



# PUBLIC WORKS PIPELINE

Your resource for utilities news

### WELCOME TO THE PIPELINE!

**AUGUST 17, 2016** 

The City of Oxnard's Public Works Department is debuting a new resource for sharing information with the community about the utility system that serves them.

This resource – the Public Works Pipeline – will be published twice a month and will cover the issues, facts, stats and stories that impact your utility services every day. Welcome to our first issue.

Look for the Pipeline every other Wednesday. Free copies will also be available at City Hall, 300 W. Third St., Fourth Floor, and at the Public Works Administration Office, 305 W. Third St., Third Floor. You can view the digital version at **oxnard.org/newsletters**, or subscribe to have it sent directly to your inbox.

In a typical issue, you'll find:



A main Feature Article covering topics ranging from what's in your water to how wastewater is treated to what impacts the rates you pay for utility services



An Event Calendar with the dates and times of upcoming tours, meetings and other events



An Employee Spotlight featuring the hardworking staff responsible for providing reliable utility services



A By the Numbers infographic that shows statistics and other information at a glance



An In the Works section sharing details about the projects that ensure the reliability of your water, wastewater and solid waste services



Ask Dan, where Public Works Director Dan Rydberg will answer your questions



Videos, images, polls, words of the day and other interactive content.



#### **UPCOMING WASTEWATER TOURS**

Learn firsthand how wastewater is treated safely and sustainably, protecting public health and the California coastline.

When: 11 a.m. Saturday, August 20 Where: 6001 S. Perkins Road

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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

#### Vince Ines Jr.

Vince Ines Jr. has worked for Oxnard for 14 years, but his family ties to the City go way back. His father was a City wastewater mechanic for 36 years and encouraged his son to follow in his footsteps. As a wastewater operator (level III), Vince is responsible for overseeing staff at two facilities who treat wastewater so it's safe and odor-free when it's released into the ocean. This helps to protect endangered species at Ormond Beach and community members who swim at our beaches. Vince studied water science at Ventura College and has a Class III CWEA Wastewater Collection System certificate. He takes pride in knowing he's protecting the Pacific Ocean.

"My children always tell me my job stinks," Vince says. "I remind them that they like the beach and how clean it is. Well I make sure our waters are clean. Especially after watching the Olympics in Rio, we're very lucky here in Oxnard to have facilities that protect our water so well.'



#### **WORD OF THE ISSUE**

Effluent: ef·flu·ent (efləwənt) adjective

Wastewater - treated or untreated - that flows out of a treatment plant, sewer or industrial outfall and is discharged into the ocean.

We look forward to connecting with you!

## WASTEWATER BY THE NUMBERS

**Olympics Edition** 



21,900,000 GALLONS of wastewater treated daily

The equivalent of 33 OLYMPIC-SIZED SWIMMING POOLS





47,110,000 GALLONS of recycled water delivered in July of 2016

The equivalent of 71 OLYMPIC- 11-SIZED SWIMMING POOLS





**134.707 FEET of sewer** pipelines cleaned last month

The equivalent of 102 LAPS around an Olympic track



## IN THE WORKS

In the weeks ahead, Public Works will begin laying 1,000 feet of pipe connecting our recycled water facility to Indy Paper. When the project is complete in December, we will be able to serve 543,085 gallons of recycled water for their use every day.

## ASK DAN

#### What is the AWPF?

The AWPF is Oxnard's state-of-the-art, advanced water purification facility. It purifies wastewater to produce nearly 6 million gallons per day of high quality recycled water for local farms, the River Ridge Golf Course, Riverpark and soon, irrigation to other parts of the city.



If you have a question to Ask Dan or an idea for an article topic, please email askdan@oxnard.org.