



What's on Tap

News for Customers of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (WASA)

July 2005

LOANS AND GRANTS MAY HELP YOU PAY FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

WASA is installing copper pipes to replace the public portion of the lead service lines that connect many District homes to the water main.

Wachovia Bank, N.A. and the District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) offer programs to single-family homeowners on limited incomes to replace lead service lines on their private property.

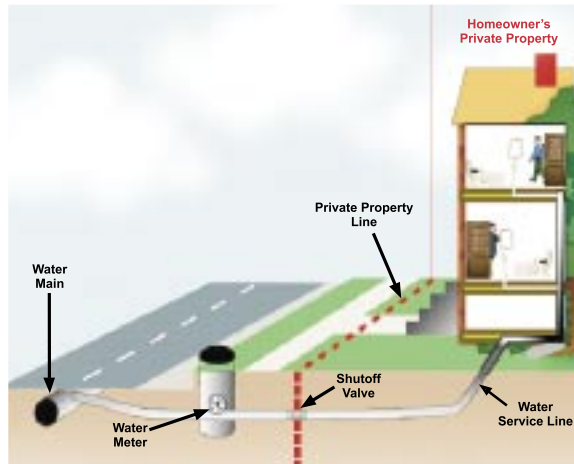
Home Equity Loans

Wachovia Bank, N.A. offers

special home equity loans at any DC Wachovia Financial Center.

To be eligible, applicants must meet Wachovia's income criteria. For more information or to apply, visit any District Wachovia financial center.

Grants The District of Columbia Department of



Housing and Community Development (DHCD) offers grants up to \$5,000 to single-family homeowners on limited incomes who choose WASA

to replace lead service lines on their private property. If you already have a contract with WASA or have scheduled replacement with WASA, you may still be eligible to participate in the grant program.

For eligibility and income requirements, please call (202) 442-7154 or e-mail jeanwashington@dhcd.gov.org.

For more information about lead service line replacement, call the WASA Lead Services Hotline at (202) 787-2732 or e-mail wqp2003@dcwasa.com.

PREVENT COSTLY HOME REPAIRS—NEVER POUR FATS AND OILS DOWN YOUR SINK DRAIN

It's a common mistake that is often made. After preparing a meal, the liquified fat, oil, or grease is poured down the kitchen sink drain. Most of us aren't aware of the serious impact of doing this. Liquified fat and grease cling to the insides of your pipes and the sewer system. Over time, they build up and can eventually block pipes completely. If your wastewater can't move freely through your pipes and out into the sewer system, it will back up into your home and cause damage that can cost hundreds of dollars to repair.

It can also cause sewer



lines to back up which can lead to manhole overflows and other sewer spills that threaten property, the environment and public safety.

Please keep the sewer system oil-free by properly disposing of fats, oils and grease.

■ Commercial establishments

should dispose of fat, oil and grease only in approved recycling containers and maintain approved grease recovery and storage equipment.

■ Residential customers should pour fat and grease into lidded containers or mix them with absorbent materials such as cat litter or coffee grounds and place in a trash receptacle.

For more information contact WASA's Sewer Services Division at (202) 264-3849. To report illegal discharges or sewer back-ups, call (202) 612-3400.

DRINKING WATER INFORMATION AVAILABLE

By July 1, you will receive a *Drinking Water Quality Report* in the mail from WASA, your water supplier. The report



tells where our water comes from, what's in it and how to protect our water supply. Take a few minutes to look it over or review it on our web site at www.dcwasa.com.

WASA DOES ITS PART TO CLEAN THE ANACOSTIA RIVER

As summer activities increase traffic on the Anacostia River, WASA continues its commitment to being a good environmental steward by removing floating debris and trash, reducing the impact of this waste on the District's waterways.

As part of WASA's floatable debris removal program, two skimmer boats troll the river removing, on average, 500 tons a year of floatable debris and trash. Removal of such waste makes the river cleaner and safer for everyone including its natural inhabitants.



During rainy weather, the skimmer boats collect more debris than usual because of the amount of waste that is dislodged from catch basins. Since 1992, WASA has removed over 6,000 tons of trash and floatable debris from the river.

Combined storm and sanitary sewers overflow into the river during heavy storms. WASA's CSO plan involves the construction of tunnels, diversion structures and pumping stations to control these discharges.

In the ongoing effort to clean the District's rivers, WASA has started the engineering design phase of its program to reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs), principally on the Anacostia river.

WASA will continue in its efforts to help clean our environment, but you too can help! Please discard your trash in a trash can and not on the streets or into a catch basin. Help protect our river.

WASA RACES FOR THE CURE

A team of 35 WASA employees and family members joined more than 47,000 participants Saturday, June 4, for the 16th annual National Race for the Cure—a 5K run/walk that is sponsored each year by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. WASA and its employees contributed a total of \$5,370 of the more than \$2.8 million reported to have been raised.



Foundation officials report that at least \$1.57 million will remain in the Washington, D.C., Virginia and Maryland community to fund 23 local outreach programs and initiatives designed to address breast health care needs including raising awareness and increasing screening rates to save lives.

2005 DC SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

If you're looking for fun summer activities for your children and other young people, be sure to get your hands on a copy of the *DC Summer Fun 2005 Program Guide*. The Guide is designed to help adults find entertaining and educational activities that will help children make the most of their summer. It offers highlights on numerous programs including: art, dance, reading and sports, as well as information about how to obtain free summer meals and health and mental health services.



To obtain your copy of the Guide, or for more information, call (202) 463-6211. The Guide is also available online at www.summeryouthprogram.dc.gov.

For more information, visit WASA's web site at www.dcwasa.com.

Para Leer este folleto en Español, por favor visite nuestra página web www.dcwasa.com.

Report Emergencies 24 Hours a day!

To report improper use of hydrants, clogged catch basins, water main leaks, or suspected sewer backups, call (202) 612-3400.

To reach WASA's Lead Services Hotline, call (202) 787-2732.