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## **New Baltimore Water Tank**

### *Village Now Able To Store An Additional 500,000 Gallons Of Water*

Baltimore— On October 19,2009 the Village of Baltimore will begin start up procedures of the new 500,000 gallon storage tank located on the East side of the Village. The new storage facility will increase the village’s storage capacity from 400,000 gallons of water to 900,000 gallons of water.

“We are excited to offer this upgraded system to our residents as our current storage capacity is only capable of fulfilling the village needs for a 24 hour period in the event of a catastrophic failure of the Water Treatment Plant”. “The new tank will add an additional two days of storage for the Village,” said Joseph Taylor, Water / Waste Water Supervisor for the Village of Baltimore.

The new storage facility will utilize booster pumps to help increase pressure in certain pressure zones and help increase fire fighting capabilities. The upgrade however may stir some sediment in some of the older lines and cause some discoloration in the water.

“The discoloration of water poses no safety risk and represents only an aesthetic issue caused by a change in direction of the flow pattern,” explained Taylor. “Letting water run for a few minutes should help remove any discoloration.”

To help eliminate any issues residents may have experienced from the new system, Baltimore is conducting hydrant flushing during the last two weeks of October and the first week of November this year. Residents should expect hydrants to be flushed periodically Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Once the process is complete, residents should experience significantly less discoloration in their water.

In addition to hydrant flushing, the Village of Baltimore follows routine water sampling procedures set by Ohio’s Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Village consistently meets all standards set by the EPA, including producing water classified as safe for drinking.

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