



Mount Vernon

An Innovative Community; Authentically Hometown

City Drains Reservoir for Maintenance

Workers replacing 69-year-old valves; boil advisories not anticipated

MOUNT VERNON, Nov. 10, 2021 – The City of Mount Vernon began draining its 2 million-gallon underground reservoir on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021, in order to replace valves and perform other maintenance at this facility. The underground reservoir was constructed in 1952.



Dirt Dawg Excavating is changing the valves inside the valve house at the City's underground reservoir.

It will take a couple weeks for workers to complete those tasks and then fill the reservoir back up again, which will include testing for bacteria and a lengthy chlorination process, City Engineer Brian Ball, P.E. said. The City hopes to have the reservoir filled and fully functioning again by Nov. 24.

Ball emphasized that the City will have plenty of water for its residents and businesses while the reservoir is empty. The Mount Vernon Fire Department has completed its hydrant flushing for the season, and local industries have been asked to refrain from fire-flow testing during this time.

In addition, the City's water tank on Wooster Road will be kept more full than normal while the underground reservoir is drained, and the Water Department will have extra staff available at the pump stations 24 hours a day, seven days a week to keep water pressure steady in the event of a fire or water main break in the City.

While a citywide boil advisory at some point during this process at the reservoir cannot be ruled out, the City does not expect one to be necessary.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:

The City of Mount Vernon is an innovative community with an authentic hometown feel. Home to 17,000 people, Mount Vernon is the county seat for Knox County and boasts historic buildings and districts as well as business and professional, educational, and recreational opportunities through many adaptive reuses of the community's infrastructure and spaces. Specific attractions are the historic Woodward Opera House, the Knox County Memorial Building and Theater, and the 250-acre Ariel-Foundation Park adjacent to the state scenic Kokosing River. The City has strong ties to higher education, with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Kenyon College, and Central Ohio Technical College operating satellite locations in the historic downtown. Located 40 miles northeast of Columbus, Mount Vernon is near the geographic center of Ohio and has connections all over the globe.

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