab with Maurice the past year. With these two promotions, we were able to hire a new entry level operator, Alex King. Alex is new to wastewater, but is a very fast learner and has already proven to be a valuable asset. Our new Office Manager is Susan Richards. Susan is a certified public accountant and very familiar with the district's finances. She will be a great addition to the team! Jeff Hanscom has also been promoted to fill our Instrumentation Technician. Jeff has been with the district 13 years.

Preventing Backups

A few simple tips on how to avoid a sewer backup inside your home:

- A toilet is not a trash can, flush only the 3 P's. Wipes do not belong in our system. Toilet paper is the only acceptable paper product that should be flushed. Other products can plug your lines.
- Install a backflow preventer. This prevents water from the street side from entering a private residence.
- Do not pour fats, oils, or grease down the sink. These products harden up when they hit cold water and create a blockage.
- Do not install bathrooms in the basement. The elevation difference makes for an easy route for high flows to escape to.
- Do not plant trees over your sewer line outside. Tree roots are really good at finding water sources and will grow through the joints of your pipe.
- Have your lines inspected and assessed. Do not wait for it to fail. Pipes do not last forever.



Sump Pumps Do Not Belong in the Sewer

K.S.D.'s collection system does not include any catch basins or drainage inlets. It is intended for only wastewater. During heavy rains, the flow dramatically increases in our system and into the treatment plant. This results in higher operating costs to treat water that does not need treatment. The reason for such an increase is illicit sump pump connections in homes. Check your plumbing in your home. If a sump pump is connected directly to the sanitary sewer, please have a plumber remove this. Sump pumps should discharge into your yard, a drainage ditch, or a storm water system.

What's Next?

As we move into the new year, there will be a lot going on at Kennebunk Sewer District. We will begin an \$8M upgrade to our headworks. This project will add new screens, grit removal, influent pumps, and flow monitoring. We also will be updating our pump stations on Larboard Lane and Admiral's Way. We will also be upgrading our SCADA system, billing software, and asset management software. These project as well as several smaller ones will certainly keep us busy in 2019!

