

## **INFORMATIONAL WARNING & RATE NOTICE**

**TO: ALL LEDGEVIEW SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 2 SEWER CUSTOMERS,**

**PER LEDGEVIEW ORDINANCE §90-11, NO PERSON SHALL PERMIT RAINWATER OR SURFACE WATER TO DRAIN DIRECTLY INTO ANY SANITARY SEWER. IF YOUR SUMP PUMP OR ROOF DRAINS ARE CONNECTED TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, THIS MUST CEASE NOW!!!**

Ledgeview Sanitary District has been experiencing a significant amount of infiltration into the sanitary sewer system that is over and above the amount of gallons being metered for water sales. Each year we clean and televise at least 20% of the sewer lines to keep ahead of any maintenance problems or leaks that could contribute to this type of problem, however, we still haven't been successful in ridding this discrepancy. That is why we're concerned that some of our residents may be piping their sump pumps (storm water) into the sanitary sewer line and unwittingly putting undue costs onto the District.

Last year alone, approximately 82,114,406 gallons entered the system that we cannot account for. That amount is almost 39% of the total volume charged to Ledgeview by the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District (GBMSD). The volume charge alone for this infiltration cost the District \$50,615 last year, with possibly an additional \$92,000 in treatment costs if it contained any type of biochemical oxygen demand, suspended solids, phosphorus or nitrogen. As you can see, this is a heavy burden on the District that cannot be sustained. Through 2010, the District did not raise rates to account for this discrepancy. The increase would have been an outrageous \$1.00 per thousand gallons of water sold. However, while continuing to pursue resolve to this issue, we regret to inform you that the District has adopted a sewer rate increase this year of \$.76 per thousand. This amount includes a \$.27 increase from the GBMSD plus \$.49 to cover some infiltration loss and additional operating expenses for 2011.

***As you can see, your cooperation is essential. Please remove all storm water drainage from the sanitary sewer system immediately! Inspections will be done at random and, if caught, citations issued per violation at a rate of \$100 for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense, and \$400 for the third and each offense thereafter. Note that court costs are in addition to all citations and each day is a new offense.***

Respectfully,  
Ledgeview Sanitary District Commission

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