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News Letter August 22, 2007

Dear Freeholder:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide owners of property in the district information about the status of the district. Over the past two years, the district has worked very hard and diligently to design, build and install over seven miles of sewer and water infrastructure serving Liberty Township and portions of Portage along the Route 6 and Meridian road corridor. The sewer and water lines installed extend from near State Road 149 east on Route 6 and north on Meridian Road to County Road 900 North at Timberland Subdivision The infrastructure work was completed in Spring of 2007 and is completely operational.

The district is currently providing utility service to the following communities:

Eagle Ridge Subdivision 112 homes 92% lots sold; and
 Timberland Subdivision 153 homes 68% lots sold.

We are also pleased to announce the recent addition of property into the boundaries of the district. This past spring, the following properties were added to the district:

- St. Andrew's Subdivision 42 homes Plat approved spring 2007
- Luke Oil parcels (northeast and southwest corner of Route 6 and Meridian)
- The Keithley parcel on Route 6; and
- Pet Haven Pet Shop.

The addition of these properties is an important part of the growth of the district and help ensure its continued viability. Generally speaking, more property in the district means a higher total assessed valuation of the property comprising the district, and as a result, the district's tax rate is reduced. Because adding properties is important, representatives of the district actively meet with businesses, developments, homeowners and all public and private entities interested in obtaining services. The district is currently in discussions with Mallard's Pointe and the Liberty Intermediate School regarding these properties becoming a part of the district. We receive requests for information on a very regular basis for persons interested in tying into the district's utility service. The calls received and overall interest in the district are both a real testament to the quality of the service provided.

Further, the first tax bills for the district will be sent out late this fall. Your conservancy district tax will be shown on your Porter County tax bill and is payable at the same time. District taxes like Porter County taxes are typically paid in two installments. However, this year both installments will be due and payable in November just like the Porter County taxes.

In addition to providing sewer and water service the district has worked with Timberland subdivision to improve the long standing drainage issues at County Road 900 North and Meridian Road as well as the maintenance of Damon Run waterway throughout Timberland subdivision and the adjacent farm to the south.

Should you have any inquiries, comments or applications, please direct them to either:

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