

# Between the Lines

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### General Information

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Daylight Saving begins  
March 8th.



Remember to set your clock ahead one hour.

The CBPU & City Offices will be closed at noon on Friday, April 10th to observe the holiday.

Brush Collection occurs from April thru October on the first Monday of the month. No root systems are allowed and brush is to be 8" or less in diameter. Place brush in the curb lawn area with the ends facing the same direction.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER:

All yard waste must be placed in paper bags. No plastic bags will be accepted.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, April 4th, the City of Coldwater, the Coldwater Board of Public Utilities and Coldwater Township will sponsor a household hazardous waste collection from 9 am until 3 pm at the new CBPU service building located at 180 S. Sprague Street, in Waterworks Park.

Area residents are urged to go through their homes, basements and garages to get rid of household hazardous waste such as aerosol cans, drain cleaners, oven cleaners, outdated prescriptions, rug cleaners, mercury thermometers, rodent poisons, oil and lead based paints, antifreeze, used motor oil, weed killers and herbicides, unknown chemicals, gun

solvent, glue, chemical solvents, dry cell batteries, insecticides, detergents, bleach, varnish, stains, fertilizer, antifreeze, motor oil, computers and cell phones.

#### Ammunition, explosives, and tires cannot be accepted.

Latex paint can be disposed of by taking off the lid and letting it dry out. Kitty litter can be added to the paint to accelerate the drying process. Dried latex paint cans can then be put in the regular garbage.

Used motor oil, oil filters and antifreeze are continually accepted at the CBPU's wastewater treatment plant at 100 Jay Street. Hours are Monday through Friday, 7 am

to 5 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 8:30 am to 4 pm.

Dry cell batteries can also be dropped off at the wastewater treatment plant for recycling, along with depositing at collection containers located at the Henry L. Brown Municipal Building, Wal-Mart, and Culy's jewelry store.

These services are provided to prevent chemicals from entering the water supply or the wastewater system. In addition, removing flammable materials from homes will reduce the possibility of fires and the removal of poisons will help prevent accidental poisoning of children.

## Visit Coldwater's Dog Park

If you have cabin fever then your pets probably do, too. Get out and enjoy some nice spring weather with your pets at Coldwater's new dog park. The dog park is designed to let your pets exercise and socialize "off the leash". Located on Northshore Drive, the park is 4 acres and completely fenced in. Park hours are 5 am to 11 pm.



#### Dog Park Rules & Guidelines:

- Please use the mutt mitt dispensers and waste containers located at the parks fence lines.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times until in the park.
- Dogs must be accompanied, watched and controlled.
- Dog behavior can be unpredictable around others. For the safety of all, immediately leash your dog if it exhibits aggressive behavior and leave the park area.
- To discourage aggressive behavior, dogs must be

spayed or neutered.

- Do not groom your animals in the park.
- All dogs must be licensed, over 4 months old and current with vaccinations to visit the park.
- Smoking, alcoholic beverages and food are prohibited inside the fence.
- Because of unpredictable behavior, do not bring children under the age of 12 to the dog park.
- Owners/custodians of a dog are responsible for the acts and conduct of their animal at all times when it is in a city park.

# Celebrate Earth Day with the CBPU

Earth Day is going to be exciting at the CBPU this year. Because of all the great input we received from our local citizens at last year's Earth day event we have even more planned for Earth Day 2009!

Starting Wednesday, April 22nd through Friday, April 24th we are encouraging our residents to stop by the CBPU and "make the switch" on the following items:

- An incandescent bulb for a CFL
- Five (5) plastic grocery bags for a reusable grocery bag.
- A mercury thermometer for a digital thermometer.

Another program we are excited to offer this year is the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program. Old worn out athletic shoes

are collected for recycling, transforming them into Nike Grind, a material used in creating athletic and playground surfaces as well as other select Nike products.

While you're here "making the switch", don't forget to enter our contests! We've got great prizes lined up like CFL's, programmable thermostats, and free trees! There will even be a coloring contest for the kids.

This Earth Day event raises awareness on efficient utility products and services. The CBPU would like to help our public see there are products and services designed to protect our environment as well as save money on utility bills.

So come out, bring the kids and take a ride on our Energy Bike!



**THE BRANCH COUNTY  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
IS HAVING A  
CONSERVATION EXPO AT  
LEGG MIDDLE SCHOOL  
ON MARCH 21, 2009  
FROM 8:30 - 4:00 P.M.**

There will be displays along with break out sessions.

The CBPU will sponsor a 45-minute break out session on Energy Conservation.

# Water Department Receives Safety Award of Excellence

The CBPU Water Utility recently received an "Award of Excellence" from the American Water Works Association in recognition of its safety achievements. The CBPU has an exemplary safety record. This commitment to safety is a reflection of the quality of every employee and their dedication to serving the customers of the CBPU.

"Safety is the first and foremost responsibility of each employee when they are at work. This award is well

deserved," said CBPU Director Paul Beckhusen.

The employees of the water utility earning this award are (pictured left to right): Rick Herman, Bryan Smith, Brian Massey, Tom Spitzner, Brian Musselman, Mark Omo and Cliff Dunham.

Congratulations!



**CBPU CABLE MOVES & ADDITIONS!**

- ★ Added WXSP Grand Rapids to channel 11
- ★ Added Big Ten Network to channel 75
- ★ Moved My Network TV to channel 7
- ★ Moved Discovery Network to channel 15
- ★ Moved Message Board to channel 2

# CBPU City-wide Hydrant Flushing

Beginning Monday, April 20th, the Water Department will begin its semi-annual hydrant-operating program. Changes have been made to the program to improve efficiency and minimize water quality issues.

Crews will be working around the clock to complete the program within one week. There will not be a set schedule of crew locations by day.

This is a good time for homeowners to remember to flush hot water heaters, which will improve water quality and efficiency.

The Coldwater BPU recommends doing laundry once crews have flushed hydrants in their area. Customers living south of US-12 should do laundry later in the week and north of US-12 earlier in the week as a general rule.

Motorists are urged to use caution in and around areas where hydrant operation is taking place especially in the evening and early morning hours.

For further information, please contact Tom Spitzner, Water Superintendent at 279-4805.