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**FALL FLUSHING OF WATER MAINS TO BEGIN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5:
*Village of Falconer to be Flushed October 25***

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Water Division will begin its annual "Fall Flushing" of water pipes on Sunday night, October 5, in the City of Jamestown. This fall, flushing of the Village of Falconer will take place at the end of the cycle on the night of October 25.

Flushing will start at 9 p.m. Sunday, October 5, in the north east side of Jamestown in the area of JCC and Lutheran Social Services. BPU employees then will continue the flushing process, moving through the remainder of the Jamestown water distribution system every night from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sundays through Thursdays. No flushing will occur on Friday and Saturday nights. The work should take approximately three weeks.

Flushing of the entire system takes place in Falconer, Jamestown, the Town of Ellicott, the Villages of Celoron and Lakewood and portions of the Towns of Busti and North Harmony.

The flushing schedule is expected to move through Jamestown's north east side, downtown Jamestown and all streets adjacent to the Third and Sixth Street bridges in the first week. The Village of Celoron will be flushed at the end of the first week and at the beginning of the second week. During the second week, flushing is scheduled for West Ellicott, Lakewood, Busti, North Harmony and the west side of Jamestown. In the third and final week, the utility will flush all water mains east of Foote Avenue south of the Chadakoin River to Buffalo Street Extension and the western-most part of the system in parts of Lakewood, Busti and North Harmony.

The Village of Falconer will take place on Saturday evening, October 25, until the Falconer flush is completed on October 26.

To determine when flushing will take place in a specific area, customers should check announcements printed daily on the second or third page of the Jamestown Post Journal. Announcements also will be made on Media One radio stations, appear on the Time Warner Weather Channel crawl and at www.jamestownbpu.com. This fall, the BPU also published a map in its newsletter that accompanied BPU September bills.

Copies of the newsletter may be obtained at BPU Customer Service or at www.jamestownbpu.com.

According to BPU Communications Coordinator Rebecca Robbins, flushing occurs in the BPU water system in order to flush out sediment and minerals that accumulate in the pipes. "BPU workers systematically open hydrants and run the water full force also to achieve greater flows through our mains and to inspect the hydrants for fire protection," says Robbins.

"As most customers know," states Robbins, "the flushing process usually causes roily water in the immediate vicinity of the flushing and also can affect larger areas close to the flushed neighborhoods. Residents should stock a supply of water for drinking and cooking before flushing begins in their immediate areas. Residents should take care not to draw the roily water into hot water tanks, heating systems, clothes washing machines and dishwashers."

A number of commercial rust and stain removers are available at local supermarkets should residents accidentally wash their clothes in roily water. In addition, the BPU Customer Service Office has such a product available at no cost for customers who get caught with clothes stained by flushing. The BPU Customer Service Office is open from 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

BPU flushing takes place in the overnight hours because the BPU has found that nighttime flushing minimizes inconvenience for customers and that it is safer for traffic.

"If we didn't flush the BPU pipes each fall and spring," notes Robbins, "we would have to add chemicals to the water which may affect taste, smell and the way the water feels in your mouth. Such chemicals also would increase our water distribution costs."

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