THE BUBBLER

Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company Newsletter

October 2017

Important Letter to our Shareholders!!!

Dear Shareholders,

Your Water Company is in the process of upgrading many of the undersized mains and aging services that were originally installed in the 1960's and 70's. Approximately 67,000 linear feet of water mains will be installed, along with new service boxes and meters. New fire hydrants will be installed at 500-foot intervals along the new mainline, providing much needed fire protection. Letters will be mailed out by Monday, October 23rd, outlining the project. Please look for them in your mailbox.

Every shareholder will be affected by this project, which can be divided in 4 categories:

- 1) Back lot water main and service box replacement.
- 2) Street main and service box replacement.
- 3) Service box upgrades.
- 4) Main and service box replacement already complete.

Categories 1 and 2 will receive a Service Box and Meter Location Sheet, showing the approximate location of your existing connection and new meter and box. These shareholders will be required to reconnect their existing house service line to the new meter box location.

Categories 3 and 4 will not have to do this because they have already reconnected on past projects, or their present service box will not be moved, but will be retrofitted in place.

<u>Please read the letter when it arrives, because it contains information you will need to determine how the project will affect you.</u>

Information on the cost and funding of this project is on our website www.blsmwc.com in a couple locations. At the top of the homepage, Click on Reports, scroll down and select: LRPC Committee Reports, then open 2017 Annual Report. Or, stay on the homepage, scroll down past the pictures and select Annual Report: LRPC Annual Report.

A Town Hall Meeting will be held on November 11, 2017 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm at Snowflake Lodge to discuss the project, and to address all public comments and concerns.

We are in the design phase of the project now. The construction phase is not scheduled to start until June 2018, so there is plenty of time to answer questions and work out any problems that come up.

Thank you for your cooperation.

David Hicks General Manager



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When Should You Completely Winterize:

We advise our second home shareholders to start a 'full' winterization on Labor Day Weekend, and don't stop until after Memorial Weekend. While we don't expect temperatures to drop low enough to freeze pipes this early into Fall, most of you will find that your 'visits' to the cabin will be few, if not at all before Thanksgiving. Many owners will leave after Labor Day with the 'intention' of returning before Winter sets in, only to find that 'all of a sudden' they are hearing that snow is falling at the cabin and they realize they failed to winterize.

General Manager's Report

Dear Shareholders,

Fall is a great time of the year here in Blue Lakes, and I hope everyone is enjoying the color changes and the cooler weather.

We used a little less water in September than last year, thanks to everyone for continuing to be "water wise".

Here are the usage numbers:

September

2013 4,885,000 gallons

2014 3,834,000

2015 3,315,000

2016 5,033,000

2017 4,675,000

All wells are in great shape, with high water levels above the pump intake.

Usage is beginning to drop off, and should continue to go down until late December or January, causing less demand on the wells, and increasing groundwater storage levels.

Dave

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Have an idea?

The Bubbler is published to keep Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company shareholders informed about issues and upcoming events. The Bubbler is a "monthly" newsletter and comes out following a regular scheduled Board Meeting so that we can keep you up to date on the most current information.

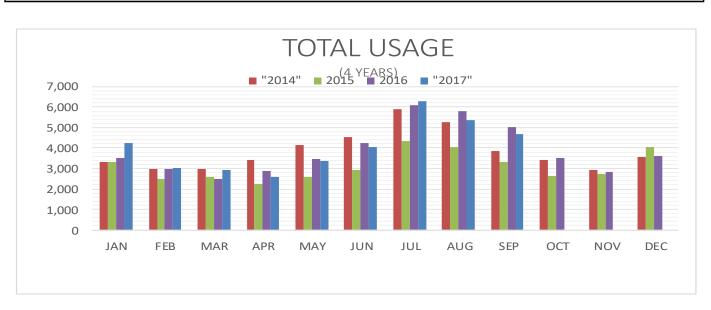
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Usage Chart for September 2017



TOWN HALL MEETING NOTICE!!

BLUE LAKE SPRINGS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

WILL BE HOLDING A

TOWN HALL MEETING

FOR ALL SHAREHOLDERS IN THE BLUE LAKE SPRINGS SUBDIVISION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017 AT SNOWFLAKE LODGE FROM 1:00PM TO 2:30PM

TO PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDED BY USDA

PRESENTATION INCLUDES:

IMPROVEMENTS ALREADY IMPLEMENTED

CURRENT WATER SYSTEM NEEDS

PROPOSED PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS AND COSTS

FINANCING OF NEW CONSTRUCTION

THERE WILL BE A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION

WE URGE YOU TO ATTEND!!