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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JULY 2, 2021**

We have reached the halfway point of 2021 and things are starting to get back to normal. I recently had the opportunity to be on a Zoom meeting with NEWEA and all the member associations. In that call I learned of something called a "[Water Advocate](#)." It is a simple way to make your voice heard by your representatives in DC. Just follow the above link and, after a few easy steps, you are ready to go.

As with most industries, water, wastewater, and stormwater are experiencing supply shortages. I spoke with Jason Chadwick of E.J. Prescott this morning and he informed me that PVC pipe is taking anywhere from 3 weeks to 6 months depending on size and quantity needed. It has also almost tripled in price over the last year. Castings have gone up roughly 25% over the last year and currently have a lead time of 4-6 weeks. A quick Google search revealed that although raw materials seem to be in good quantity, manufacturing and shipping is still suffering due to a workforce shortage. A couple of utilities in Maine have even reported having vehicle orders cancelled.

Our legislative group has been hard at work following the infrastructure bills. Emily Prescott and Tim Wade worked hard on letters to both Senator King and Senator Collins supporting the bipartisan infrastructure funding. We are truly fortunate here in Maine that both of our Senators were selected to be a part of this bipartisan effort. As information becomes available, we will be sure to help get the word out to our members.

Finally, I just wanted to tell everyone to have a magnificent Independence Day. 245 years and counting since our forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence. Let us not forget that this day is meant to celebrate our freedom!!!

Cheers,

Philip J Tucker,  
President

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