



WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

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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! WOW!! Spring has sprung! As I write the March letter we hit a high of 70 degrees today! And to think, only two days ago it was snowing! As you hear, only in Colorado!

I must say the warmer weather is giving me the bug to begin my spring yard work. I see on my trip to the mail box, I have weeds growing in the ditch. I now have added chemicals to my list of things to buy.

As summer approaches, I am getting the urge to bring the 5th wheel around for a little sprucing up and to begin my systems check to make sure all things work. Once we are there systems wise, it's time to load for our first excursion. I pray you have a summer plan of fun and sun, always surrounded by family and friends.

A big thanks to Director Polliard for taking the time to write last month's letter. I had not planned on being able to attend last month's meeting due to some family matters so Jeff graciously stepped up!

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 April will be on the 4th for all neighborhoods. I will post May'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 April 19, 10 a.m.

Contact Cynthia Foster 303-498-1699

Stroke Recovery Support Group
Monday, April 7, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Contact Christine Buzzell 303-498-1844

Cancer Support Group
Saturday April 12 & 26, 11a.m.

Contact Vicki Kennedy
vicki@pvmc.org

Total Joint University
Tuesday April 8, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Contact Christine Buzzell
cbuzzell@pvmc.org

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

Thursday, April 3, 10, 17 & 24, 4:30 p.m.

Contact Chris Bowlin
303-498-2190

Pilates Mat Class

Tuesday April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 5:15 p.m.

Thursday April 3, 10, 17 & 24, 5:15 p.m.

Contact Karen Vizyak
kvizyak@pvmc.org

Free Women's and Newborn Center Tour
Wednesday April 2 & 16, 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: At our March meeting we discussed and engaged Chris Sanchez of Bishop-Brogden Associates to search for water shares we can buy. Our current water source, although sufficient for today's use, is not renewable. The Board is looking at purchasing water shares that will keep our community in water in future years.

We also approved work on our generators. The current electrical configuration does not notify our operator's when we lose power and the generators do not start. We experienced this last year in Great Rock North. The Board's biggest concern for this is lack of fire pumps. This is a service the Board feels cannot be neglected. I would like to add that United Power does do an excellent job of keeping us in electricity. Thanks to them for their efforts and service.

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.

In February, Director Wyckoff and Lisa Johnson, our District's manager, did a site inspection at all three facilities. I am happy to report our operators have been doing a great job of keeping the sites clean and in good repair.

A thing to note, we will be painting the water tank at Rocking Horse Farms this spring. The Board approved this action at a cost of \$20,484. It was noted that some of the damage was due to small firearms, yes BB guns, being fired at the tank. The Board asks each of our neighbors, if you see anyone you feel doesn't belong around the tank sites, please challenge them or call a Board member and we'll take that action. If you feel the situation is dangerous or does involve firearms, please contact the sheriff immediately. In advance, thank you.

The Board also discussed this year's capital improvements. This spring we will be back at the Rocking Horse Farms and Great Rock North tank sites. The Board has approved funding to install irrigation systems. This will allow us to actually seed some grasses and hopefully one day overcome the weeds! And yes, we do realize that chemicals will need to be part of our program for improved sites.

Ok, it's official, we are having an election. I have shared that three seats were up for election this year. Director Wyckoff and Director Polliard have both decided they would love to continue to serve their community for an additional four years. After eight years, I have chosen not to run leaving my chair open. We have had two neighbors step up to accept the challenge of learning about water and how a small District like ours operates. I would like to welcome David Lozano, a neighbor who lives in Box Elder Creek Ranch, and Mary Anderson, who lives in Rocking Horse Farms. The Board had the pleasure of listening to both candidates about why they have stepped up to serve their community. I have asked all for a picture and short BIO for the next newsletter so everyone can learn just a little about all the candidates.

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 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. This month's numbers are low. We now pay our accounts twice monthly. This means Directors Wyckoff and Polliard, who are primary for review and signatures on our accounts payable, have to double up their efforts. This move was made to avoid paying late fees on some of the accounts.

General Fund	\$	9,207.17
Debt Service Fund	\$	-0-
Capital Projects Fund	\$	3,116.44
Total Claims:	\$	<u>12,323.61</u>

Remember, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, just drop me a line at my email! Our next Board meeting will be on April 1st 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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