

Quarterly Update
Steamboat Lake Water & Sanitation District
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Dear District Member,

The Board would like to wish all of you a safe and happy New Year. As usual, our quarterly service fee invoice is included with this Update for home owners on water and sewer. Service fees cover all of our operating expenses, including repayment of our loans. Since it is the first of the year, we include the annual Availability of Service fee for all property owners who have access to water and sewer but who have not yet built a home. As a reminder, this fee is limited by law to paying off the interest on the loans for capital improvements, namely the construction of our Wastewater Treatment Plant and the upcoming development of a water supply well and water treatment facility.

We came very close to instituting water restrictions near the end of the summer to conserve our water supply. Outside landscaping is a major drain on our water supply in the summer months, and we urge all of you, in your planning, to keep landscaping to a minimum and use only native-adapted, low water use plantings. You can also help by checking plumbing fixtures in your home – one leak can waste hundreds of gallons of water over just a few months.

So far this winter, the insulation work we did last summer on the sewer line on Jupiter has proven successful, even in these last few days of below zero temperatures; hopefully this will be a long term solution to keeping the sewer effluent from freezing. In the winter months, Board members are constantly watching for line breaks. We ask all District members to also be on the lookout for water coming to the surface in unexpected places (the side of or in the roads). This is probably not snow melting, but a broken water pipe, so if you see something suspicious, please call a Board member immediately. Board members are also kept busy brushing snow off the solar panel for the telemetry system that keeps the wells rotating automatically and monitoring the pumps. Just a few weeks ago, the telemetry system did go down, the water storage tanks were drawn down significantly, and Board members had to manage the wells manually. Anyone who enjoys getting on snowshoes and would like to help out is welcome to contact Bob Hulton or Jim Standish.

We await word from the Department of Local Affairs on a grant request that was submitted in December to help bring an additional supply well on line. This is our top priority in 2009; without it our community will not be able to grow to its full potential. We'll have a detailed report in our April Quarterly update. In the meantime, we are making good progress on our website, adding to it all the time; please check it out, and feel free to offer suggestions or comments to Lisa Ribidoux. We always welcome the feedback.

Sincerely,



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