

JULY NEWSLETTER

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

The business office will be closed Monday, July 4, 2016 in observance of Independence Day!

Mark your calendar for the annual “Budget Workshop” Wednesday, August 3, 2016, in the Seis Lagos Clubhouse. The workshop is scheduled to commence at 4:00 p.m.

- If you wonder how your taxes are spent.
 - Where the revenue goes.
- Just if you are curious about what maintenance and operation costs are.

“YOU ARE INVITED TO GET INVOLVED”

This is a preview of information that will give you an understanding of the “water” side of the District. The wastewater information will follow in a later publication. The District purchases water from the North Texas Municipal Water District at a **current rate of \$21,998.00 monthly.**

Some questions that have been asked by customers:

1. Can't we get water from a different source? North Texas Municipal Water District is the only provider.

North Texas Municipal Water District supplies water to the following areas:

Farmersville, Forney, Garland, McKinney, Mesquite, Princeton, Plano, Rockwall, Royse City, Wylie, Richardson, Allen, Frisco, Ables Springs SUD, Bear Creek SUD, City of Bonham, Caddo Basin SUD, Cash SUD, College Mound SUD, Copeville SUD, East Fork SUD, Town of Fairview, City of Fate, Forney Lake Water Supply Corporation, Gastonia-Scurry SUD, Greater Texoma Utility Authority, City of Josephine, City of Kaufman, Kaufman Four-One (Crandall), Town of Little Elm, City of Lucas, City of Melissa, Milligan Water Supply Corporation, Mount Zion Water Supply Corporation, City of Murphy, Nevada SUD, North Collin Water Supply Corporation, City of Parker, Town of Prosper, Rose Hill SUD, City of Rowlett, City of Sachse, Seis Lagos Utility District, Town of Sunnyvale, City of Terrell, and Wylie Northeast Special Utility District.

The cost of water incorporates many factors:

- Approval from the State (EPA, TCEQ, and other agencies) to build a lake.
- The purchase of land to build more lakes.
- Engineering plans for a lake to be built.
- Meeting all special requirements to accommodate for special animal habitats to the specific area.
- Acquisition for easements to use or enter onto the real property of another without owning it.
- Replacing roads, driveways, areas that may be in the path of the construction or in the direct path where piping, valves and vaults will be installed.

The population served by the NTMWD currently stands at over 1.6 million people and is expected to more than double by 2070 to 3.7 million residing inside the NTMWD service area, according to the initially prepared state water plan. Growth increases demand and that means increasing the supply. **It all comes down to**

CONSERVATION.

2. The next phrase that has been expressed is, why must we conserve there is plenty of water. This is false.
 - 97.5% of all water on Earth is salt water,
 - Near 70% of fresh water is frozen,
 - With 1% accessible for direct human uses.The 1% is found in lakes, rivers, reservoirs and those underground sources that are shallow enough to be tapped at an affordable cost. This 1% is the only amount renewed by rain and snowfall, and is therefore available on a sustainable basis.

A few ways to CONSERVE water:

- (1) Have your irrigation checked annually by a licenses irrigation specialist.
- (2) When you are running water waiting for it to get hot, collect that water to water houseplants.
- (3) Turn the water off while brushing your teeth.
- (4) Repair leaky faucets.

What is takes for Seis Lagos Utility District to provide drinking water to our customers?

1. Pipelines from NTMWD feed line to Seis Lagos UD pump station.
 - These lines must be maintained and upgraded as demand requires.
2. Pumps to pump the water.
 - These pumps are like an automobile they require servicing to avoid any interruption in service.
3. Ground storage facilities to provide a supply of water to meet demand in an event that NTMWD can't meet demand due to an emergency or major mechanical failure.
 - These facilities require maintenance from time to time just as a home would, such as weld repairs and paint.
 - These facilities must be inspected annually.
4. Elevated towers to hold the water under pressure so that it flows through your faucet.
 - These towers require maintenance from time to time just as a home would, such things as weld repairs and paint.
 - These facilities must be inspection annually.
5. Samples are required to be taken and taken to a certified laboratory for analysis.
 - These sample results can be found as a part of your Drinking Water Report that is provided to all customers annually.
6. It takes employees and funds to provide drinking water, these are a few things that define water.
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Some topics that will be discussed in future newsletters:

- **Street Light Repairs**
We understand your frustration regarding timely street light repairs. The weather has been unusually rainy this year. Contractors will not touch electricity when there could be a risk. The alternative is to rent or purchase a bucket w/ trailer and complete the street light repairs by the District employee. No wiring can be completed by an employee unless he is a licensed electrician.
- **Wasterwater and what is cost for disposal, treatment, licensed operators to manage the system. New options for wastewater.**

Let us know what you think, email your suggestions, likes, dislikes, etc. to district@slud.us if you have a suggestion for the newsletter.

Have a Happy & Safe 4th of July

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