



In The Works



Public Works Department Monthly Newsletter

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From the Director

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Trestle Update

The Tommy Thompson Trail trestle reconstruction effort is progressing very well. Nels Strandberg has assumed control of the project and he is making great headway with joist work, fence posts and temporary construction fencing. Shell crew volunteers have been laying decking (the Doug-Fir decking is very solid and looks good) and the Tesoro crew has been working on the east side cleaning up damaged portion of trestle

The trestle should be available for use again sometime in May. It is all hard hand work from here on.

The image to the right shows the progress as of April 30, 2010 .



Safety First

By Terry Nemeth

The water maintenance crew remembers the late nights spent repairing the 10" pipe at Campbell Lake Road and the brand new 16" pipe at Miller Road. The pipes were struck by a drilling machine operated by a contractor setting guardrail posts.



When a representative from DOT advised they were going to install more guardrails near Deception Café, we decided to pothole the fragile 10" AC pipeline to ensure that pipes would not be damaged again. Better safe than sorry I always say.

Unfortunately, the installation area did not have much shoulder room to dig and verify the exact location of the water main. After a few calls to DOT for a traffic control plan, the job was completed in a safe and in a timely manner.

Kudos to the water crew for a job well done in a dangerous, high traffic area!

Wastewater Treatment Plant Gravity Thickener Inspection



Adam Veal (see photo left) descended down into the gravity thickener as part of the plant's annual inspections. He spotted corrosion

in a number of areas.

Staff will closely monitor the corrosive conditions. It is likely that a future painting project will need to be scheduled to protect the metal structures in the tank.



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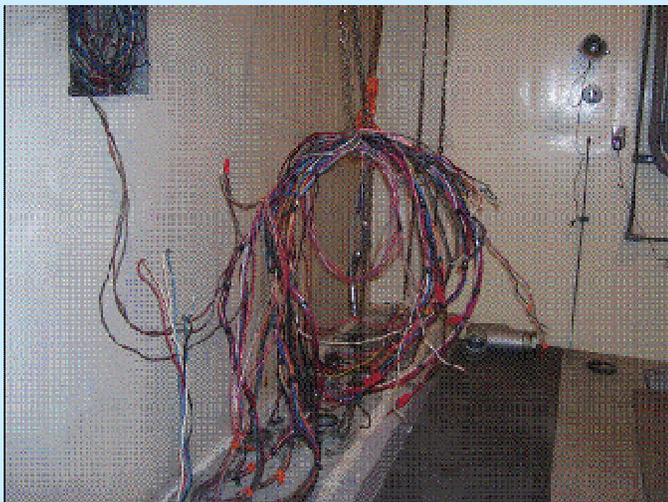
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WTP NEWS

Water treatment plant operators Mark Edwards and Todd Barker have been attending several training classes to be eligible to take their WTPO level III exams this year.

Tiffany Matson is out on maternity leave; thanks to Shirley Knapp for filling in while she is gone.

Intake electrical repairs are underway to replace the old, failing equipment. Temporary wiring has been installed to keep the plant operational during construction. Two shutdowns were required and one more is scheduled to complete the hookup of



the new 480 volt motor control centers and Rotork valve actuators. This project will increase reliability and improve safety at our intake structure. Construction is scheduled to be completed in approximately three weeks.



Arrival of an early spring has forced the plant to begin mowing fields earlier than usual. Until a part-time summer worker can be hired, everyone has been more than willing to spend some time on the new John Deere mower, even our neighbor tried to get a closer look at it!

The three million gallon booster station asbestos removal and remodel project is underway. The fluoride feed system at this site will be upgraded as required by the Department of Health. With the help of Russ Pittis, it was determined that the walls contained asbestos and needed to be removed before any improvements could take place. This has been accomplished and upgrades to the fluoride feed system and the addition of a lab have been begun.

City Solid Waste Worker Goes Above and Beyond

Mike Lindquist was driving the city boom truck on his way back from installing a new city banner when he received a call from the city animal control officer, Marie Padovan. Marie informed him there was a cat up on a telephone poll entangled in some wire and that the pet had been there since the previous day.

Mike immediately proceeded to the location and literally went **above and beyond** in the boom truck to rescue the scared and hungry cat.

“Spring Cleanup” An Annual Delight to our Community

Once again on Saturday, April 10, the City of Anacortes Public Works Operations Division hosted their annual free “Spring Cleanup.” This event has been a huge success with our community.

This year city staff serviced 345 very appreciative utility customers by relieving them of thirty tons of garbage and 100 yards of yard waste.