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# General Manager's Report

## Water System Infrastructure Issues

The water season is upon us and we take for granted that when we turn on the outdoor sprinklers and hose bibs the water will flow and be readily available. The Board and Staff of White City Water Improvement District ("WCWID") work hard to ensure that is the case, but it is not always easy. This is because the process to move water from the deep underground aquifer that is situated approximately a thousand feet below your feet to your sprinklers and faucets require the use of multiple wells, electric motors, pumps, miles of mainline pipes, pressure regulating valves, water storage tanks and thousands of meters and other equipment. This is why we ask that no one interfere with or work on the water system, including meters and fire hydrants, without first receiving approval from WCWID.

When something goes wrong with a part of the water system, WCWID staff has to work to minimize the consequences that may arise as a result. For example, this past month, as a result of construction activities at Alta View School a sudden change in water pressures, known in the trade as a water hammer, occurred when fire hydrants were opened and shut without prior consultation with District. As a result, a main line break on Violet Drive occurred that caused a temporary disruption in water supply to some homes in that area until the break could be repaired. In addition, as a further result of the water hammer, other service line breaks occurred which resulted in late night and weekend work on the part of staff. We should all be appreciative of their hard work to ensure the continuing safe and controlled flow of water to your individual homes and property. We also appreciate all of our residents who are patient when work may result in a temporary disruption of water supplies.

## General Manager

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### Water Conservation Issues

Hot weather is also the time when we receive questions on the need for water conservation. Although this past year saw plentiful snowfall and the news reports reservoirs are filling, there is always a need to be mindful and not waste water in daily use. In that regard, WCWID is a member agency of the Jordan Valley Water Conservation District and supports the conservation programs and classes offered by Jordan Valley for conserving water. This link will allow you to view the upcoming schedule of conservation events/classes <https://conservationgardenpark.org/events>. A list of these events was also included in your bill last month. Not only does this preserve our supplies of underground water but it also results in lower water bills paid by our customers. At the same time, WCWID encourages the wise use of water. Using your system sprinklers in the middle of day (between approximately 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM), results in water lose to evaporation and less moisture on plants and lawn. Sprinklers should be set to come on in the evening, early morning or in the middle of the night. Another suggestion we like to communicate to our residents is not to let your lawns get too dry as it takes extra water to bring them back to life. A property owner who thinks he or she will save water and money by not watering at all, or putting off water until the lawn is yellow and dying almost always ends up paying more in the end as he or she deals with the need to maintain his yard in a manner befitting surrounding properties and in the interests of being a good neighbor. Just remember, slow the flow – not stop the flow.

### Upcoming Election

As noted in last month's newsletter, an election for two members of WCWID's Board of Trustees is set for this coming November. While the two incumbent members have expressed a willingness to run for re-election, if any other registered voter residing within the boundaries of WCWID desires to run for the Board, he or she may do so by complying with the requirements set forth in the Public Notice posted on WCWID's website and the Public Notice Website.

### *Office Closed for Training Notice*

The office will be closed the morning of June 27, 2017 from 8:00 AM to Noon for Staff and Board Training. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office during normal business hours at 801-571-3991.

