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The summer season poses annual problems to water suppliers. Periods of heavy demand from extended heat waves and dry spells present unique challenges to our water systems as we try and balance system demand, regulatory issues, and conservation measures.

It is quite often a paradox for water suppliers who are on an enterprise system and rely on water revenues to fund operations, but are forced to restrict their output. It is not a lot easier for systems that are general fund accounts, as revenue predictions made last January during the annual budget process, affect the entire municipal budget.

In order to meet these seasonal challenges, it is imperative that water suppliers implement an aggressive leak detection program. The gains from this program are significant, and the losses that can be corrected really help out the bottom line.

My water department in Avon recently completed a leak detection program, and we were able to recover 12 million gallons of water from fire hydrant leaks alone. All of those 1 to 2 gallon per minute leaks can really add up.

For those who can not afford to purchase expensive leak detection equipment such as sonic correlators, there are other options available. The DEP has a grant program for water loss prevention in which leak detection efforts are funded under a grant. There are some very good companies in our industry that provide these services and will participate in the program.

Another option is to use the services of Mass Rural Water Association, who is funded by the federal government, and will

provide a number of water loss prevention services without cost to the utility.

An aggressive leak detection program will also greatly benefit utilities looking to increase capacity under their water management permit, as it is a necessary first step in the process.

Sincerely,

John F. Tetreault

President



Happy Birthday !

PCWWA would like to wish the following members a happy birthday.

July Birthdays

David Peters (4) ♦ Glen Doherty (8) ♦ Gary Howard (9) ♦ Mathew Darsch (10) ♦ Thomas Dempsey (17) ♦ Barry Woods (18) ♦ James Ricci (28) ♦ Carl Atwood (29) ♦ Douglas Reed (30) ♦ Joseph Sullivan (31)

Congratulations to Gary Howard for winning the July birthday gift drawing.

August Birthdays

Bonnie Wood (2) ♦ Carl M. Sopper (5). ♦ Charles Cestodio, Jr. (12) ♦ Glenn Sullivan (12) ♦ David Williams (14) ♦ Charles F. Kennedy (15) ♦ Bernie Marshall (16) ♦ Ted Sjostedt (17) ♦ Frixon C. Thamalis (26)

Congratulations to Carl Sopper for winning the August birthday gift drawing.

All winners receive a \$25.00 Home Depot Gift Card courtesy of Ti-Sales Inc., Sudbury, MA

June Web Winner Drawings

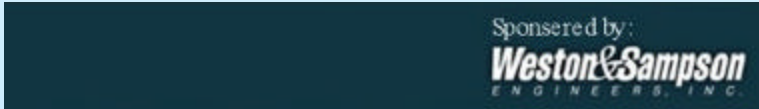
-  Terrance Campbell
Stearns & Wheler, LLC
-  Wesley Gardner Sr.
Consultants to Management, Inc.
-  Edward Keane
Abington-Rockland (retired)
-  Scott Lindquist
Public Works Supply Co., Inc.
-  Michael Martin
Wareham Fire/Water District
-  Carol Stevens
Dighton Water District
-  Michael Valenti
Town of Pembroke, DPW
-  Craig Wiegand
Harwich Water Department

ARE YOU NEXT?

July Web Winner Drawings

-  Donna Beals
Water Division, DPW
-  Daniel Callahan
Rockland/Abington Joint Water Works
-  Richard Clark
Halifax Water Department
-  Patrick Connelly
Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.
-  Gerald Davis
Town of Hanson
-  Karen Gallo
Town of Easton Water Division
-  Edward Keane
Abington-Rockland (retired)
-  Robert Leahy
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