Mayor Sue Finkam

Year in Review



Utilities Director

Assistant Utilities Director

In 2023, Carmel Utilities experienced a year diligently working to ensure the delivery of safe, reliable water and the effective treatment of wastewater for our Carmel residents and businesses alike. As a city-owned water and wastewater utility, we remain committed to proactive maintenance programs, infrastructure investments and strategic planning efforts, all with an emphasis on community engagement and transparency. This included the adoption of smart technologies for monitoring and management and the implementation of energy-efficient practices. We look forward to continuing to serve our community in 2024!

As we continue to lay the groundwork for long-term resilience and sustainability, we would like to highlight the dedication and high standards of our Carmel Utilities employee practices.

- Oracle 2023 Initiative of the Year Award: Awarded for the implementation of the new Water/Wastewater/Storm water/Trash customer support and billing software.
- The 2023 IWEA Biosolids Award honored Carmel Utilities Wastewater Treatment Plant (CUWTP) for significant contributions in the development and implementation of cost effective, environmentally safe and publicly acceptable biosolids beneficial use practices. This award was previously received by CUWTP in 2016.
- The 2023 Indiana Water Environment Association (IWEA) Laboratory **Excellence Award** recognized the CUWTP Lab for demonstrating a high level of commitment to Best Laboratory Practices and accurate data reporting. This is the 22nd consecutive year the CUWTP has received this award.
- The 2023 Indiana Water Environment Association (IWEA) Excellence in Safety Award was given to the CUWTP for grading high in merit points for sustaining a minimum of lost-time accidents.
- Consistently 100% compliant with Wastewater permit, as well as all drinking water regulations as specified in the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
- Zero lost days of work in 2023 due to on-the-job injury.

Lift Station Expansion

The Carmel Utilities 106th Street Lift Station Project began in October of 2023. This lift station conveys roughly 80 percent of flow to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, therefore, a capacity increase for optimum performance was necessary. Contracted through the public bidding process, Thieneman Construction was awarded the project. Designed by Jones & Henry Engineering, a parallel pump station will be located just east of the existing lift station, which currently pumps sanitary flows to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The new structure will house two additional pumps with provisions for a future third pump. Along with redundancy, the separate structure will allow total isolation from the existing lift station to improve maintenance tasks on site. This project also includes plans for a future bar screen, to protect the new pumping station.





Go Green. Go Paperless. Pay on-line at: carmelutilities.com

To read this and other Carmel Utilities newsletters on-line. visit CarmelUtilities.com/carmel-utilities-newsletters

2023 TOTALS

\$13,154,593OPERATING BUDGET

\$195,494,177TOTAL ASSET VALUE

57 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

365

NUMBER OF DAYS
IN OPERATION

32,003NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS

906 TOTAL

NUMBER OF CUSTOMER
CALL-INS FOR EMERGENCY
RESPONSES

2,008

NUMBER OF WORK ORDERS SERVICED

584

MILES OF WATER MAINS

5,185

NUMBER OF FIRE HYDRANTS INSPECTED/SERVICED

34,673

NUMBER OF 811 WATER LINE LOCATES

The numbers listed above reflect 2023 totals.



WATER UTILITY

ANNUAL WATER PRODUCTION

4.13 BILLION

GALLONS PER YEAR

AVERAGE WATER DEMAND

11.36 MILLION

GALLONS PER DAY

FACILITY INFORMATION

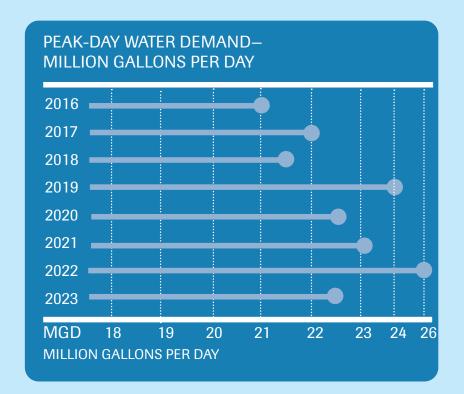
4 TREATMENT PLANTS

TREATMENT CAPACITY MGD CURRENT: 34 MGD (MILLION GALLONS PER DAY)

EXPANSION

38 MGD (MILLION GALLONS PER DAY)

SIZE OF SERVICE AREA SQ. MILES/ACRES: 50.23 SQ MILES



City of Carmel Utilities Partners







2023 TOTALS

\$9,498,917OPERATING BUDGET

\$86,520,793TOTAL ASSET VALUE

46 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

365

NUMBER OF DAYS
IN OPERATION

17,350NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS

83

NUMBER OF CUSTOMER CALL-INS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSES

3,067NUMBER OF WORK
ORDERS SERVICED

273MILES OF SANITARY MAIN

105 MILESSANITARY SEWER MAIN
CLEANED/TV INSPECTED

16,339NUMBER OF 811
SEWER LINE LOCATES

The numbers listed above reflect 2023 totals.



WASTEWATER UTILITY

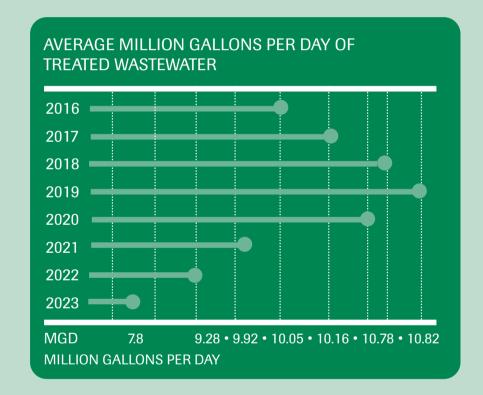
2.648 BILLION

GALLONS PER YEAR

CLASS IV CONVENTIONAL ACTIVATED SLUDGE-TYPE PLANT

7.3 MILLION

GALLONS PER DAY





Customer Service & Billing for 2023

350,102 (1,330/BUSINESS DAY AVG) NUMBER OF PAYMENTS **PROCESSED**

387,600 **METER READINGS**

9,708 NUMBER OF WORK **ORDERS SERVICED**

RESIDENTIAL TRASH & RECYCLING



31,100 NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS

36,017 TONS OF TRASH **DISPOSED OF IN 2023**

8,532 TONS OF RECYCLING **COLLECTED IN 2023**



Community Outreach and Education



Carmel residents tour Water Plant #1 as part of the Carmel Citizens Utility Academy. This program provides a channel of communication between the public and the Utility Department to better inform residents of the responsibilities and operations of Water, Wastewater, Trash & Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste. For more information, please visit the Carmel Utilities website at carmelutilities.com/academy



A Carmel High School International Baccalaureate (IB) Biology student performs a wastewater microscope analysis. Carmel Utilities Wastewater Plant employees assist students by offering a plant tour and sample collecting to fulfill their IB course requirements.



City of Carmel employees joined other local experts to judge the Carmel High School Sustainability Project contest. They reviewed the work of more than 35 student groups to determine contest winners.

SHRED-IT DAY SUCCESS

12.5 TONS (AKA 25.000 POUNDS)

Shred-It Day on April 23, 2023

6.31 TONS (AKA 12.620 POUNDS)

BULK ITEM TRASH (REPUBLIC SERVICES)

ELECTRONICS (TECHNOLOGY RECYCLERS)

7.3 TONS

(AKA 14,539 POUNDS)

ELECTRONICS

(TECHNOLOGY RECYCLERS)

Shred-It Day on Nov. 4, 2023

2.85 TONS (AKA 5,700 POUNDS)

BULK ITEM TRASH (REPUBLIC SERVICES)

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING IN THE WATER

Congratulations to our Carmel Utilities employees and their 2023 milestones.

ENGAGEMENT

BABIES

MARRIAGES

RETIREMENT







