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## General Manager's Report

### THE CHANGING OF THE SEASONS

With the coming of October, the weather is gradually changing from the heat of summer toward the cold of winter. Autumn is a transition period when one day the sun will be shining and temperatures can rise to the 70s, where another day can see the falling of snow and temperatures dropping toward the 30s. Personally, autumn is my favorite time of the year because you never quite know what you are going to get from one day to another. The leaves turn different shades of red and orange and the air is invigorating. Football games are played by our favorite teams and the grandkids love to rake and then scatter leaves. As I said, my favorite time of the year. I don't even mind the extra work that I have to engage in to prepare my home and vehicles for winter and freezing temperatures.

When it comes to getting ready for winter, please remember your outdoor watering systems. In that regard, we have put together a short checklist for you to review as you "winterize" your water system.

- Remove your hoses from the hose bibs, then drain and store hoses after each use in a basement, garage, or shed.
- Turn off your sprinkling system don't just turn off the timers.
- Turn off the "stop and waste" valve, shutting off the flow of water to your sprinkler system. It is usually located between the meter and the house, or in the basement.
- Know where your main water shut off valve is in case you experience frozen pipes that will require you to shut off water until they can be repaired.
- Keep water meter lids free of debris, leaves, etc. Although we have converted all of our residential water meters to radio read meters, it is still important to maintain access to the meters for the water system's employees in case of problems or need of repair.
- Keep water meter lids closed tightly to avoid freezing.
- If a fire hydrant is located in front of your house, please keep it visible and accessible during winter by shoveling snow away from it during winter snow falls. This is true even when the snow plow trucks push snow up against it. It takes effort, but is necessary in case of fire. If you have neighbor that needs help on this matter, lend a helping hand.
- After you turn off your sprinklers, periodically inspect your yard and lawn area and look for green growing grass and soft spongy areas to identify possible leaks.

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### COMPLETION OF 2018 PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Every year, the District seeks to replace between 1,000 to 2,000 lineal feet of water mains with new ductile iron pipe. Many of the mains and pipes in the water system are older than 50 years and through the course of time become subject to leaking and breaks. Working with our engineers and Operation Staff, the District through the elected Board of Trustees determine what amount of the budget should be used to replace, as opposed to repair, water mains and pipes. Economically the District ultimately saves money by consistently pursuing a pipeline replacement policy. Considering there are over 55 miles of mains and pipes in the system there is a lot to choose from. This year, the District replaced the water main running in 730 East and 9990 South. We want to thank the contractor, Matrixx Excavation for an outstanding job and appreciate the patience of the residents who worked so cooperatively with us to bring in the project on time and under budget. Thank you.

