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Consolidated Water Begins Water Valve Preventative Maintenance Program

Consolidated Water is implementing a preventative maintenance program to protect the longevity and operation of the water system valves. These valves allow us to isolate specific sections of the water distribution system in case of emergencies. The program consists primarily of closing, then opening each valve in the District. In some cases we may need to repair or replace a defective valve. During the valve turning exercise customers may experience a



temporary interruption to their water service, we ask our customers to be patient and our crews will work to minimize the inconvenience when in your area.

Customers may experience discolored water and sediment for a short period of time. Upon completion of the valve exercising in an area, it may be necessary to purge internal plumbing. Running several cold taps at full force for a period of 1 - 2 minutes should remove any discoloration from the water. It may be necessary to repeat the purging process after 30 minutes in some cases. Running water outside through a garden hose is also an effective way to purge discolored water. Although it may not look clear, the water is not harmful. In some cases, low water pressure and/or low flow volume may be experienced. In this event, remove and clean the screens in the water faucets. The screens may have gathered particles dislodged during the valve exercising process. If abnormally low pressure and/or low flow volume continue after cleaning the faucet screens, please call the number listed below.

Valve exercising in the coming weeks will be primarily in Southern Boone County, south of Highway 163 and will normally take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday. For more information or concerns contact the District Office at (573) 449-0324.

Upcoming Projects

Akeman Bridge Road Project

Consolidated Water will soon begin work installing a new 12" waterline along Akeman Bridge Road. This 5 mile waterline extension will benefit nearly 1,000 District customers through the installation of a supplementary line that will provide service redundancy to the area and increased flow for fire protection. This project is slated for completion in approximately 180 days weather permitting and should pose minimal service interruptions in the area.

Route E & Wilcox Road Project

Consolidated Water will be upgrading the waterline at Route E and Wilcox Road. This installation will increase the line size thereby enabling greater service capacity in the area in addition to providing increased flow for fire protection. Pressure and flow benefits from this project will be primarily in the Obermiller Road and Creasy Springs Road areas. This project is scheduled for a 60 day completion weather permitting.

The District will be closed on the following dates:

May 28 – Memorial Day

July 4 – Independence Day

September 3 – Labor Day

October 8 – Columbus Day

November 12 – Veterans Day (Observed)

November 22-23 – Thanksgiving

December 24 – Christmas Eve

(Closed at Noon)

December 25 – Christmas



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The District billing office wants to remind you that all monthly water bill payments must be received in the District office on or by the 15th of every month. Payments received after the deadline will be assessed a late payment penalty. Please remember to include your stub with your payment (Bar coded side for the District). Online payments made through your financial institution should include your 10 digit District account number to ensure proper credit.

AS A FRIENDLY REMINDER...

and your wallet!

The District recently upgraded their shop area with new energy efficient lighting. Old metal halide fixtures were removed and eco-friendly lamps were installed to create a brighter and more environmentally sensitive building. This modification will not only save the District money in operating funds in the future, it also gualified for a rebate from Boone Electric Cooperative.

Always Efficient...

Gardening & Water Conservation: Things to Consider Spring has come early this year for central Missouri and many of us have the

itch to get out and play in the dirt. While we all enjoy the beauty of exotic

flowers, if you're trying to stay on a budget you may want to reconsider your

landscaping selections. When looking for plants this year, think about what

will suit both your property and the various weather patterns we experience

Perennial plants, bushes, and shrubs that are both heat and cold tolerant are

great choices as well. Not only will these choices save you money in the long

throughout the seasons. Plants native to Missouri are a great option.

run, but they will also help you save on water consumption due to their

temperature and drought tolerance. Water bills can increase significantly during the summer months in order to keep outdoor landscaping alive. So

make the right choice this spring and save some **GREEN** - both in your yard

over the years. Mel's work ethic is one to be admired and he has been a selfless servant to District customers. Retirement plans for Mel include spending lots of time with family, especially his grandchildren, horseback riding in Southern Boone County, farming and

whatever else life may have in store for him.

Happy trails, Mel and thanks for your service!

significant growth and changes in the District. Mel's extensive experience and know-how has been an invaluable part of the District's success as service areas expanded and quality water was provided to more and more customers

Mel Crane Retires

