

Westwood North Water Supply Corporation

6310 Weisinger Drive, Magnolia, Texas 77354

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors consists of five (5) members—a President, a Vice President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and two (2) Directors. All Director positions serve three (3) year terms. The Board of Directors always has the membership in mind when making decisions because their main concern is how their decision will effect each and every member.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Monthly board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- The annual board meeting is held in February each year
- Election of Directors is each year at the annual meeting in February or the first Board meeting in March

WATER PLANT REHABILITATION

If you have driven on Lotus Lane recently, you might have noticed the work going on at the water plant. The Board of Directors approved the rehabilitation of Water Plant No. 1 last year. The rehabilitation should be completed by the time you are reading this newsletter. The project was a success, and caused no interruptions in service for the customers.

SECURITY CAMERAS

Last year, the Board of Directors approved the purchase of security cameras for both water plants. These cameras are now installed and working. The Board of Directors have access to the cameras 24-7, and monitor them daily. So, you can trust that your drinking water is safe. And, next time you drop off a water payment -SMILE-!

BANK DRAFTS

Just a reminder for those of you who may have missed reading the last newsletter, we offer bank drafting to all our water customers. Drafting your water payment saves you worry and time. And, in some cases, a \$10.00 late fee and a \$40.00 reconnect fee. So, drop by the office and complete the draft form and your worries are over! Or, you may get the form from our website at www.wnwater.com, under the Customer Service tab.

NOTE: As with returned checks, returned drafts are subject to a \$15.00 chargeback fee.

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2013 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

View it at: www.wnwater.com



Save 30 Gallons of Water in One Day

- Save 5 gallons: Shorten showers by 2 minutes
- Save 5 gallons: Turn off water in between rinsing dishes
- Save 20 gallons: Water lawns in early morning or late evening

Earth Gauge

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Ben Bickford	Vice President
Luke Tusing, Jr.	Secretary-Treasurer
Erick Edwards	Director
Billy Riley	Director

**TO ENSURE SAFE
DRINKING WATER**

BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requires that all connections to the public potable water system install a backflow prevention assembly device to prevent a potential contamination hazard of backflow or siphonage to the system. If you have a swimming pool, spa, or irrigation system and do not have a backflow device, please make arrangements to install the device, have it tested by a certified tester, and turn in the original report to the Westwood North Water Supply office as soon as possible.



UNAUTHORIZED PARKING

All vehicles parked in the Corporation's parking lot after business hours or on weekends, and they are not parked here to conduct water business, will be towed at the Owner's expense.

READING YOUR METER

If you are concerned with the high usage on your water bill, and you believe that the meter is bad, or the meter has been misread, you can test your own meter by doing the following:

1. Turn off all water inside and outside your home
2. Read the meter (only the black numbers)
3. Turn your water back on inside and outside your home
4. Wash dishes, take a shower, bathe the pets, etc...do your normal activities for the day
5. Read your meter at the end of the day

Now...just do the math---subtract the first reading from the last reading to find out how many gallons of water you have used for the day. For small users of water, you may want to do this over a period of several days, or even a week.

NOTE: If you have turned off your water and the dial on the meter is turning, that indicates a water leak on your side of the meter.

The Story of the Fourth of July The Declaration of Independence

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776).

It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775).

And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

So what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence we'd be celebrating Independence Day on August 2nd of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed!

How did the Fourth of July become a national holiday?

For the first 15 or 20 years after the Declaration was written, people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation. By the 1790s, a time of bitter partisan conflicts, the Declaration had become controversial. One party, the Democratic-Republicans, admired Jefferson and the Declaration. But the other party, the Federalists, thought the Declaration was too French and too anti-British, which went against their current policies.

By 1817, John Adams complained in a letter that America seemed uninterested in its past. But that would soon change.

After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and the new parties of the 1820s and 1830s all considered themselves inheritors of Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans. Printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. The deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, may even have helped to promote the idea of July 4 as an important date to be celebrated.

Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941.

Happy 4th of July!

