



BMUNews

Bryan Municipal Utilities

Summer 2010

Q & A



*Power
Production
Superintendent
Matt Killion*

Q: How did the rainy spring weather affect

production at the Auglaize Hydroelectric Plant?

A: The spring rains were excellent for generation at the hydro plant. The rainfall was spread out every few days, which kept the flow coming steady without flooding. It was perfect for generation.

We set a record for generation in March with 2,273,625 kilowatt hours, and May and June were real strong. We have generated more than 7.6 million kWh so far this year and that puts us ahead of other years. If we keep getting rain in July, it could be a great year.

To follow the daily generation output from the plant, visit www.cityofbryan.net/AuglaizeHydroPlant.asp.



SUMMER CALENDAR

June-July (Wed. 8 pm) - Bryan City Band, Courthouse Square

June-Aug. (Thurs. 3:30 - 8:30 pm) - Farmers Market & Cruise-Ins, Courthouse Square

Sept. 4 - Bryan's Best Burger Battle, Moose Parking Lot

Save summer time by paying your bill online

Busy summer? Save time by accessing your utility accounts online! Go to the BMU Web site, log in, view your bill and make a payment with a credit card. In just a few minutes, you are done and on your way.

The online payment option allows you to review your current utility bill, payment history, and make a payment 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Go to www.cityofbryan.net/YourAccount.asp and click on Online Payments to get started. **You will need your utility account number and current utility bill amount to get set up.** Both MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

Additionally, you may select to have your utility bills e-mailed to you instead of having them mailed to your address.

E-mail billing is a feature that allows you to do away with a paper bill. Each billing cycle, you will receive an e-mail notification when your bill is ready. You can then log in to your online account, view your bill, and make a payment.

You decide when and how you want to use your account online. It's secure and convenient.

Automatic payment is another super convenient method to pay your utility bills. Payment can be made by automatic debit from your checking or savings account. Automatic payment is easy to set up. No due dates to remember, and you will never have to worry about paying your bill again. Link to www.cityofbryan.net/AutomaticPayments.asp to learn more.

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Create Online User

Create an online user account. Here you will enter your name, a user id and password, and your email address. In the next step you will associate your utility account (s) to your online user.

Step 1

First Name:

Last Name:

User ID:

Password:

Confirm Password:

eMail Address:

Confirm eMail Address:

HAVEN'T SIGNED UP YET? - This screen shows the first step to set up your account and start making payments online. Just create a user ID and password and enter your e-mail address.



Water Supervisor Nate Gardner guides a piece of water pipe into the trench as operator Jeff Grant assists with the excavator.

South Myers St. gets new waterline

This summer, the water department is replacing the old 4-inch cast iron waterline on South Myers Street. The project actually got started in 2009 when the water department installed a new 8-inch waterline on Wilson Street from Allen Street to South Myers Street.

According to Water Superintendent Norm Echler, the plan is to continue with new pipe on three blocks of South Myers Street to Perry Street, then east on Perry Street back to Allen Street. This will create a loop, 2,113 feet in all, that will improve water flow and fire protection for the area.

Echler said the line has had several breaks in the past few winters. "The residents on Myers Street, especially those who have lived there more than two years, will really appreciate the new waterline," he said. "We shouldn't have any more leaks."

The project includes 50 new service connections, new fire hydrants, and updated meter facilities. Echler said the new waterline crosses underneath the 68-inch Lynn Run tile, so that portion will be directional bored. The water department plans to complete the project by late summer. Echler said he wanted to get the new water system in place before the street is repaved.

Ideally, the water department likes to install 3,900 feet or .75 miles of new waterline each year to keep up with replacement of the 100-year life expectancy infrastructure. There are approximately 75 miles of waterline in Bryan's system. Echler said there are about 12 miles of old, 4-inch cast iron pipe still in the system that are targeted for replacement.

"We have a similar replacement plan for the fire hydrants," Echler said. "We expect 50 years from a hydrant, so every year, we try to replace 10. We are very proud of the fact that it is very rare to have a fire hydrant out of service in our system."

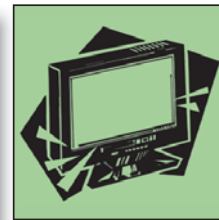
Workplace safety is top priority

Bryan Municipal Utilities employees work with high voltages and heavy equipment on a daily basis. To help employees manage the health and safety hazards associated with their jobs, the utility has a strong workplace safety program.

"Workplace safety is about preventing injury and illness to our employees," said Steve Casebere, utility director. "It's about protecting our most valuable asset -- our employees."

As part of the ongoing safety-training program, BMU conducts monthly training classes on site, tailgate safety meetings at the beginning of each job, has a safety committee that meets monthly, and participates in Black Swamp Safety Council monthly meetings. In addition, walk around inspections of all city facilities are completed annually.

The results are noticeable. Bryan Municipal Utilities has consecutive 22 months with no accidents that resulted in days away from work. "Our employees are paying more attention to safety, working safer and, most importantly, going home uninjured at the end of the day," Casebere said.



Have you seen our cable lineup lately?

BMU Communications Dept. recently added 13 new HD channels to the Digital lineup for a total of 22 high definition channels included at no additional charge with the digital basic service. BMU also provides the digital off air channels, both Toledo and Fort Wayne, in HD at no charge for all cable customers. Add in the robust extended basic package, and you have an impressive number of channels, entertainment choices and stunning HD programs to enjoy.

There's more. BMU now offers eight channels of Pay Per View programming. Digital customers can order sporting events and first-run movies directly from their set-top boxes; there is no need to call our office. First-run movies start at only \$3.99, which is simply added to your monthly bill.

Visit our Web site to see the complete Channel Lineup and Cable Packages: www.cityofbryan.net/CableTV.asp or give us a call:

419 633 6130 MON - FRI/8 AM - 5 PM