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Holiday Lights Tradition Continues

The tradition of LELWD crews stringing lights on the Common continued this year, just in time for the virtual holiday lighting ceremony hosted Dec. 6 on Littleton Community Television.



Toy Drive & Thanksgiving

In the spirit of the season, LELWD employees recently gave to the Toys for Tots toy drive sponsored by state Rep. Jim Arciero, the Littleton Select Board and Police Chief Matthew Pinard. Last month, employees also delivered six Thanksgiving dinner baskets of donated food to local families in Littleton and Boxborough.



Locating Wastewater Treatment Facility Topic of Public Forum

The siting of a wastewater treatment plant for the proposed Littleton Common Sewer District was the topic of an online public forum earlier this month. LELWD staff reviewed the criteria for narrowing the list of potential sites and presented three leading possibilities:

- 165 and 169 King Street: A total of 4.5 acres of two privately owned parcels near the southbound on/off ramp to I-495. The parcels are outside of drinking water well-protection zones and priority habitats, but portions abutting Mill Pond fall within wetlands and flood zones. The site is the closest of the three to the wastewater discharge site at 56 King Street.

- 242 King Street: An 8.7-acre, privately owned parcel directly abutting the northbound lanes of I-495 and directly across from the northbound on/off ramp. The parcel is outside of both drinking water well-protection zones and priority habitats. Portions of the site are adjacent to Beaver Brook, but the size of the site could enable facilities to be built above the flood elevation on the property near the highway. The site is between the Littleton Common service area and the discharge site at 56 King Street.

- Great Road: 18.5-acres, privately owned and adjacent to Couper Farm Lane. The site is near Littleton Common, but furthest from the discharge site. It is located outside the drinking water well-protection zones and flood zones. A portion falls within priority habitat and wetlands.

Littleton Town Meeting tasked LELWD with developing a plan for a sewer system. LELWD's Sewer Working Group and engineering firm CDM Smith are conducting a sewer needs assessment and work is ongoing to develop cost estimates and financing options. Sections are posted at lelwd.com as they become available.

LELWD is committed to providing regular updates on the progress of the Sewer Working Group, with forums held in October and December. The Special Town Meeting in October authorized borrowing up to \$2.5 million to design, permit and construct a 175,000 gallon per day sewer discharge site adjacent to the Littleton High School. The borrowing will be repaid through a \$1.5 million MassWorks grant and sewer rates. Town Meeting again authorized petitioning the Legislature to establish the Littleton Common Smart Sewer District.

Town Meeting Votes for Whitcomb Plant

Littleton Town Meeting has endorsed the new water treatment plant on Whitcomb Avenue. The Oct. 18 Special Town Meeting approved \$17 million on top of a prior \$13 million appropriation for the project. The plant will ensure safe and reliable water supplies, removing PFAS chemical compounds, manganese and iron from water sourced at the Spectacle Pond and Whitcomb Avenue wells.



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Godfrey Tapped as Water & Sewer Superintendent

After seven years with LELWD, Corey Godfrey has been promoted to the new position of Water & Sewer Superintendent. Godfrey will oversee 10 employees in the management and operation of both the Water and newly created Sewer Departments.



In his previous role as Water Quality Manager, Godfrey spearheaded the development of new sources of water supply, water conservation and protection efforts, and the response to the discovery of PFAS compounds in the town's water supply.

He is a key member of the Sewer Working Group, which is overseeing a sewer needs assessment and developing sewer options for the town's consideration.

A resident of Ashburnham, Godfrey holds a master's degree in resource management and conservation from Antioch University of New England.

Opt-In for Community Notifications

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Training to Stay Safe Near Electric Hazards

LELWD joined the Littleton Fire Department at the New England Public Power Association training facility on New Estate Road for a mock car accident. The early December training simulated a car accident, and LFD and LELWD crews practiced coordinating safely responding when a crash damages power lines and poles. (Photo courtesy of LFD.)



Newtown Tank

The Newtown Hill water tank underwent a complete makeover with a full cleaning, painting and installation of new safety equipment and a mixer to improve water quality.

