



Mission: To provide the highest quality of water at the most affordable price for current customers and to provide for the expansion of the District as growth occurs.



Greetings & Salutations!

Hello friends and neighbors! Merry Christmas to everyone from me, as your President! Once again we roll the calendar into a new year, a new chance to make things right, opportunities to do the things left undone in 2013. I hope the year 2013 was good, kind to all, and that the year 2014 will be filled with new hope, with positive purpose and opportunities, and maybe a new friendship or two along the way!

I hope and pray that if you travel or if you have family and friends who travel this holiday season, that all arrive at their destinations safely. This year Linda and I will be at home, hosting kids and grandkids, family and friends. The stockings are hung, the lights are lit, the tree is decorated and the cookies are in the oven. All that is left is the opening of the gifts on a crisp Christmas morning!

I would like to take a moment and welcome all of the new neighbors across our District. We have had nearly 30 homes sold this past year, with as many new families moving in. If you have not welcomed your new neighbors, now is a great time. A plate of sugar cookies, a cup of hot cider, a warm smile and a hearty Merry Christmas is a great way to make that new family in your neighborhood feel welcome.

This year if you find yourself looking for a place to celebrate Christmas Eve, Linda and I would love to invite you to join us at the Brighton United Methodist Church. This year we will have services at 5 PM and again at 7 PM. All our welcome!

Just a reminder, even though the school year is in progress, we still need to give our kids a brake! Slow down and drive safely through our neighborhoods!

Meter Reading: The meter reading for January will be on the 6th for all neighborhoods. I will post February's date in my next letter. Yes, I said February, as in 2014!

Community Calendar: Once again Platte Valley Medical Center has a busy month of activities. You can find them on the

web at www.pvmc.org/events or just stop in. Here are some of the topics for this month:

Diabetes Support Group
Saturday January 4 & 18, 10 a.m.

Contact Cynthia Foster
303-498-1699

Stroke Recovery Support Group
Monday, January 6, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Contact Christine Buzzell
303-498-1844

Cancer Support Group
Saturday January 11 & 25, 11a.m.

Contact Vicki Kennedy
vicki@pvmc.org

Total Joint University
Tuesday January 14, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Contact Christine Buzzell
cbuzzell@pvmc.org

Ready, Set, Quit, You Can Be Tobacco Free-Smoking Cessation Class
Thursday, January 9, 16, 23 & 30, 4:30 p.m.

Contact Chris Bowlin
303-498-2190

Pilates Mat Class
Thursday January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 5:15p.m.

Contact Karen Vizyak
kvizyak@pvmc.org

Free Women's and Newborn Center Tour
Wednesday January 8 & 22, 6p.m.

Contact Call to schedule an appointment

If you have an event you would like posted, send me the information I would love to hear about it.

New Discussions: Our last meeting of 2013 was spent closing out our budget items. The Board did feel it was necessary to revise the operations/administrations fee charged each month. The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion, listening to input from our consultants before a decision was made. Our flat fee will go from \$35 per month to \$40 per month starting in January.

Other changes the Board made in our December meeting were updates to our Rules and Regulations. Brad, who serves the District as the Engineer, has completed his evaluation of the District's system development fee by looking at the market value of our District and replacement costs of our facilities. In doing so, he has determined a per lot dollar amount for each new home that will be built in the new subdivisions or future properties including into the District. This has no impact to the current home owners, but does give the District clear direction on cost when other neighborhoods request to become part of our District. The Board understands the importance of developers paying their way so that costs are not levied on those already enjoying the country life and those who have already paid for the infrastructure currently in place.

Brad is also working diligently with local and State governing committees to find a solution for our evaporation ponds. The rules continue to change, which makes it difficult for those with

limited funds to meet the higher standards. Hopefully in the next few months I'll have positive news to pass along on this topic.

Last month I made note that 2014 is an election year. At our last meeting, both Director Wyckoff and Director Polliard reported that they do plan on running for a second term. That leaves me. I have decided not to seek a third term. I have served our community for two terms, and May will mark 8 years' of service. I feel it's time for someone new to step up, to learn about water, to learn how our District operates and to provide fresh ideas and direction.

If you are interested, and would like to learn what the requirements are to qualify, drop me a line, give Lisa Johnson our District manager a call or just stop by. Paper work will be available in February for anyone who is interested. All paper work must be turned in by the end of February to be eligible.

Now here's my lawyer talk, it's copy and paste from Ms. Jennifer Tanaka, our attorney:

Pursuant to Title 32, an individual is eligible to be a director on the Board of the District if they are a registered elector in the State of Colorado AND one of the following: 1) reside within the District for at least 30 days; 2) own, or have a spouse who owns, taxable real or personal property within the District; or 3) have an option to purchase property within the District which obligates them to pay taxes.

Serving your neighbors can be a fun, learning experience. And no, you do not get to drive a District furnished car and no we don't go to "the islands" on the District's dime for meetings!

Old News! So I have changed the name of this section. Here is a reminder of the ways you can pay your water bill if you choose so.

Last month I wrote about this great new way to pay your water bill. What I was negligent in sharing was that this was a service provided by the State of Colorado, and that they charged 2.5% of the bill as their fee. So we discussed options, how can we pay our bills? The following is a five point description of ways we can accomplish this.

Customers have the following options to make payments:

-mail a check or money order

-enroll in auto-pay - this option will automatically debit funds (the amount due for that month) from a checking account on the due date. Application can be requested by calling the Utility Billing Department at [303-987-0835](tel:303-987-0835) or via email at ljohnson@sdmsi.com. This bill pay option is initiated by the District. Once enrolled, the customer will continue to receive a monthly bill indicating the amount that will be debited on the due date.

-enroll in bill pay with your bank (typically this service is free to the customer of the bank). This bill pay option is initiated by the customer each month and should be completed well in advance of the due date.

- pay portal – this is an online service in which a

customer can initiate a payment via electronic check (\$1 fee) or via credit card (fee = 2.25% of the total amount paid). This

option is initiated as a same day payment and can be made on the due date if a customer chooses without incurring a late fee.

-walk-in payment – customers can drop payments off at the District's offices at 141 Union Blvd., Ste. 150 in Lakewood.

Communication: We went live!!!! Yes, Lisa was finally successful in pushing the State across the finish line! Our District now has a website! You may log into <http://www.colorado.gov/greatrocknorthwsd> and check us out! You will be able to review past newsletters, see our financials, read minutes from each meeting, learn tips on conservation, see ways to pay your bills, learn who your Board members are, look at our boundaries, and many other things. This will be a growing website, evolving as the District evolves. If you have any thing you would like to see added, send me an email. I would love to hear your ideas.

As a reminder, you can join us on Facebook by searching for Greatrock North Water and Sanitation District and "Like" our page. For Twitter, search for the name of the District as well, we show up as @Greatrock_North and you can follow us there. We will use these sites to post meetings, neighborhood events and water outages.

The Board continues to monitor water quality, so if you feel your quality is not what it should be, let us know. We can't fix it if we don't know there's a problem. You can reach Wayne, Jeff or one of the team at 303-833-5505 or drop me a line at my email.

Expenses: Each month the District has to pay the bills, our expenses. We all know that water comes at some cost. Since each month's expenses are different, I thought I would share each month just how much we as a District pay to keep us all in water, the bottom line.

General Fund	\$ 59,410.18
Debt Service Fund	\$ -0-
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 5,672.10
Total Claims:	\$65,082.28

Remember, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, just drop me a line at my email! Our next Board meeting will be on January 7th at the United Power Building. One thing to note is the door locks at 5:30pm. If you drop by after 5:30pm, to the right of the doors are some windows. We keep the blinds open and try and keep an eye out for those who are a little late in arrival. Hope to see you all at our next meeting!!

Be safe, have fun and enjoy life! And yes, from my home to your home, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

God Bless to all,

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