



Fall Flushing of BPU Water Mains Begins October 3 Weather Permitting

The BPU Water Resources Division begins its fall flushing of water mains at 9 p.m. Saturday, October 3, in the Village of Falconer and moves into the northeast section of the City of Jamestown (near JCC and Lutheran Social Services) on Sunday evening, October 4. 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 complete.

Crews will move 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 — One crew will work through 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 Lakewood crew works south of Hunt Road to finish the third week in the five corners of Busti.

The entire process is expected to take three to four weeks. Specific flushing locations will be posted daily on the BPU website and advertised in the *Post Journal* and *Chautauqua Star* newspapers, on the Time Warner Weather Channel crawl and on radio stations SE93, WJTN, WHUG, WKSJ and 106.9-FM. Flushing each day is weather permitting.

Water Division customers should try to take notice of when the utility announces flushing for their neighborhoods. The map below indicates targeted neighborhoods by week. 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.

“Flushing of the BPU water mains occurs every fall and spring,” says Becky Robbins, BPU Communications Coordinator. “BPU flushing takes place by systematically opening hydrants and allowing water to run full force, flushing out sediments and minerals that have settled in pipes.”

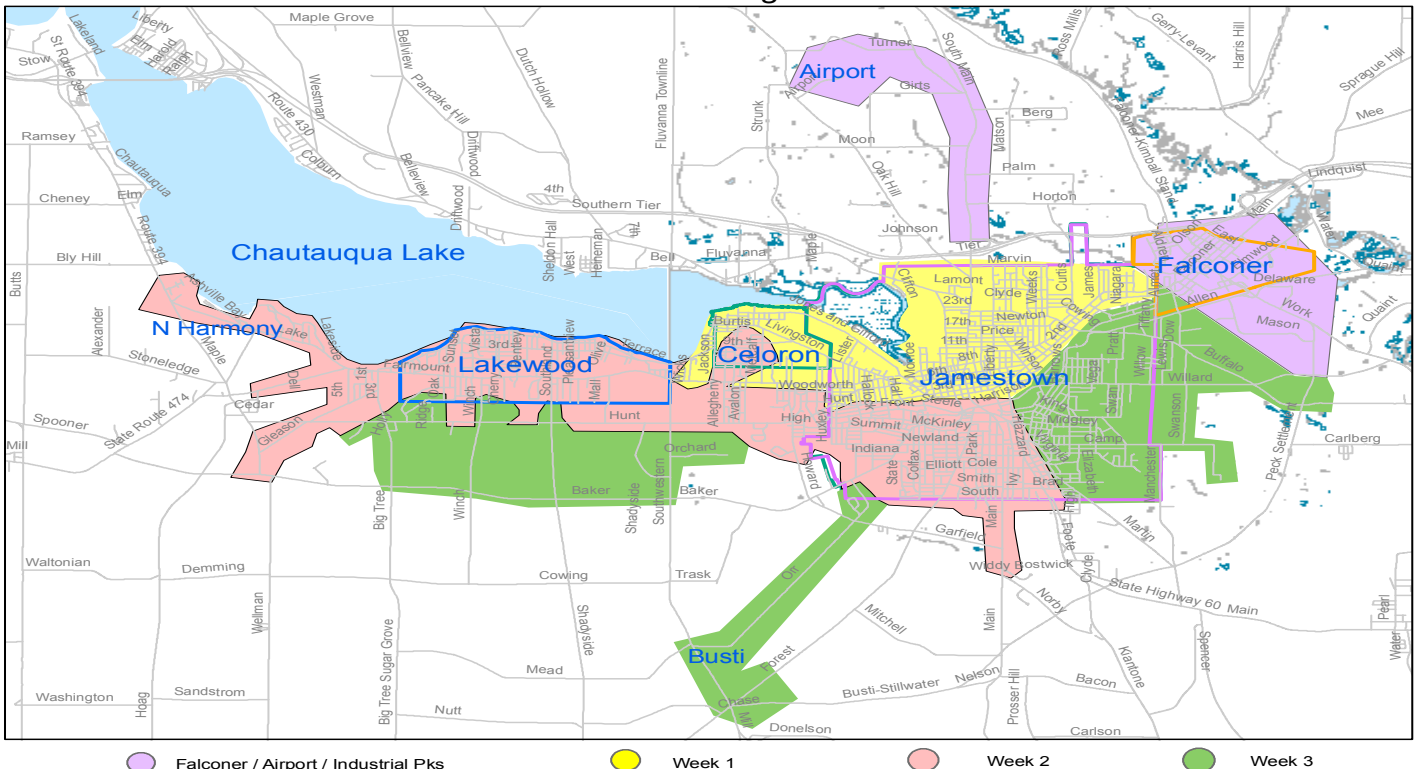
The flushing process not only cleans the pipes, but also allows the utility to achieve greater flows through its mains. Flushing also provides BPU employees with the opportunity to inspect valves and hydrants to keep them in top operating condition for fire protection.

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 would affect other qualities such as taste and smell,” continues Robbins, “and, it 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 with discolored water. Commercial products also are sold at local supermarkets to assist in ridding laundry of such stains. The BPU Customer Service Office is located at 92 Steele Street, behind the D building and is open 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

Water Main Flushing Schedule



Fall Cleanup: Week of September 21st

(Plastic recyclables will be picked up during this week.) Please place cleanup items at the curb after 6:00 p.m. the evening before your normal garbage pickup.

Items to be picked up curbside include:
clothes, dishes, pots & pans, toys, garden hoses,
small pieces of carpet, microwave ovens, lamps,
small appliances and portable televisions.
Small items must be contained in bags.

WOOD and ALL-METAL ITEMS may be taken to the landfill or transfer station.
YARD WASTE may be taken to the Fluvanna Avenue Yard Waste Site.

September 30 is the final Wednesday that the Fluvanna Ave. Yard Waste Site will be open in 2009. The site remains open 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Saturdays through early November.

BPU Employees Raise \$11,000 for "Cents for St. Susan's"



BPU employees concluded their "Cents for St. Susan's" fund drive this year by raising \$11,000 to help pay for operating expenses at the St. Susan Center soup kitchen in Jamestown.

Special thanks go to major donors whose representatives are pictured above celebrating the total with Judy Christian, Executive Director of St. Susan's. They include: Allied Alarm Services; Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, CPA, PS; Burgett & Robbins, Attorneys; Century 21/Turner Brokers; DFT Communications; Elegant Edibles Catering; Falconer Printing & Design, Inc.; Farm Fresh Foods; KeyBank; Media One Group; National Fuel Gas; The Post Journal; Quality Markets; Time Warner Cable; Valu Hearing; and the Vineyard Group, LLC.

The BPU's sanitation supervisor Roseann Himes, communications coordinator Becky Robbins and intern Lacey Gustafson also are shown in the picture.

BPU fund drive volunteers thank all customers who contributed through the mail, at Customer Service, in canisters placed throughout the community, through hot dog sale purchases and by contributing cans and bottles to the BPU on behalf of the drive. We appreciate the many local establishments which allowed coin canisters to be placed in their locations.

BPU Workers Give Back to the Community as United Way "Pacesetters"



BPU employees met in August for a picnic cooked by fellow workers to learn about the United Way from Jamestown Boys' and Girls' Club Executive Director Jeff Kroon who spoke to the crowd.

As of press time, BPU employees have pledged more than \$10,000 to this year's campaign.

Pledging to the United Way prior to Labor Day and raising gift pledge amounts qualifies the BPU as a "Pacesetter" donor.

BPU Energy Efficiency Residential Programs: Home Energy Audits Offered to All Customers; Energy Star Rebates; Energy Depot for Homes on Web Site



BPU residential electric customers have several opportunities to save money by making changes in how they use energy. All programs are described on the utility website at: www.jamestownbpu.com by clicking the "Energy Efficiency Opportunities" icon on the home page.

BPU electric customers may schedule two types of home energy audits by filing an application found on the BPU web site or at Customer Service, 92 Steele Street, Jamestown. With both audits, customers will have the opportunity to receive \$50 of directly installed energy efficiency improvements at the time of the audit.

A Level One Audit is intended for apartments and newer or remodeled homes and is available to all residential customers. The total value of the Level One Audit is \$150. The BPU will pay \$100 of the cost, while the customer will pay \$50.

The Level Two Audit is intended for older homes that are more likely to benefit from weatherization improvements. The Level Two Audit is offered to customers who own the home to be audited. Total value is \$300. The BPU will pay \$200 of the Level Two Audit cost and the homeowner will pay \$100. This audit includes features such as the use of a "blower door" and infrared technology. The BPU offers to pay 25% of the costs of completing Level Two Audit-recommended weatherization improvements, up to \$1,000 maximum per customer. The weatherization improvements also must be completed by a Building Performance Institute (BPI) certified contractor.

The BPU's ENERGY STAR rebate program continues, providing rebate credits to BPU electric customers for purchases of certain ENERGY STAR certified products.

Energy Depot for Homes is another offering to BPU customers. Located on the BPU web site, Energy Depot for Homes provides on-line energy audits as well as information about saving energy, energy comparison tools of appliances and more.

For details or questions, customers may contact the BPU Energy Efficiency Coordinator, Dan Reynolds, at 661-1646 or dreynolds@jamestownbpu.com.

Lighting and Motor Rebates for Small Industrial and Commercial Entities Available

Small commercial and industrial electric customers who pay \$30,000 or less annually to the BPU for electricity may qualify for rebates after completing installation of certain energy efficiency devices. Information is available at BPU Customer Service, www.jamestownbpu.com or by contacting Dan Reynolds, BPU Energy Efficiency Coordinator, at 661-1646 or dreynolds@jamestownbpu.com.

Electric Division Undertakes Summer Projects for Increased Reliability



BPU linemen have worked throughout the summer to maintain and improve reliable electric power on several projects.

For instance, new underground cable has been installed on Steele Street from the BPU Power Plant to North Main Street (pictured above). In addition, crews are rebuilding a circuit which runs from the Newland Avenue Substation to the Huxley Substation. Poles have been replaced on Huxley Avenue and on Newland from Baker Street to Huxley.

Separately, a project of interest may be viewed on West Third Street from Hall to Hallock and on one area of the Riverwalk, where LED streetlights have been installed.

Why Save Water?

Water saved is money saved because you'll pay less water and sewer fees. As an added bonus, when you use less hot water, your fuel bills go down as well.



Here's some tips to save water and energy costs!

Check your toilet for leaks by adding a few drops of food coloring to water in the tank. If coloring appears in the toilet without flushing, there is a leak. Also, listen for the sound of running water. Fix leaks as soon as possible.

Water is wasted if you turn on the hot water tap and wait for water to get hot. To reduce waste, wrap hot water pipes with insulating material. Make sure faucets are turned off when not in use.

In the bathtub, put the stopper in before you run water. Initial cold water can be warmed by adding hot water later.

In the shower, consider placing a bucket on the floor to catch water that would otherwise go down the drain—use the captured water for cleaning jobs or plant watering. Another tip for the shower is to turn off the water while soaping. See how light a spray you can use to wash. Less than five minutes for a shower is adequate and cuts down on water waste.