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BARTONVILLE WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

2006 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Bartonville Water Supply Corporation held its 41st Annual Meeting on April 24, 2006 at the Crossroads Bible Church in Double Oak, Texas.

Three directors' positions were up for election, Lloyd Hanson, Unincorporated Denton County, Gracie Egan, Town of Bartonville, and Scott Kilpatrick, Town of Copper Canyon. All three directors were re-elected.

Mr. John Cooper, Denton County Agricultural Extension Agent, gave a presentation on Texas landscaping.

DIRECTORS UPDATE

At the August 14, 2006 regular board meeting of the Bartonville Water Supply Corp. Board of Directors, Scott Kilpatrick and James McKinney announced their resignations from the board.

Scott was appointed to the board of directors in December 1991 and has been an active director on the board for almost 15 years. He will be sorely missed by all here at Bartonville WSC.

David Moore was appointed to the board of directors to fill the vacancy for the term that expires in 2008 and Patrick McDonald was appointed to fill the vacancy for the term that expires in 2009.

Welcome David Moore and Patrick McDonald and thank you Scott Kilpatrick and James McKinney for your hard work.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Larry Kaufman	President
Lloyd Hanson	Vice-President
Gracie Egan	Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Paulson	Director
Bill Wilkinson	Director
David Moore	Director
Patrick McDonald	Director

STAGE 2 – YELLOW WATER CONSERVATION

Odd/Even
Every-other-day watering

Due to this year's extreme drought, BWSC will continue to monitor and evaluate the need for conservation stages.

****KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR THE SIGNES
LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE
AREA.****

WHY SAVE WATER???

With many parts of Texas facing the worst drought in 50 years, saving water now is more important than ever. By knowing your Facts from your Myths you'll not only raise your Water IQ, you'll make our water last.

Myth: If it rains, the drought will be over.

Fact: While the recent rainfalls help, they won't end the drought. The ground is so dry it acts like a sponge, absorbing rain and preventing crucial

runoff into streams and lakes. It's going to take steady rainfall over a sustained period of time to catch up. Heavy rains over a short period of time won't solve the problem.

Myth: To really make a difference, everyone must drastically reduce their water use

Fact: Using just 5 percent less water will make a big difference. If everyone does their part, we can extend Texas' water supplies and survive the drought. You don't have to be a math wizard to figure out how to cut back by 5 percent. Just read your latest utility bill and know how many gallons you consumed. Then multiply the number of gallons by .05. For example, if you used 8,000 gallons, multiply 8,000 by .05. That equals 400 gallons and that's all you need to save in a month. You'll even have plenty leftover to brush your teeth and wash behind your ears.

Myth: It's more effective to save water inside your home rather than to cut back on outdoor watering.

Fact: You can make the biggest difference saving water by reducing your **outdoor** use. Little things make a big difference. Check for leaks in taps, pipes and hoses. One slow drip can waste 20 gallons of water daily (7,000 gallons per year). Operate sprinklers manually—don't rely on timers. If you must use a timer, learn to operate it correctly. Check sprinkler systems frequently for directional aim and broken heads to prevent watering driveways, sidewalks and streets. Have a professional inspect your system annually for leaks. Pay close attention to your pool's water level. If the level varies drastically from day to day, you probably have a leak and need it serviced immediately.

Myth: Watering daily is the only way to maintain a healthy, green lawn, especially during the summer.

Fact: Your lawn only needs 1 inch of water every seven days. In fact, over-watering is just as bad for landscapes and can cause wasteful (and harmful) run-off. Experts recommend watering your lawn deeply and infrequently to promote a strong root system.

Myth: The best sprinklers shoot high, fine sprays, which mist your landscape without wasting water.

Fact: The best sprinklers throw large drops of water low to the ground rather than misty sprays that allow water to evaporate quickly. Try a pressure-regulated spray head, which keeps the pressure constant. Use soaker hoses instead of a sprinkler to water trees, shrubs and beds more efficiently. If you have an automatic sprinkler system, you'll really impress your neighbors by replacing your timer with an evapotranspiration (ET) controller. These smart controllers monitor information about soil moisture, rain, wind and evaporation so your system only waters when it's truly needed. Traditional timers require manual adjustments every time the weather changes. ET controllers use real-time data from local weather stations to make adjustments automatically and can reduce water use by about 30 percent.

Myth: Keep your lawn short. Shorter grass uses less water, so you don't need to water as much.

Fact: Let your hair down and let your grass grow. Raise your lawnmower blade to height of at least 3 inches. A taller lawn will help shade your soil so it requires less water. When you let your grass grow taller, it's roots grow deeper, and you'll have a healthier lawn.

Myth: The best way to fill our pool is to drop a hose directly in to the water.

Fact: You should never submerge a watering hose into the pool to refill it. You will not hear the hose running underwater and could forget that you left it on. Not only is it wasteful, but you might flood your yard-or the neighborhood. Plus, unless you have an anti-siphon device installed, your chemically treated water could back flow in to the City's water supply. Position the hose above the water surface so you hear the water hose running. That way you'll remember the water is on.

Lower Your Water Use, Raise Your Water I.Q.

20 USEFUL TIPS ON HOW YOU CAN SAVE ON WATER CONSERVATION:

INSIDE THE HOME

- 1) When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- 2) Collect the water you use for rinsing produce and reuse it to water houseplants.
- 3) Teach your children to turn the faucets off tightly after each use.
- 4) Soak your pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- 5) If you accidentally drop ice cubes when filling your glass from the freezer, don't throw them in the sink, drop them in a houseplant instead.
- 6) When brushing your teeth, turn off the faucet until it is time to rinse.
- 7) Only run your dishwasher when it is full.
- 8) When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.
- 9) Bathe your young children together.
- 10) To save water and time, consider washing your face or brushing your teeth while in the shower.

OUTSIDE THE HOME

- 11) Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust the sprinkler so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.
- 12) Install a rain shut off device on your automatic sprinkler to eliminate

unnecessary watering—Why water during a storm?

- 13) Use a screwdriver as a soil probe to test soil moisture. If it goes easily don't water. Proper watering can save thousands of gallons of water yearly.
- 14) Plant during the spring or fall when the watering requirements are lower.
- 15) Use a hose nozzle and turn off the water while you wash your car or bike.
- 16) Leave lower branches on trees and shrubs and allow leaf litter to accumulate on top of the soil. This keeps the soil cooler and reduces evaporation.
- 17) More plants die from over-watering than from under-watering. Be sure only to water plants when necessary.
- 18) Periodically check your pool for leaks if you have an automatic filling device.
- 19) Try only using the sprinkler for larger areas of grass. Water small patches by hand to avoid waste.
- 20) Bathe your pets outdoors on an area in need of water.

REMEMBER CONSERVING WATER IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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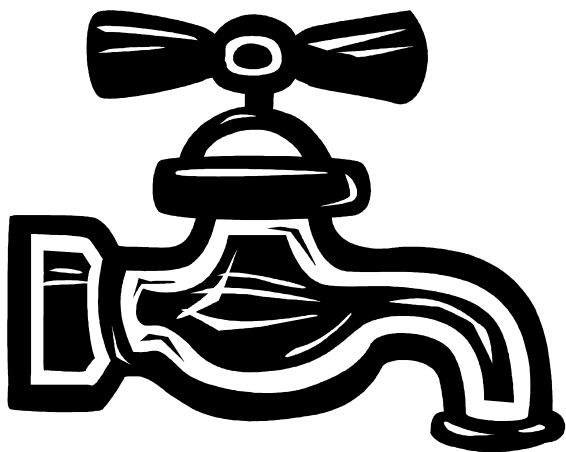
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