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### **BPU Fall Flushing of Water Lines to Begin October 8 in Falconer**

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Water Division announces that fall flushing of water mains will begin in early October and continue throughout the month.

The fall flushing is scheduled to start at 9 p.m. Saturday, October 8, in the Village of Falconer, and will take place all Saturday night into Sunday until the entire village of Falconer is flushed. Crews then will move into the northeast section of Jamestown (near JCC and Lutheran Social Services) at 9 p.m. Sunday, October 9.

Flushing will proceed throughout the rest of the BPU water system nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sundays through Thursdays, until the process is finished. Once the Village of Falconer is flushed, no flushing will take place on Friday and Saturday nights throughout the rest of the process.

Crews will work through the BPU water system in the following order: Week 1 — JCC area moving west, along the north side of the Chadakoin River, ending the week in Celoron Week 2 — Celoron and West Ellicott, coming back into the areas south of the Chadakoin River and east to Foote Avenue; another crew starts in Lakewood, moving east to west, ending week 2 at Sunrise Cove/BOCES area Week 3 — The Jamestown crew will work east from Foote Avenue and the WCA Hospital area, ending on English Hill. The second crew works south of Hunt Road to finish the third week in the five corners of Busti.

The entire process normally takes three weeks. Specific flushing locations will be posted daily on the BPU website and advertised in the *Jamestown Post Journal* and *Jamestown Gazette* newspapers, on the Time Warner Weather Channel crawl and on radio stations SE93, WJTN, WHUG, WKSJ and 106.9-FM. Flushing each night is weather permitting.

Water customers are advised to pay attention to flushing announcements for their neighborhoods. If the flushing is taking place in the vicinity of your home, even if it is not on your specific street, you may experience discolored water. Be careful before drawing water into your hot water systems (heating, clothes washer, or dishwasher) by running the water in your bathtub for a few moments to see if the water is clear.

If home plumbing isn't used between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. on the night a home is scheduled for flushing, a resident may not experience any discolored water.

"BPU water mains are flushed twice a year," says Becky Robbins, BPU Communications Coordinator. "BPU employees open hydrants systematically, one at a time, allowing water to run full force, flushing out sediments and minerals that have settled in pipes."

The flushing process not only cleans the pipes, but also allows the utility to achieve greater flows through its mains. Flushing also provides BPU employees with the opportunity to inspect valves and hydrants to keep them in good working condition for fire protection.

The alternative to flushing is adding rust-inhibiting chemicals to the water, according to Robbins, which the utility has made a conscious effort not to do.

“Adding chemicals to our water supply could affect the taste and feel of our water,” continues Robbins. “Using such chemicals also would increase water distribution costs.”

BPU Customer Service has a rust stain remover available for customers who may get caught with a load of laundry washed by mistake in discolored water. Commercial products also are sold at local supermarkets to assist in ridding laundry of such stains. Such products should be used to rewash the laundry before it is dried. The BPU Customer Service Office located at 92 Steele Street, is open 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

For further information, contact Mrs. Robbins at 661-1666.