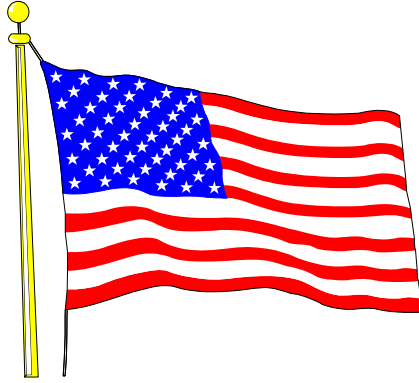

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BARTONVILLE WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



2004 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Bartonville Water Supply Corporation held its 39th Annual Meeting on April 19, 2004 at the Crossroads Bible Church in Double Oak, Texas.

Two directors' positions were up for election. Michael Paulson, director from Copper Canyon and Kevin Alberts, director from Double Oak.

Michael Paulson was re-elected. Kevin Alberts declined his nomination and nominated Bill Wilkinson for the vacant position. Welcome Bill Wilkinson and thank you Kevin Alberts for your hard work.

Mr. Wayne Ginn, P.E. gave a presentation of current and future capital improvements of the BWSC system.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michael Paulson	President
Thomas Greaves	Vice-President
Larry Kaufman	Secretary/Treasurer
Bill Wilkinson	Director
Scott Kilpatrick	Director
Dale Mutschler	Director
Lloyd Hanson	Director

INCREASE IN WHOLESALE WATER RATE BY UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT (UTRWD)

As many of you as members/customers may know, since 1993 Bartonville Water Supply Corporation (BWSC) has had a contract with the UTRWD for treated surface water. This water is used in combination with our ten (10) active water wells to meet the growing demand for water within our service area. Currently BWSC has a subscription for 2.5 million gallons of water a day. This in addition to the 1.5 million gallons of water BWSC can produce from it's wells each day keeps us prepared to meet the heavy (peak) summer demands.

Since its beginnings, the UTRWD, as regional surface water provider for Denton County, has experienced tremendous growth. And in an effort to stay ahead of the water needs of our county, have had to grow/expand along with these needs as customary with any utility. In addition to treatment plant and pipeline expansions, administrative and overhead, facilities operations and maintenance expenses have grown proportionately.

As a result, for their (UTRWD) 2005 budget year that begins October 2004, the "demand" charge for every one million gallons per day (MGD) of water subscribed to will cost BWSC and all district wholesale customers \$247,000. This is up from the current \$190,000 per MGD for an annual increase of \$57,000 per each one million gallons of water per day.

Therefore, the current \$190,000 x BWSC's subscription of 2.5 million gallons per day or \$475,000 annually will cost BWSC \$617,500

annually. This “demand” charge is incurred whether or not BWSC takes a drop of water. Gallons of water BWSC actually uses (demands) from their 2.5 MGD subscription is then charged at a rate of .57 per 1,000 gallons taken. This is called the “volume” charge.

One might ask, why would this “demand” charge for 2.5 MGD be incurred year round and not only when that quantity or any quantity is needed, since during the winter months the need for water from the UTRWD must be greatly reduced? Good observation, however, the “demand” charge derives its name from exactly that, a “demand” or upon request. Therefore, even though BWSC/other UTRWD members may not need their entire subscription eg. the winter months, the UTRWD must have the facilities/staff in place to meet and maintain the maximum “demand” if requested, regardless of the time of year, just as though it were a peak summer month. Similarly, BWSC must have water supplies, UTRWD/wells and facilities, pipelines, and staff in place to meet the “demand” of our members/customers, even though this “demand” may be seasonal.

Therefore, as a result of this substantial rate increase in the cost of UTRWD water, BWSC anticipates the need to implement an increase in its water rates in the future. This possibility will be discussed in more detail during upcoming Board/budget sessions. We do not however expect this increase in 2004.

ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Starting this year, BWSC has been a participant in CoServ’s Industrial Time of Use (ITU) program. This program offers those consumers of electrical power (BWSC) defined by CoServ as industrial users an opportunity to realize substantial savings on electrical costs by practicing energy conservation.

Here’s how it works: As you know, during a 24hr day, there are specific times, more so than others when the greatest (peak) demand is placed on utility providers. As a result, CoServ has established their “peak” times as 6 a.m.- 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.– 8 p.m. During these seven (7) hours, CoServ is “hit” the hardest for power demands by its customers. Therefore, CoServ has established a program that offers significant savings to industrial customers

such as BWSC if they will refrain on a daily basis from “starting up” large pumps and motors (typically 3 phase, 480 volt) during these times. And as you know, budgetary savings/reductions BWSC can make, help control the escalating cost of water (see UTRWD article) in the 21st century.

We need your help. As you might expect, if BWSC doesn’t experience a great demand for water during the times mentioned above, it lessens the likelihood and need for BWSC to start up as many pumps and motors as might normally be needed to meet the demand.

Although any water saving/conservation actions by our members during these seven hours each day would be beneficial, refraining from watering, start up of auto irrigations systems, car washing, pool filling, etc. during these hours altogether would greatly reduce our need to “start up” as much equipment. This is where the savings and conservation to assist CoServ happens.

So. . . please make note of these times. We would greatly appreciate your partnering with us to help reduce these demands, during these critical times. As a result, we can hopefully all reap the benefits.

CUSTOMER CUT-OFF VALVES

BWSC is urging all members to have their own cut-off valve for the service line located on their property. According to Chapter 291.86 (B) of the Texas Administrative Code, "The customer's responsibility begins at the discharge side of the meter..." This valve should be installed between your house and BWSC's meter set, preferably in a separate box. Customers should not use the Corporation's cut-off located in the Corporation's meter box as a means to turn water off. Improper operation of Corporation property can cause expensive damage and result in a water outage for a large number of our customers. Should damage due to tampering occur to Corporation property, the customer will be invoiced for the repairs. Only BWSC personnel are authorized to operate Corporation equipment in the meter box. **Remember, such an installation is fairly inexpensive and is invaluable when needed in an emergency.**

Freezing temperatures are around the corner and we would like to remind our customers to insulate their exposed pipes and outside household hydrants or those on outbuildings. Irrigation systems can be

drained to prevent damage. It is much easier to accomplish these maintenance tasks now in the sunshine than in the cold later.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- A healthy adult needs 2 quarts of water a day. Most people drink less than this.
- Tomatoes are 95% water.
- The overall amount of water on our planet has remained the same for two billion years.
- One gallon of water weighs 8.34 pounds.
- About 6,800 gallons of water are required to grow a day's food for a family of four.
- If all the water in the Great Lakes were spread evenly across the continental U.S., the ground would be covered with almost 10 feet of water.
- The human brain is composed of 95% water; blood is 82% water; and the lungs are nearly 90% water.
- 4,000 glasses of tap water can be purchased for the same price as a six-pack of soda.
- The first water pipes in the U.S. were made from hollowed out logs.
- The forerunner of Chase Manhattan Bank began as a water company. SOURCE: Castaic Lake Water Agency

FALL HOME LANDSCAPE SCHOOL

To help guide you through the process of landscaping and insure the greatest return on your landscape dollar, John Cooper, Denton County Extension Agent, will be teaching a public Fall Home Landscape School, sponsored by the Denton County Office of Texas Cooperative Extension, the City of Lewisville Parks and Leisure Services, and Keep Lewisville Beautiful from 7 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. on Thursday evenings, October 21 & 28 at the Municipal Center Community Room, 1197 West Main Street in Lewisville. Students will receive all the materials and instruction necessary to design, install, and maintain a high-value, environmentally friendly landscape for their own home.

To register, contact the Denton County Office of Texas Cooperative Extension at 940-349-2883. A \$20 registration fee will be charged per family to cover instructional materials. Pre-registration is required and class size is limited so call now.

BANK DRAFT

As we continue to receive complaints regarding the failure of the postal service to deliver member's water payments in a timely manner, we would like to offer you Bank Draft. Many members are utilizing a bill paying service online. Unfortunately, the bill paying services still have to mail a check. Often the payments come from out-of-state and take days longer to reach BWSC than if you were to mail the bill from your home.

Bank Draft is a convenient payment method to insure you always have your payment processed on time. Unlike online bill services, the funds are not removed from your checking account until the payment is credited to your BWSC water account. You will still receive a bill and have plenty of time to call with questions, as Bank Drafts are processed no more than 2 working days before the due date.

If you would like more information about Bank Draft or you would like to receive the agreement forms, please contact the office at 817-430-3541.

QUESTIONS ABOUT WATERING AND PLANTS?

If you would like to know more about which types of plants are well suited for this area, Xeriscaping and how to water wisely, contact the local Texas Cooperative Extension Agent of Denton County.

John Cooper -Master of Science
County Extension Agent
Horticulture
Denton County
Phone 940.349.2883

The Argyle Volunteer Fire District & Double Oak Volunteer Fire Dept. are in need of additional volunteers. *Please use extreme care in outdoor burning due to the dry conditions.* For more information and explanations, please call:
Fire Chief: Mac Hohenberger
Fire Hall: (940) 464-7102 **AVFD**
Fire Hall: (972) 539-7683 **DOVFD**

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Bartonville Water Supply Corporation needs to know if you have changed your phone number or address. Please take a moment to fill out the form below so we can update our files. This information really comes in handy when there is an emergency.

Name:	
Mailing Address (including City and Zip):	
Home Phone:	Work Phone:
E-Mail Address:	Emergency Phone: