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2014 RATES

At a recent Board of Directors budget meeting, it was decided to hold the 2013 water and sewer rates in 2014 for user fees, availability fees and tap fees. Customers will not see an increase in these rates for 2014.

The District will be conducting a water conservation study next year which could bring about a total change in the way user rates are determined. The goal would be to find a happy medium between low and high water users while encouraging conservation without a loss of revenue to sustain the District's operating costs.

Watch our newsletters for information on this future study.

2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fire hydrants were the name of the game for the Water Dept. Several were replaced and multiple ones were repaired.

A GPS was purchased to locate and map infrastructure such as water/sewer lines, manholes, valve cans, etc.

A new roof was installed on one of the Wastewater buildings.

The District paid off one of its outstanding bonds.

Liquid Engineering scuba divers cleaned and inspected all three water storage tanks, as required every three years.

The Meridian Lake Park water main extension loop was completed.

A new Caselle Clarity accounting system was installed to better serve our customers.



NEW FEES FOR 2014

In order to address an on-going issue within the District, the Board of Directors has issued some new fees for 2014.

The 1% late penalty will still apply each month if full payment is not received by the 20th due date.

New fees for delinquent accounts:

Penalty fee after 60 days = \$40.00/month

File a Lien = \$100.00

Legal Demand Letter = \$150.00

Disconnect Notice = \$200.00

Please keep your account current and remember to advise us of your new mailing address to receive your invoice in a timely manner. We also have an automatic payment program available on checking accounts. Electronic Funds Transfer forms can be downloaded from our website. Credit card payments may be available in the near future.

Check our website for a full list of rates & fees.

Thanks to all for keeping your account up-to-date.

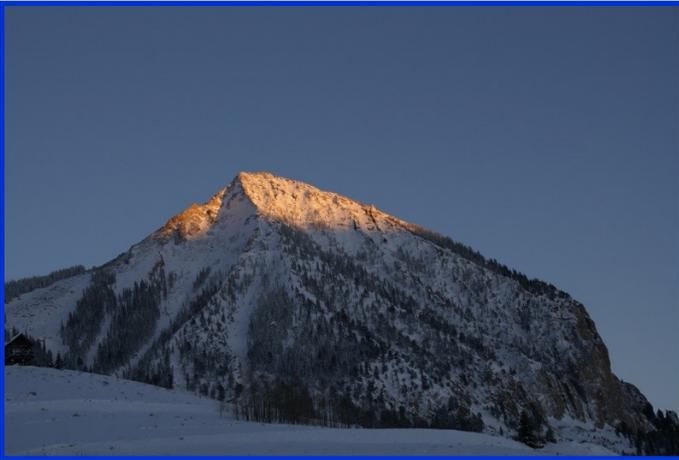
Congratulations ...

to Nettie Gruber, Finance/Administration Manager at MCBWSD, for being selected to the 2014 Special District Association Leadership Academy. Only 40 members are chosen throughout the State of Colorado to attend the academy for leadership and professional development.

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Office View on A Good Day



Snowplowing 101

Snowplow Operators - tis the season - Remember to look out for fire hydrants, its expensive for you and the District, to replace them. We all thank you for your cooperation.

Leaky Toilet ?

Did you know toilets are the greatest water user in the house? A leaky toilet can waste as much as 200 gallons of water per day! Inefficient and leaky toilets not only waste water but can effect your bottom line household budget with a high water bill. Replacing an older toilet with an efficient model can reduce water use by 23 to 46 percent per an EPA study, a savings of 21,130 gallons of water per year per residence.

Girl Scouts for Water Conservation

Recently we had a comment from our website, www.mcbwsd.com, that reminds us, you never know what impact or how far something can affect what you do.

“We wanted to say thank you for your page, [Water Conservation Tips](#), all the way from Kentucky! My Girl Scouts found your resources to be so helpful while they are working on getting their Earth Day badges!

The kids would like to suggest another page, as a thank you for being such a big help: [How to Conserve Water in the Bathroom](#) .”

We have recently added this information to our website, as any and all water conservation tips are useful.

Thanks, Kentucky Girl Scouts, and good luck with those badges!

Addicted To Water

Water makes up 75% of our brains and muscles, 83% of our blood and even 22% of our bones. It cushions our joints, carries nutrients to our cells, regulates body temperature and can even remove waste.

You need about an ounce of water per pound of body weight per day if you exercise and half that if you don't.

Absorption of water is the key. Just because you drink adequate quantities of water doesn't mean it is being absorbed. Many things can inhibit absorption: Electrolyte imbalances, medications, diet and even exercise.

Our bodies are naturally slightly alkaline, about 7.2 on the ph scale (0-14), where 0 is very acidic like battery acid and 14 is very alkaline like lye. The goal then would be to get our ph close to that 7.2 point

Also, we can stay away from mass-produced water in bottles making health claims when the bottles themselves are sometimes toxic.

But in the end, it is worth it.

Info courtesy of Mike Rickett M.S., C.S.C.S., a recognized fitness expert at the Fort Collins Club

A Heavy Frost Morning

