Jackson County Public Water Supply District No. 1

Winter 2016-2017 Newsletter

The Pipeline

NOTICE OF ELECTION – BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUB-DISTRICT NO. 1 AND SUB-DISTRICT NO. 3

Jackson County Public Water Supply District No. 1 will conduct its regular election on April 4, 2017, to elect two members of the Board of Directors, one to serve from Sub-District No. 1 and one to serve from Sub-District No. 3. Successful candidates must:

- be at least 25 years of age
- reside within the boundaries of the District for at least one year prior to election
- not be delinquent in the payment of any taxes at the time of election
- be a resident of the applicable Sub-District.

All candidates must complete a Declaration of Candidacy in person at the District's Central Office. The filing period will start at 8 AM on Tuesday December 13, 2016. All Declarations must be received no later than 5 PM on Tuesday January 17, 2017. The District's regular business hours are 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Proof of identity for the person filing is required. Any individual unable to file a Declaration in person due to physical disability, or due to active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, should call 816-966-0550 for additional information. The Board of Directors meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month at 7 PM.

<u>Sub-District No. 1</u>: Commencing at the point of intersection of the West boundary of the District and 119th St.; then East along 119th St. (North boundary) to the East boundary of the District; then South along the East boundary of the District to High Grove Road; then West along High Grove Road to U.S. HWY 71; then North along U.S. HWY 71 to Main St.; then West along Main St. to the West boundary of the District, then North along said West boundary to the point of beginning.

<u>Sub-District No.3</u>: Commencing at the point of intersection of the West boundary of the District and Main St.; thence East along Main St. to US HWY 71; thence South along US 71 HWY to 139th St.; thence West along 139th St. to the West boundary of the District; thence North along said West boundary to point of beginning.

WINTER PREPARATION

Every winter many homeowners face the expense and inconvenience of frozen water pipes. Don't let cold weather catch you unprepared. The best advice is to take a few precautions now to help avoid potential winter in-home disasters.

Locate your master shutoff valve. It will probably be located where the water line comes into your house from the meter in the yard, near the water heater or the washing machine. For any plumbing problem, this valve will stop the flow of water into the home. After locating the valve, mark it with bright paint or a large, bright tag and inform all family members where the valve is located.

- <u>Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses and faucets.</u> This allows water to drain from the pipe. Leaving hoses attached during freezing temperatures can cause the faucet itself or the pipes connecting it to burst, which in turn can lead to severe water damage to your interior.
- Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas. If you have exposed water pipes in an unheated garage, attic space, or crawl space, wrap the water pipes with insulation. Any hardware supply store will carry the proper wrapping materials.
- Broken Pipes-Frozen Meter? If your pipes do break and water is leaking in your home, or if you think your meter is frozen, the District will dispatch service personnel to your house and shut the water off free of charge. For emergencies Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM 5:00 PM, please call 816-761-5421. After hours emergency 816-966-0551.
- <u>Leave a Faucet Running.</u> During extreme cold, you might consider leaving a small stream of water flowing through a bathroom or kitchen faucet and leaving cabinet doors open so the water pipes are exposed to inside temperatures.
- Try a Light Thaw. By placing a lighted bulb near water pipes, enough heat may be generated to keep water flowing. DO NOT use a blow torch for thawing frozen pipes, as they create a fire hazard. An electric hair dryer is also useful in thawing lightly frozen pipes.

Holiday Office Hours: Friday, December 23 8AM-11AM Happy Holidays

DISTRICT OFFICE: 816-761-5421

AFTER HOURS: 816-966-0551

Check out our website:

www.jacwater1.com



The District Board of Directors and all employees wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



DRIPS AND DROPS

- Excessive water usage: Leaking toilets cause more water waste than any other fixture in the home. Even a silent leak will waste from 30 to 500 gallons of water per day! If you experience higher than usual water usage on your water bill, try placing a few drops of food dye in the tank of your toilet and then wait 15 minutes. If the color leaks into the bowl, there is a leak and it is time for a new flapper. After installing the new flapper, run the dye test again. If the leak persists, it is possible the entire flush valve will need replaced. Replacement kits can be purchased at a local hardware store. Replacement parts are inexpensive and fairly simple to install.
- Visit our website: We are pleased to announce that our website is officially up and running. To set up an account, have your water bill available and go to www.jacwater1.com. Click on "Pay my Bill" on the left. Then click "New Account Registration". As you enter your information, remember to enter your address as it is printed on the bill and in all capital letters. Please feel free to call our office for assistance. Also, there is a link to the Consumer Confidence Report you can check out on the website. Otherwise you can go to:

http://dnr.mo.gov/ccr/MO1024275.pdf

different ways to make your payment. We accept cash, checks, money orders or credit cards. You can call or come into our office and use a Visa, MasterCard, or Discover credit/debit card. There is a processing fee of \$2.75 on payments under \$300, and \$33.85 on payments over \$300. As stated earlier, you can also make credit card payments on our website. The same \$2.75 fee will be applied. If you need to make a payment larger than \$300, please call the office to make that payment. Feel free to mail your payment to 13015 15th St., PO Box 650, Grandview, MO 64030. Envelopes are available in our office. We have a drop box that is accessible 24/7 on the north side of our building with envelopes as well. We offer ACH (automatic withdrawal) free of charge. With a filled out form and voided check, we can get that set up for you.

Ways to make a payment: There are many

 Help us out: Report water breaks, open hydrants, and wary sprinklers to the property owner or the water district.