



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! July is finally upon us and this month our newsletter editor, Terry Krayenhagen, is taking a much deserved break. Terry and his family are spending quality time in the beautiful Colorado Mountains. What that really means is that two board members are going to attempt to duplicate Terry's work on the newsletter.

We hope all of you had a wonderful and safe July 4th. This month the water district will be busy making corrective changes to the system in the Greatrock North and Rocking Horse neighborhoods. As Terry indicated in his last newsletter we have been experiencing low water pressures in Rocking Horse Farms during various times of the day.

Just a reminder for the safety of all residents in our neighborhoods please drive carefully.

Meter Reading: The meter reading for August will be on the 5th for all neighborhoods. I will post the reading date for September 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:

Pilates Mat Class
Tuesday July 16 & 23, 5:45 p.m.

Contact Karen Vizyak
kizyak@pvmc.org

Cancer Support Group
Saturday July 13 & 27, 11a.m

Contact Vicki Kennedy
vicki@pvmc.org

FREE Women's & Newborn Center Tours
Wednesday July 24, 6:00 p.m.

Contact Karen Albrecht
kalbrecht@pvmc.org

Pilates Mat Class
Thursday July 18 & 25, 5:15 p.m.

Contact Karen Vizyak
kvizyak@pvmc.org

New Discussions:

The District is still actively seeking a solution on removal of the brine in our evaporation ponds. The Board of Directors has decided to put on hold the concept of building a third water evaporation pond. We decided to explore other options for dealing with the disposal of the brine created during the operation of the RO system. Once this process is completed we will report back to all of you the available options as well as the best solution for the issue.

As stated earlier, because of the low water pressure issues in the Rocking Horse Farms neighborhood, several changes have been approved by the Board which will correct that problem. A meeting was held at the Rocking Horse Farms pump house on July 1 where all of our consultants met with water specialists where the problem and our operation of the system was reviewed. At that time the problem was identified to be the sizing of the water pumps we use at that location. Presently there are two (2) pumps, both of which are 5 horsepower, and a third 30 horsepower fire pump which is used during fire suppressing times. The first two pumps are not able to keep up with demands during the irrigation season which causes the fire pump to be used to augment the operation when the pressure gets too low. This, in turn, causes the pressure on the fire pump to increase and ultimately shut down. Needless to say, this causes stress on the fire pump. At the same time it causes one of the pumps to run all the time. The correction for this problem is to replace both of the 5 horsepower pumps with two 7.5 horse power pumps, which will increase the ability to meet the needs of the community.

The installation will begin in 7 to 10 days after the pumps arrive, possibly during the week of July 17th. For those of you who have experienced the problem, please bear with us for the next two weeks. We now have the system set to run as needed with very little delay.

The cost of this repair is in the area of \$23,000.00.

And now for some good news, during the last 5 months the District has saved over \$8,800.00 in electrical charges by working with United Power and our operators to change the hours in which we operate the pump stations to function during off peak hours as much as possible.

Please, if you have any issues, water quality, water pressure, weeds around the tanks, don't hesitate, drop me a line, call our manager Lisa Johnson at SDMS, 303-987-0835 or email Lisa at ljohnson@sdmsi.com. We can't help unless we know there is a problem.

Exciting News! Last month Terry wrote about the new way to pay your water bill. The following is a five point description of ways you 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 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. Go to <https://www.colorado.gov/payment/greatrocknorth> to sign up for this option.

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

- Make sure your system is functioning correctly and you have no leaks or wasted water.

These two items will save you and us water and money.

Remember, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments please contact Lisa Johnson at 303-987-0835 or via email at ljohnson@sdmsi.com.

As Terry would say “Be safe, have fun and enjoy life!”

Regards to all,

Brian Rogers, Secretary
John D, Wyckoff Board member
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Communication: This month the Board was made aware by the State that the water district website is ready for review by our staff. We anticipate this will take several days to complete and then the process of adding our information to the site. Hopefully no later than September 1st it will be up and running.

Until then, 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	\$ 24,392.92
Debt Service Fund	\$ 123,078.75
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 1,319.75
Total Claims:	\$ 148,791.42

Water Conservation!

Conserving our water is possible one of the most important items facing all water districts. Certainly it is one of ours. Please keep in mind the following items when irrigating your shrubs, trees, and landscaping:

- Never water your lawns during the heat of the day. If possible water during the overnight hours between the hours of 9:00PM and 4:00AM.