



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! I pray your journey from 2013 to 2014 went well. Welcome to the New Year! So far this year looks to be a good one, filled with promise and opportunity.

Did you all have a wonderful Christmas? We were blessed with two of the four grandchildren this year. Having grandsons around on Christmas morning always make it a little more special. They did cut the old guy some slack and let me sleep in until 7am that morning!

I'm not one to make resolutions on the first day of the year, then crash or become derailed by February. But I do look at life, and the things I would like to accomplish in the next twelve months. I think this year for me I will make more time for family, grow in my ministry to serve God, and live life always with a smile. And yes, spend more time fishing!

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 February will be on the 5th for all neighborhoods. I will post March'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:

Diabetes Support Group
Saturday February 1 & 15, 10 a.m.

Contact Cynthia Foster 303-498-1699

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

Contact Christine Buzzell 303-498-1844

Cancer Support Group
Saturday February 8 & 22, 11a.m.

Contact Vicki Kennedy
vicki@pvmc.org

Total Joint University
Tuesday February 11, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Contact Christine Buzzell
cbuzzell@pvmc.org

Ready, Set, Quit, You Can Be Tobacco Free-Smoking Cessation Class

Thursday, February 6, 13 & 20, 4:30 p.m.

Contact Chris Bowlin
303-498-2190

Pilates Mat Class

Tuesday February 4, 11, 18 & 25, 5:15 p.m.

Thursday February 6, 13, 20 & 27, 5:15 p.m.

Contact Karen Vizyak
kvizyak@pvmc.org

Free Women's and Newborn Center Tour
Wednesday February 5 & 19, 6 p.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 year began by closing out old contracts, the Board ratified the approval of the termination of multiple independent contractor agreements with the District for services which were completed to the District's satisfaction. The Board also learned that in Box Elder Creek Ranch 5 lots have been sold in the last few months. It's good to hear real-estate is finally moving in a positive way in our community.

Our engineer, Brad, is still working with the CDPHE regarding reclassification of Box Elder Creek to allow discharge of concentrate water into this dry creek bed instead of into our ponds. Brad has done a lot of research to retrace the steps that approved our loop system several years ago with our old engineering firm and the State. You might say the water has been a little muddy in how we got where we are and why the rules have changed. I'm glad Brad has been so persistent in his dealing with the various State agencies in his efforts to make things right for our District.

Around the end of December we experienced a leak in one of our curb stops in Box Elder Creek Ranch. Our water operations team was all over this. A few neighbors did see disruption in service. This did bring up the "how to" question for notification. The Board has decided that if the water outage impacts 6 or fewer homes, then someone will go door to door and let you know. If the water needs to be shut down for a larger section of homes or a neighborhood, then we will use our water notification system. This system

will email you, send you a text message or call your phone. Help us keep you informed! Sign up today. It cost nothing, your information is not sold or shared and it's a really simple way to be in the know! You can contact me or call Lisa Johnson's office at 303-987-0835. Yes, it's just that easy! Starting in April, this will be the District's only means of notification of outages so we encourage you to sign up.

The Board decided in the December meeting to raise rates by 300%. WHAT?! Ok, now that I have your attention, last month I made note that 2014 is an election year. I shared that both Director Wyckoff and Director Polliard do plan on running for a second term and that I would not seek a third term. So far no one has requested information on becoming a Board member. I urge everyone to try it! Serving on the Board as a Director is rewarding. It's an easy way to give back to your community; to make a difference in the future of our neighborhoods. This is a great opportunity to learn about water and what an important resource it is. Oh, and did I mention, the other guys on the Board currently, they're not bad either! They can even be kind of fun to meet with--once a month anyway!

So what does a Board member do? Well, we hold meetings once a month. The meetings last typically between 2 and 3 hours. Before each meeting we review the agenda and an electronic packet chucked full of the workings of the District. The key is to review the financials, making sure the numbers match, then read through the manager and engineering reports and the water operator's report to make sure nothing is askew.

I believe the most important thing we do is listen to the consultants, discuss actions required and make the decision of what should be done. Most of the real work is accomplished through Lisa and her office. Your Director is also the neighbor who does their best to keep the District solvent and looks at the future for growth and stability.

If you are interested, 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 on the first of January for anyone who is interested. All paper work must be turned in by February 28, 2014 at 5:00 PM to be eligible.

Now a word from our attorney Ms. Jennifer Tanaka:

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.

Old News! In the past I used this section to share options for paying your bill. Now you can go to our website at <http://www.colorado.gov/greatrocknorthwsd> This now has all the information on options for paying your bill.

Communication: Ok, so what do you think? Have you had the chance to visit our website yet? I'm really looking for your feedback on this. Take a look when you get a chance. Let me know what you think and what you would like to see on this site. You may log into <http://www.colorado.gov/greatrocknorthwsd> and check us out!

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 meeting updates, 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	\$ 49,268.13
Debt Service Fund	\$148,078.75
Capital Projects Fund	\$ -0-
Total Claims:	\$ <u>197,346.88</u>

This year I asked each of the Directors to write down their top 5 goals for the year. I thought it would be beneficial for each of us to know what's important to the others. Top of the list for 2014 is to resolve our concentrate issues. Second was to purchase water share(s) so that we could bank on our future. The third was broad based, but really focused on preventative maintenance and upgrading equipment and improving our efficiency. Fourth was making efficient cost savings that are realistic. The last was building a new facility at Box Elder Creek Ranch, a place that would serve the District and the community. We did discuss World Peace, but determined it was beyond the scope of what the Board could accomplish.

Remember, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, just drop me a line at my email! Our next Board meeting will be on February 4th 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,

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