



Pipe Line

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Lots of Fun for Neighborhood Kids

Neighborhood kids will soon have lots of summer fun with the creation of play site with a low maintenance sprinkler system at 201-219 Indiana Avenue. The play spot will also include picnic benches, play equipment, and greenery grown with EarthMate, our biosolids compost product. Joe Wawrzyniak who is in charge of building maintenance, Bill Cook from distribution, Joe Ferrero from sewer maintenance and Coz Cinque who is coordinating the plumbers are working hard to make this happen.

Under the Philadelphia Urban Resources Partnership (PURP) grant, we will install water service lines (or reactivate existing lines if in good condition), install water meter pits, water meters and back flow devices if necessary and provide design guidance for the sprinkler system.

"We envision a circular area, dished to grade to the center," says Joanne Dahme, general manager of public affairs. "At the center, a sprinkler pipe or nozzle system would be installed to spray the area within the circle. The water would drain into the block's sewer system. These types of spray pools are popular at water parks such as Sesame Place," she continues.

Two other sites, Project HOME, Green Neighborhood Network located at 2235-2237 Montgomery Avenue and Black Lutheran CDC, Family Learning Garden located at 2154-2156 North Carlisle Street have decided to hold the project until next summer. Impact Services, Proyeto el Parque located at 201-219 Indiana Avenue should be completed this summer.

The three urban communities, Impact Services, Proyeto el Parque; Black Lutheran CDC, Family Learning Garden; and Project HOME, Green Neighborhood Network were awarded grants from PURP, and they will be responsible for future maintenance. PURP is a collaboration of 21 federal and state government agencies, local non-profits and education institutions that provide financial and technical assistance to communities undertaking urban natural resource projects or environmental education programs.

"This plan is a win-win situation. The play lots with sprinkler systems benefit the local neighborhoods by providing recreation, encouraging community participation and ownership, providing for the safety of children, providing for urban gardening of the community and protecting the community's water supply," says Dahme. "The play lots also help reduce the illegal use of fire hydrants for recreational purposes," she continues.

Sites are chosen in neighborhoods that experience a high incidence of hydrant abuse and qualify as a play street. Our goal is to eliminate the use of fire hydrants as a means to cool off. To attain this goal, the department is installing Center Compression Locks (CCLs) on approximately 800 hydrants each winter.

HIP, HIP, HOORAH!



Commissioner Kishinchand and Captain Sewer presented awards to the following employees who have worked for the City of Philadelphia for 32 years: (standing from left to right) Philip Carey, (Commissioner Kishinchand), Richard Brinkos, Alexander Falk, Patricia Brown, Stephen Ballay, Richard Grochowski, Lawrence Samuels.

On June 24, the Water Department celebrated the accomplishment of approximately 180 employees. These employees have dedicated 25 or more years of service to the city.

Whether it be handling customers' questions or complaints, repairing a water main, ensuring clean and safe drinking water, or cleaning inlets, the job is always well done. Kudos to these dedicated and invaluable employees. Through the years, they have shared their experiences and knowledge with others, creating a pleasant, learning environment.

The honorees are part of a team that has grown from approximately 1,500 employees in 1971 to more than 2,400 in 1995. It is a joy to honor the 25 year club employees and their hard work.

Commissioner Kishinchand delivered a brief speech and gesture of gratitude during a breakfast at the Adams Mark Hotel. The employees also received twenty-five year pins, PWD shirts, and certificates. Congratulations to outstanding employees and outstanding performances!

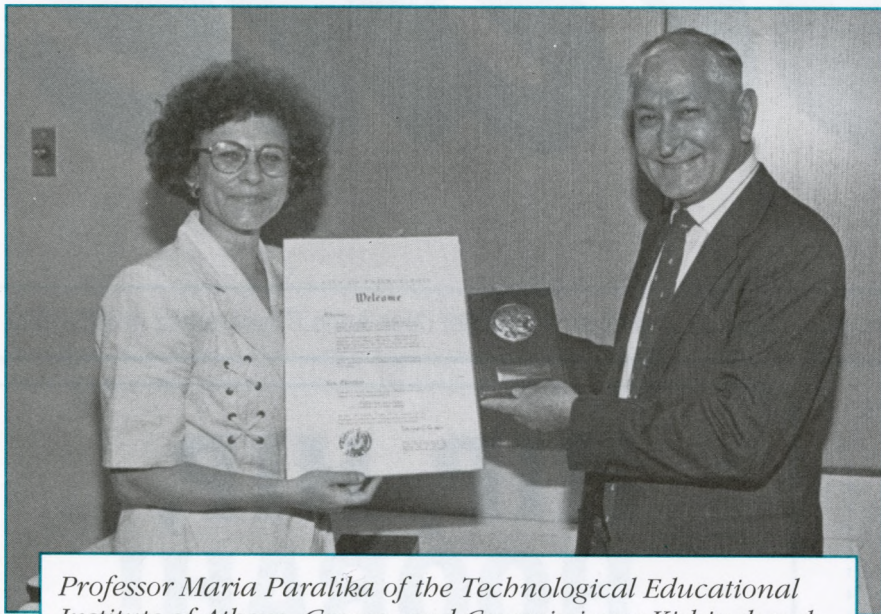


Daughters of Northeast Plant employees found education and enjoyment at the "Take Your Daughter to Work" day at the Northeast Plant.



Harry Duffort of the Planning and Engineering Division celebrated 40 years of service.

It's All Greek To Us!



Professor Maria Paralika of the Technological Educational Institute of Athens, Greece, and Commissioner Kishinchand exchange a token of appreciation and a City Proclamation.

It was a multi-cultural affair as PWD hosted a reception for Greek students. Ten Greek engineering students, along with their teacher, Maria Paralika, were welcomed at the ARAMARK Tower on July 15. This reception was intended to introduce the group to the PWD employees they will be working with during their educational program on wastewater treatment.

Maria Paralika and the students from Technological Educational Institution of Athens were in Philadelphia from July 5 to August 20 to study wastewater treatment, biosolids recycling, and industrial waste handling. Greece does not currently have a wastewater system comparable to our own.

The six week program, coordinated by Jim Nicolo, Chief of Wastewater Treatment, is thorough and intense. Working side by side with PWD engineers, the students learned about wastewater collection, treatment and disposal, and the health and safety aspects of primary and secondary wastewater treatment. Maria Paralika and her students also attended numerous training classes conducted by PWD.

This program is intended to help further educate the Greek engineering students and share information about wastewater



Joe Cerrone (right), Industrial Waste Unit, talks with several Greek students about The Philadelphia Water Department and his Unit.



Maria Paralika and her Greek students gathered at the ARAMARK building for a welcome reception. Pictured from left to right are: Maria Kapsokoufalou, Christina Giannakopoulou, Alexandros Siregelas, Eftimhia Papnikou, Ioanna Skorda, Thomas Papdakias, Ioanis Makris, Maria Paralika (Professor), Leonidas Adamopolous, Dionisios Danilatos, Kostantinos Nellis, and Vassilios Digaletos.

treatment. Maria plans to teach university classes on wastewater treatment when she returns to Greece. The engineering students hope to someday develop a secondary wastewater system in Greece, or at least propose a plan to the Government to do so.

BUG OFF!

PWD's Urban Turfgrass Resource Group sponsored an Athletic Equipment Field Day. Dave Mora of the Biosolids Unit organized this event, which was open to anyone in a Philadelphia agency or organization that uses city-owned athletic fields. Experts provided information on Pest Control and Proper Field Maintenance at the Field Day, which took place on July 11, 1996, at W.B. Saul High School in Roxborough.

Nancy Bosold, an Extension Agent with Penn State and knowledgeable about fertilizers, chemicals and turf, gave a presentation on "Integrated Pest Management." She provided information and techniques on how to control pest and insect populations without the use of chemicals. These techniques will help keep the bugs off you while enjoying the day or night watching the kids play ball.



Ken Jeinnings, of Lawn and Golf, demonstrates a top dressing unit.



BRC Agronomist Dave Mora fills a front-end loader with EarthMate, which will be used as a topdressing on Saul's athletic fields, as Byron Hampton of BRC looks on.

A member of the Keystone Athletic Field Maintenance Organization, Don Fowler presented "Athletic Fields on a Shoestring Budget." He provided information on how to properly maintain playing fields, helping to reduce the risk of injuries to athletes. This type of maintenance can be performed even if there is little money in the budget.

After lunch, the Athletic Equipment Field Day closed with an "Equipment and Field Demonstration." Field equipment necessary for properly maintaining fields was on display and a demonstration on how to perform the maintenance was given. Over 60 people showed up for this event.