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Summer Solstice

Mike Broadbent, 2018 President

I'm writing this message fresh on the heels of the June bi-monthly meeting. Our gracious host offered a warm welcome and an overview of their water system in the Town of Bridgton. The technical portion of the meeting was on Cyber Security, the presentation was top notch and cyber security is something all utilities should be mindful of. I have to admit that during the presentation I powered off my phone as I listened to all of the methods hackers use to access personal information. I have now deleted most of the apps on my phone and changed my logins and passwords at least twice. Isn't technology great?

Over the last several months I was reflecting on the Maine Water Utilities Association and its accomplishments over the last couple of years. In May the MWUA submitted a joint paper that was developed with the assistance of the Maine Rural Water Association, our legislative Committee and comments that were collected from water professionals around the State. The end result was powerful, one message that was representative of our profession. This summer our annual Golf Tournament will be co-sponsored by MRWA. Two weeks ago, Bruce Berger and I attended a planning session with the Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee (JETCC). This meeting had +/- 30 water and wastewater folks from around the State who reflected on the training offered in 2017/2018 and then planned training for future events. MWUA has been a sponsor of JETCC's Management Candidate School for several years now. You may have also noticed that over the last few years we've added MeWEA as a co-sponsor of our annual conference and tradeshow. The MWUA board is also working to expand on that and make our Conference truly a Maine Conference. This is a giant step forward in my opinion, progression is the key to the success of all State associations.

All of this collaboration would not be possible without the water, wastewater and associate members around the State. This industry is truly a community of professionals working together for a common goal, clean water. I once heard a past President state that "working in

this profession is not what I do, but who I am". I don't remember who it was but they were spot on with that analogy. I guess that is why when I hear of another community's success, I feel proud. On the flip side when I see a system being challenged, I want to help in any way possible. Just last week I watched the media twist the words of a water system after a recent water main break. This made me furious!!!! Not one question on what happened, how it was fixed or how the system worked diligently to repair the break. The questions were centered around what they said, which the media took out of context. I guess the ultimate goal of the media in this case was not to convey whether or not the water was safe to drink, but to try and question and find fault in the actions of a system, ugh. I guess this is another example of why we need to band together and promote the great work that is occurring all around the State.

With that said its SUMMER, get outside enjoy the great State of Maine. Sign up for the Golf event and join us for lunch at Thomas Point Beach on August 9th. Why? "Because a little bit of summer is what the whole year is about" someone smart once said.

Bridgton Offered a Scenic Setting for June Bi-Monthly

On June 7th, 32 members and guests gathered in Bridgton for our 557th membership meeting. The Bridgton Water District hosted our meeting held at Highland Lake Resort. Several employees and Trustee Todd Perreault were on hand to welcome us and educate us on the history of the Bridgton Water District. It was interesting to note that at one point the District was owned by the Central Maine Power Company.

We were given a brief legislative update. This update included a review of public comments submitted to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for Docket number 2016-00233-"COMMISSION INITIATED INQUIRY INTO WATER SUPPLY ISSUES AFFECTING MAINE WATER UTILITIES." The previously written and submitted comments were offered by our Joint Legislative Committee. Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA) in April/May held several town meetings all over the state

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and invited members of both associations to offer their perspectives and opinions to the above referenced docket. The PUC had issued findings and opinions in regards to regulated need for emergency preparedness response plans. Their focus was due to the recent drought conditions within the State over the last several years. The joint committee met and reviewed the comments offered during MRWA memberships meetings. A consensus was achieved by the committee on what comments best represented the joint memberships.

Nate Saunders from the Maine Drinking Water Program offered a few comments on some of the issues the drinking water program is currently focusing on. Notably, the Water System Operator's Licensing Rules have been amended, effective July 1st of this year. The major change is that there will no longer be a 60-day grace period for water operator license inactivation. This means that at the end of the two-year time period for a water operator's license, if the license is not renewed, the license will become "inactive" at the end of December 31st of that year.

Our technical session on cybersecurity was broken into two parts. The first was looking at the actual threat of a breach. Many feel that the threat is being overly emphasized. Hearing Rob Simopoulos from Launch Security identify the what, where, how, and whys of these threats should clearly help us all understand how real these threats are and how damaging the results can be.

Rob Dolci from aizoOn Technology Consulting spoke about the steps that need to be taken by every organization no matter the size to protect ourselves from multiple threats. He expressed the need to develop an internal culture, policies, and multi layers of protection. He emphasized that it cannot be left to just the IT department to combat these threats As utilities we all depend on our SCADA systems to provide us remote access to our systems.. He identified how many manufacturers of PLC's spend little of their design time or focus on the cyber threats that exists for the portals that PLC's offer to potential hackers.

The take away from these presentations is, if you do not have a cybersecurity plan in place, you better develop one sooner rather than later. If you don't, be prepared to pay either a hacker or a consultant.

We all enjoyed having a great lunch and reconnecting with other members.

2018 Golf Tournament and Clambake being Co-Sponsored by Maine Rural Water Association

We are excited to announce that this year Maine Rural Water Association will be joining Maine Water Utilities Association as a sponsor for our longstanding summer events.

Both events are being held at their usual locations. On August Wednesday the 8th the golf tournament will be returning to the Val Halla Golf and Recreation Center. On August 9th the Clambake will be held at Thomas Point Beach in Brunswick. **You may register for GOLF and sponsorship opportunities only by going to the MRWA website.**

We will be hosting the 2nd year of our tapping contest at the clambake. Last year the City of Lewiston Water Division captured the coveted tapping contest trophy. Will they repeat this year? Will another utility step up after months of practicing and make the trophy theirs? Entry is limited so sign up early. In addition to the tapping contest we will also be offering two training classes. Two total training contact hours can be awarded or one for each class attended. The classes will start at 8:00 AM and end at 10:00 AM. The tapping contest will commence at 10:15 AM. Get there early for a front row seat.

(Registration for the Clambake is through MWUA.)

This year we have eliminated an “official” Bocce Ball tournament. The bocce ball equipment will be available for those that would like to organize their own games. We will also provide the equipment for those that fancy themselves proficient at the game of Cornhole.

Please note: Do Not Pay for entry at the gate. MWUA/MRWA has prepaid for entry for all our guests.

Pipe Tapping Competition: For those of you that are unfamiliar with this event, it’s a high-energy competition involving a race against time to drill into a cement-lined, ductile iron pipe while under pressure and install a corporation.

This event is meant to be fun and provide entertainment for all in attendance. A copy of the rules are on the back of the registration form and the MWUA website. If you decide to enter a team, please carefully review these rules. **Note: We are limiting registration to no more than 8 teams.**

Join us on August 9th and 10th for these exciting events!



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"Communication of Emerging Contaminants & Risk"
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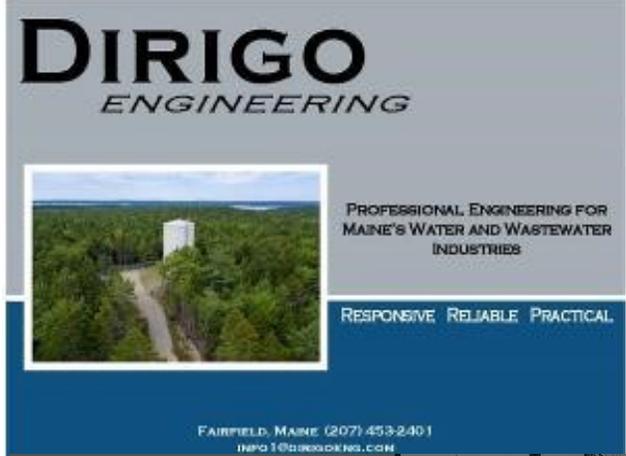
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On-Site Training Series Coming Summer/Fall

Join us for a series of on-site Drinking Water Treatment in Maine classes held at five (5) different surface water treatment facilities. Each half-day class will consist of an overview the water utility's history, current staffing and typical day-to-day operations, water source(s) and source protection efforts, treatment processes and operational and compliance monitoring programs. In addition, classes will focus of a specific treatment process and operation unique to each water utility and will include a treatment facility walk-through so participants can see first-hand. Lunch and TCHs will be offered.

Watch for open registration announcements for each of these 5 classes:

- 6/21/18 Maine Water Company's Mirror Lake Membrane Filtration Facility, Rockport
- 7/6/18 Portland Water District's Sebago Lake Water Treatment Facility, Standish
- 8/15/18 Newport Water District's Slow-Sand Water Filtration Facility
- 9/12/18 Kennebec Water District's Vassalboro Water Filtration Facility
- 10/4/18 Great Salt Bay Sanitary District Water Treatment Facility, Damariscotta



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The Technology Committee for Maine Water Utilities Association has developed an online forum for water and wastewater utilities. The purpose of this forum is to share experiences, get advice on issues you may not have encountered before, pass on breaking news, confirm a rumor, get help in understanding a standard or an compliance issue. Some of the subjects currently posted are reviews of Arc GIS Pro, new sprinkler line testing, disconnection of existing services, fire flow tests, free software and even fun things like the 2017 conference mystery meat.

This is a closed group. All you have to do is sign up for approval and then you're good to go. Just go to mwua.org/forum to sign up and get started today! Stay up-to-date through the website or your e-mail!

2018 Office Session

Disconnection, Notices, & Payment Arrangements:

Susan Cottle and Stephanie Morancie, ME PUC

Water 101:

Herb Kronholm, Searsport Water Dist. & Benny LaPlante, Kennebec Water Dist.

07/31/18

Jeff's Catering & Event Center, Brewer

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Senator Inn, Augusta

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MWUA & MRWA COMBINED GOLF TOURNAMENT
Wednesday, August 8, 2018



- PLACE:** **Val Halla Golf Course:** 60 Val Halla Road, Cumberland Center, ME 04021 - Phone: (207) 829-2225
- DIRECTIONS:** Traveling on I-295 from the North/South. Take Cumberland/Yarmouth Exit 15. Turn right onto Route 1 - 1st light, turn left (Portland St) .8 mi changes to Middle Rd .6 mi turn right onto Greely Rd 3 mi. Turn left onto Val Halla Road.
- TIME:** **Shotgun Start @ 8:30 AM**
Barbeque and Awards to follow
- FORMAT:** **Scramble Format is as follows:** Men play white tees; Women begin on the red tees. Each Group must use one drive from each player on each nine.
- COMPETITION:** **1st Place Team, 2nd Place Team, 3rd Place Team, Last Place Team**
Longest Drive (Men/Women), Closest to the Pin (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
Putting Contest
- *There will be a 50/50 RAFFLE & CASINO HOLE to benefit the MWUA Scholarship Fund**
- REGISTRATION:** Register by August 1, 2018 online at: www.mainerwa.org; or complete this form and return to:
MRWA
PO Box 263., Richmond, ME 04357
Fax: (207) 737-7150
- CEREMONY:** **Honorable passage of the Lobster Red "Master Scrambler" Jacket and the Wright-Pierce & MRWA Trophy to First Place Team**
- COST:** \$85.00 per person, including cart, prize fund and buffet
(meal cost is \$15.00 per person for those requiring a breakdown)

MWUA & MRWA COMBINED GOLF TOURNAMENT
August 8, 2018 at Val Halla Golf Course
Registration Deadline: August 1, 2018 *Pre-payment is Required Please

- DATE:** Wednesday, August 8, 2018
PLACE: Val Halla Golf Course, 60 Val Halla Rd., Cumberland, ME 04102
TIME: Shotgun Start at 8:30 AM
Barbeque and Awards to follow

MEMBER #1 CONTACT INFO:	
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Team Member #1 _____
Name _____ Company _____

Team Member #2 _____
Name _____ Company _____

Team Member #3 _____
Name _____ Company _____

Team Member #4 _____
Name _____ Company _____

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MAINE WATER UTILITIES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CLAMBAKE
Thursday, August 9, 2018

LOCATION: THOMAS POINT BEACH, BRUNSWICK, MAINE
www.thomaspointbeach.com/home.shtml

DIRECTIONS: Leave U.S. Route 1 at Cook's Corner. Turn left at the traffic light, then immediately turn right onto the road to Thomas Point Beach. ***WATCH FOR THOMAS POINT BEACH SIGNS.**

TIME: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM DOWNEAST CLAMBAKE (Reservations Required)
 Come before lunch, meet old friends, make new ones. Stop at the entrance gate and inform them that you are attending the MWUA Clambake. It is requested that the serving of alcoholic beverages stop for the remainder of the day when lunch is served.

REGISTRATION: Register by July 27, 2018 using the following options:
 1. online at: www.mwua.org
 2. or complete registration form and return to the address or fax # below

Mike Broadbent
 President

Christopher Curtis, Program Committee Co-Chair
 Justin Richardson, Program Committee Co-Chair

MWUA Annual Clambake Registration
August 9, 2017 at Thomas Point Beach - Brunswick
 Registration Deadline: July 27, 2018

DATE: THURSDAY, August 9th, 2017
PLACE: THOMAS POINT BEACH, BRUNSWICK, MAINE
TIME: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM DOWNEAST CLAMBAKE (Reservations Required)
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___ One Lobster Dinner	@ \$40.00 per person \$ _____	@ \$45.00 per person \$ _____
___ Steak Dinner	@ \$42.00 per person \$ _____	@ \$47.00 per person \$ _____
___ Chicken Dinner	@ \$35.00 per person \$ _____	@ \$40.00 per person \$ _____
___ Veggie Burger Dinner	@ \$22.00 per person \$ _____	@ \$27.00 per person \$ _____
___ Hamburgers/Hotdogs/Chips	@ \$12.00 per person \$ _____	@ \$17.00 per person \$ _____
___ Hamburgers/Hotdogs/Chips (16 & Under Free)		
		TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____



New This Year: Technical Session offered at MWUA Clambake 8:00 – 9:00 and 9:00 – 10:00
 ~See Registration Form for Details~

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***Note: Pipe Tapping Competition begins at 10:15 after the Technical Session (Team meeting begins at 10:00).
 We are limiting registration to no more than 8 teams.***

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