

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITY DEPARTMENTS**

The City of Lindstrom is asking Residents NOT to flush disposable wipes into the Sanitary Sewer System. Many of the wipes state on the package that they are flushable, which they are, but they do not break down like toilet paper in the Sanitary Sewer System.

The use of disposable wipes has caused a dramatic increase in plugged pumps at the City's Lift Stations, and also blockages in both the City and Private Sewer Lines. When the Public Works Department receives an alarm or phone call notifying them of a problem, they respond (24) hours per day which increases the maintenance costs and ultimately the Water Rates being charged.

The Utilities and Public Works Departments recommend that anyone interested in learning more about flushable wipes and the effect they have on the Sanitary Sewer System view a short presentation (sponsored by the Consumer Reports Organization) at the following link:

[www.consumerreports.org/cro/news/2013/12/think-twice-about-flushing-wet-wipes/index.htm](http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/news/2013/12/think-twice-about-flushing-wet-wipes/index.htm)

The Utilities Department requests that anyone using flushable wipes please dispose of them in the garbage rather than flushing them. Thank-you.