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GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR "CodeRED" YET???

The White City Water Improvement District ("WCWID") has chosen to use the **CodeRed Emergency Notification** system by OnSolve to provide critical notifications to our residents and customers.

Gone are the days when everyone listened to radio stations or someone was home answering a land line. People rely upon a multitude of sources and social media to get news; to remain informed of what is happening around them. Furthermore, with so many households relying upon two incomes to meet expenses, **door knocking and hangers, cannot be counted upon to timely reach everyone in case of an emergency.**

This was illustrated this past summer, when a neighboring water system had a problem notifying customers of an accidental fluoride feed into the water supply in excess of safe limits. Although WCWID does not have to add chemicals to its water supply, the need to contact its residents and customers is still very important to us. **Thus, WCWID's decided to sign onto CodeRED Emergency Notification system.**

WCWID will be utilizing the CodeRED Emergency Notification System to notify residents and customers of construction projects, water outages, and emergencies that might arise from earthquakes or other circumstances.

The link to enroll for CodeRED Notifications is now available on the WCWID website home page (<https://wcwid.org>).

By clicking on the CodeRED logo you will be taken to the enrollment website where you can add contact information for the methods you choose (address, home phone, cell phone, e-mail, etc.). You may also choose to receive General Notifications (non-emergency) or Severe Weather Warnings through the CodeRED enrollment.

AGAIN, Enrollment for Emergency Notifications is critical to ensure WCWID is able to notify you in an emergency situation.

Additionally, **CodeRED offers a free app (CodeRED Mobile Alert)** for your mobile device. The app can alert users of various emergency events happening in proximity to the location of your mobile device.

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?? TWENTY-FIVE YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE WATER USERS VOTED TO PURCHASE THE WHITE CITY WATER COMPANY!!

On October 25, 1994, the residents of WCWID voted overwhelmingly to issue General Obligation Bonds to purchase the White City Water Company which had been founded in 1955 to provide well water to the White City residential community being developed by Ken

White and Magna Development. (Approximately half the community was subsequently annexed by Sandy City.) The Water Company was being sold by Ken White's children in 1991 because they no longer had an interest in running a water system.

Sandy City initially sought to purchase the Company, but pulled out of the deal when, based on water users protest, the **Utah Public Utilities Commission voted to retain jurisdiction over water rates to be charged to non-Sandy City residents.** The water users then formed WCWID and offered to buy the Company themselves. Most "experts" did not think they could do it, but on October 25, 1994, the water users, through WCWID, voted to prove the experts wrong. The rest is history.

Governed by an elected Board of Trustees, WCWID has taken the old water company, which had an estimated value of 5.7 Million Dollars and transformed it to state of the art water system with a value in excess of 25 Million Dollars.

Deeper and more efficient wells have been drilled and new water storage tanks constructed. In addition, WCWID has been designated a "functionally separate" separate water system that is not dependent upon any other water system for support (although it does have emergency interconnections with other systems if needed).

As a result, WCWID does not have to add fluoride to its system, nor does it have to add any other chemical to degrade the pristine deep well water we all receive at the tap. **All of this using cost-based rates and NO Property Tax.** Something else to be grateful for this Thanksgiving Season.

WCWID CONTINUES TO UPGRADE THE WATER SYSTEM AND TO IMPROVE ITS FUTURE.

As noted in last month's newsletter, WCWID continues to move forward to improve the water system to ensure its continued viability and resiliency. This includes big ticket items like design and construction of seismically safe office building, to small but essential upkeep and maintenance of fire hydrants and other system infrastructure. In that regard, WCWID wants to thank individuals who have rendered service to the district.

One such individual is Brady Marion, who as part of completing an Eagle Scout Project, has been working with his Bellview Troop 375 of the Boy Scouts to paint fire hydrants North of Dimple Dell gulley in the White City Metro Township area. He has done the project in a timely and efficient manner and we thank him for his efforts.

Another effort being undertaken by WCWID operation staff is the conversion of older water meter setters to ensure better protection from the risk of backflow contamination from buildings, landscapes, and all other connections to the main water system. This project, which will commence on January 1, 2020, will consist of trading out older meter setters (the pipes connecting the main water system to the meter from which water flows to a property) to meter setters with a built-in backflow prevention device. In addition, the new meter setters will be installed on all future upgrade projects and repairs. (Please note, all new irrigation systems and existing systems that are getting repaired or upgraded must still have an approved and testable backflow prevention assembly installed). Once installed, the backflow prevention device within the setter will create what is called a "closed system" on the customer side of the water line and will help prevent backflow/backpressure from the customer side in case of pressure changes between the system and customer's property. (More information to follow.)

PLEASE REMEMBER, WCWID'S RESPONSIBILITY ENDS AT THE METER. AFTER THAT IT IS THE CUSTOMER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN THE WATER LINES TO THE HOME OR YARD