



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.

The Directors Corner

Greetings & Salutations!

Hello friends and neighbors! I hope the new year is treating everyone well so far. I know from my back porch it sure would be nice to get some moisture. It's been an awfully dry start to the year!

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! And pay special attention now that it's dark when they head to the bus in the morning.

Meter Reading: The meter reading for March will be on the 5th for all neighborhoods. I will post April's date in my next letter.

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:

Prenatal Pilates Exercise Class
Tuesday March 5, 12, 19 & 26, 6:00 p.m.

Contact Karen Vizyak
kizyak@pvmc.org

Stroke Recovery Support Group
Monday March 4, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Contact Christine Buzzell
 303-498-1844

Cancer Support Group
Saturday March 9 & 23, 11a.m.

Contact Vicki Kennedy
vicki@pvmc.org

Total Joint University
Tuesday March 12, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Contact Christine Buzzell
cbuzzell@pvmc.org

FREE Women's & Newborn Center Tours
Wednesday March 13 & 27, 6:00 p.m.

Contact Karen Albrecht
kalbrecht@pvmc.org

Pilates Mat Class
Thursday March 7, 14, 21 & 28, 5:15 p.m.

Contact Karen Vizyak
kvizyak@pvmc.org

Heart Rhythm Meditation
Wednesday March 6 & 20, 12:30 p.m.

Contact Call Christine Buzzell
 330-498-1844

New Discussions: January was yet another slow month for the District. Our engineering staff has provided us with a location for an additional evaporation pond. The Board views this location as its first choice due to several factors. We believe the location will help with the associated cost of plumbing and logistics.

This past month Lisa, our manager did a facility inspection on all three sites and the ponds. Lisa was happy to report only minor issues that she is working with the other consultants to correct.

The numbers are in for water use in the calendar year of 2012. I thought it might be nice to share that we pumped around 95 million gallons of water last year, which is about 290 acre feet. I believe that the longest any one home was without water was less than 12 hours.

The District now has the ability to sell water directly from our fire hydrants. If you own a business and can use this service please give Lisa a call at 303-987-0835.

Communication: We are even closer on our website. We received a \$3,000 grant to develop this. With any luck, we be online by summer!

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	\$ 59,388.35
Debt Service Fund	\$ 350.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 7,044.76
Total Claims:	\$ <u>66,783.11</u>

Over the past several months the Board has been using a remote reader for our water meters. This allows the user to track the amount of water being used daily and monthly, and I believe weekly. We looked at these as an option so that homeowners

could track their water usage. If you are interested, they are available from the District at a cost of \$100. Please give Lisa a call to order yours.

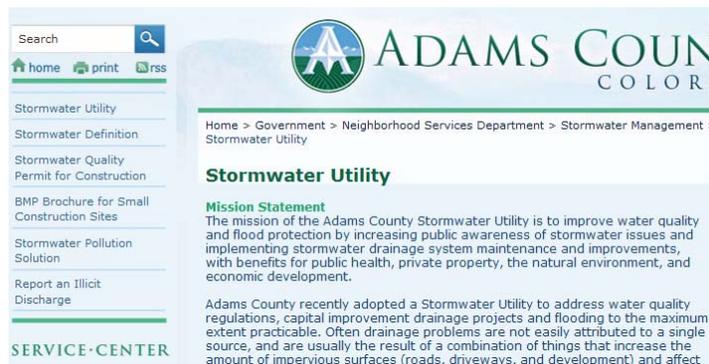
Recently we all received post cards with a new County fee attached for Storm Water Utility. I was at a meeting last month at which Commissioner Hansen shared the reason behind the fee. This new fee being assessed is driven by the EPA and its requirements. Many of the cities have already put programs in place. Adams County had not. When this new fee was presented to the Commissioners, it was advertised as a fee that would impact households about \$5 per month. The calculations were made from aerial photos, and as you can see by your share of the fee, mis-calculated severely. If you would like to calculate what you feel is a more accurate fee, visit <http://www.co.adams.co.us/index.aspx?NID=1073> for the calculation tables.

So what can we do? Per County Commissioner Hansen, who shared that he voted against this fee, we can protest the amount of the fee. So how do we do that? We can call Adams County Stormwater Quality Office at 720-523-6400 and a very nice lady will walk you through the process or you can go to the office and fill out a form there.

I chose to call and will try to walk you through the process she shared with me. First, you should find a web page that has a wheat field at the bottom. On the left hand side of the page you should see several choices, one being "Stormwater Utility". Click on this link.



On the next page that opens, at the top you will see a header marked "Mission Statement".



About half way down this page you will see a header marked "Appeals Process". In the first paragraph you will see "Appeals

Form". Click on this and it will pull up an online form that you can fill out and submit.

To calculate the square feet (sf) of impervious area that is being billed:
Step 1: Total Fee/12 months = Monthly Fee
Step 2: Monthly Fee/0.00167 = sf impervious area being billed

- [Stormwater Utility Fee Estimate Calculator](#)
- [Stormwater Utility Policy Manual - Jan. 2013](#)

Appeals Process

If you believe you have been improperly billed you can submit an appeal form to the Stormwater Management section for review. Click on the link to access the [Appeals Form](#). If you would like a copy of the form mailed to you, please contact the Stormwater Hotline at 720.523.6400.

If you have submitted an appeal form and would like to view where it is in the process online, you can use our Permit Center's [Online Citizen Access](#) feature. New to Citizen Access? Please follow these [instructions](#) to help you navigate.

Please watch these short videos to learn more:

- [Stormwater Utility Implementation Project](#) (10:26)
- [Stormwater Quality Education Video](#) (3:33)

In the next paragraph you will see "[Online Citizen Access](#)". The very nice lady told me that once I have filled out the form and submitted it, I can click on this link and track the progress of my appeal.

I hope this helps everyone though the appeals process. The folks at Adams County from all I have been told have been very helpful to all who have called. Thanks to all who have passed along information.

I have invited Commissioner Hansen to one of our future Board meetings so we can learn more about the direction and goals the County has and to hopefully foster better relations with our Commissioners in any future projects we have.

Remember, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, just drop me a line at my email! Our next Board meeting will be on March 5th 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!

Regards to all,

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