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BARTONVILLE WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

2005 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Monday, APRIL 18, 2005
7:30 P.M.

CROSSROADS BIBLE CHURCH
8101 JUSTIN ROAD (FM 407)
DOUBLE OAK, TEXAS

You are cordially invited to the Annual Meeting of the Membership/Stockholders of the Bartonville Water Supply Corporation. Members will be mailed a Notice of the Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement March 31, 2005.

NOTE

Renters or Lessees will not be mailed an Annual Meeting Notice or Proxy Statement.

Activities will include the election two (2) Directors and door prize drawings for water credits. The Directors whose terms expire are Larry Kaufman (Unincorporated Denton County) and Thomas Greaves (Bartonville). Mr. Greaves will not be running for re-election at the annual meeting. As Mr. Greaves is the only director representing the Town of Bartonville, members from the Town of Bartonville are strongly encouraged to consider running for the open position. We are grateful to these Directors for their many contributions!!

Mr. John Cooper, CEA - Horticulture, Denton County Agricultural Extension Agent, will present information on "Native oaks and how to keep them happy."

THE ROLE OF THE BWSC DIRECTOR

For those considering running, or nominating someone for a Board of Directors position, here are some items for consideration as stated in The Water Board Guide by Ellen G. Miller and Elmer Ronnebaum:

A Director is someone with an "ATTITUDE OF SERVICE". Some aspects of board members are:

- **Commitment:** to mastering complex issues, to putting in long hours.
- **Understanding:** why you're on the board and what being a public figure means.
- **Experience:** jobs, working with and listening to people.
- **Tolerance:** of different points of view (sometimes vividly or angrily expressed), and of people who are different from you.
- **Responsibility:** for making sound financial and legal decisions that affect the direction of the Corporation.

The above is an overview of the role of a Director. If you would like additional information, please contact the office.

STAGE 2 – YELLOW WATER CONSERVATION

June 15th begins Odd/Even
Every other day watering through Sept. 15th.

SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR WATER RELATED EQUIPMENT

In an effort to provide as much information as possible on water conservation, we would like to offer the following information from the November 2002 publication of “Sales Tax Update” by Carole Keeton Rylander of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

The Texas Legislature created a new sales tax exemption to encourage Texans to conserve water. The exemption, which took effect September 1, 2001, applies to equipment, supplies, and services used solely for certain types of water conservation.

For the purpose of this exemption, “solely” means the equipment, services, or supplies are used exclusively for stated water conservation. For example, a water dam in a toilet tank is used only to save water, so it qualifies for the exemption. A washing machine that has special features to conserve water does not qualify, because it is used to wash clothes, not solely to reduce water use.

The new exemption covers the following types of conservation with examples of equipment, supplies, and services that qualify for the exemption from sales tax if used for the purpose shown.

- **Rainwater harvesting** – rain barrels, gutters used solely to route the water into rain barrels or rainwater collection systems, tanks and cisterns, roof washers used in harvesting systems, screens and filters for the gutters, barrels, tanks, cisterns and roof washers, and a collection surface area that is not used as a roof of a structure or storage area.
- **Water recycling and reuse** – chemicals, tanks and cisterns, and water recycling systems for washing machines.
- **Reduction or elimination of water use** – water dams for toilets, timers attached to sprinkler systems, water displacement devices for toilet tanks, and faucet sensors that shut off water flows.
- **Desalination of surface water or ground water** – cleaning and pickling valves, filters, membranes, pre-filter pumps, product flow

meters, salinity meters, and high-pressure control valves.

- **Brush control designed to increase the availability of water** – spray equipment and calibration of the equipment, herbicides, tractors, bulldozers, and chain saws.
- **Precipitation enhancement** – end burning cloud-base flares, acetone solution wing-tip generators, pressure transducers, spectrometer probes, and calibration equipment.
- **Water or wastewater system** – equipment, services, and supplies to construct or operate a system certified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as a regional system.

Not exempt are items that do not meet the “sole purpose” test, such as water-efficient appliances, pumps for fountains or water displays, tools used for landscaping or lawn care, shredders, lawnmowers, low flush toilets, and water hoses.

The purchaser of the equipment used for the sole purpose of water conservation or water reuse must give the seller a Texas sales tax exemption certificate stating the qualifications for the exemption. The certificate must also state the purchaser’s name and address; description of the item, the reason the purchase is tax exempt, the seller’s signature, the date, and the seller’s name and address.

The Texas Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate is available on the Comptroller’s Internet site at <http://window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/01-forms.html>.

“XERISCAPE”

Whether new or old, your landscape can be made more water efficient simply by utilizing the water wise principles of “Xeriscape” landscaping. “Xeriscape” is the conservation of water and energy through creative landscapes, efficient irrigation, soil improvements, and the use of mulch. For more information, please contact the Bartonville Water

Supply Corporation office or the local Texas Cooperative Extension.

TO DO!

If you haven't already, now is a great time to have your irrigation system thoroughly checked out for leaks, faulty heads, etc. Unfortunately, leaks in a sprinkler system are often the hardest leaks to find because the water usually does not leak from the system unless the system is running.

Losses from these systems are not only costly but wasteful as well. Unattended hoses can also account for large water losses. Believe it our not, a 1/2" hose has a flow rate of 600 gallons per hour and a 5/8" hose has a flow rate of 1000 g.p.h. If left running overnight, a hose could waste as much as 5,000 gallons in an 8 to 10 hour period.

on irrigation, conservation, etc. and would like someone from BWSC to attend one of your upcoming meetings.

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
MICHAEL PAULSON	PRESIDENT
TOM GREAVES	VICE PRESIDENT
LARRY KAUFMAN	SECRETARY - TREASURER
SCOTT KILPATRICK	DIRECTOR
LLOYD HANSON	DIRECTOR
DALE MUTSCHLER	DIRECTOR
BILL WILKINSON	DIRECTOR
EMPLOYEES	
JIM LEGGIERI	GENERAL MANAGER
ROBERT SILLAWAY	SUPERINTENDENT
DAWN HICKS	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIST.
RENA VINCENT	UTILITY BILLING
ERIC LAIRD	FIELD REPRESENTATIVE - OPERATOR

ARGYLE VOLUNTEER DISTRICT AND DOUBLE OAK VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT	
Fire Station:	817-430-1116 AVFD
Fire Station:	817-430-0013 DOVFD

QUESTIONS?

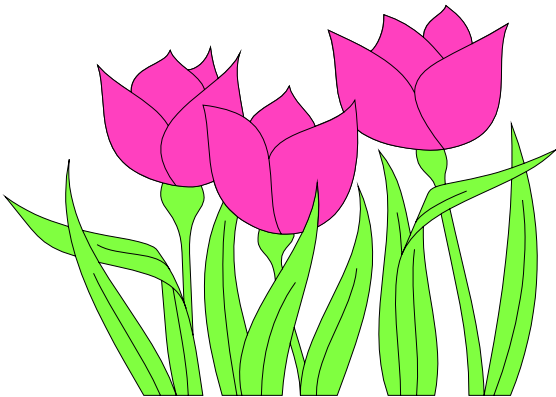
Individual homeowners, homeowners associations, Town Councils..... please contact our office at 817-430-3541 if you would like more information

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E-Mail Address:	Emergency Phone: