

CONSOLIDATED WATER

Boone County, Missouri

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Looking to the Future

Consolidated Water recently completed a new Master Plan, renewed our 5-year Owner Supervised Plan with MoDNR, and updated and upgraded our Computerized Hydraulic Model. These were all part of an Engineering Services Report Grant which was partially funded by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The Report evaluates and makes recommendations regarding the storage, supply, and distribution systems of the District, including:

- Well and pumping changes to improve efficiencies and decrease costs
- Numerous upgrades, replacements, extensions, and loops within the water main distribution system to provide better pressures, flow and reliability
- Backup power generation at selected wells in the event of widespread electrical outages
- Alternatives for possible emergency interconnections with neighboring water systems

The District would like to thank Bartlett & West, Inc. and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for their assistance on this project.

Help Keep District Water Drug-Free!

Did you know that flushing old medication down the toilet may be harmful to you? It's true! Many of us think by flushing medication we're helping keep drugs off the streets, but in reality, we may be putting some of those chemicals back into our water. To help keep our water healthy, please properly dispose



of old drugs at the **Columbia Police Department**, located at **600 E. Walnut**. Thanks to the Missouri's Youth Adult Alliance, [a permanent drug drop box has been placed at the Columbia Police Department](#) to allow for the safe disposal of personal drugs. For more information, you can go to www.myaa.org.

Clean Water Around The World

Water District staff recently participated in a shoe drive to help establish clean water systems for communities across Africa, South America, and Haiti. If you're wondering how shoes make water, you're not alone...

Shoeman Water Projects have been helping communities throughout the world by bringing the technology to provide healthy water to impoverished countries. The program was established in 2008, and obtains its funding by recycling used shoes and using the money to set up wells and clarification systems. The District staff's contribution of shoes to this project represents an extension of their commitment to provide quality water, not only locally, but around the world.

Turn used shoes into water!

ALL YOU NEED TO DO:

- 1 Gather all the shoes you don't wear anymore. Rubber band or tie each pair together.
- 2 Take them to a nearby shoe drop-off location! (Visit www.shoemanwater.org to find the nearest location.)

WE'LL TAKE IT FROM THERE:

- 3 We collect all the shoes and they are exported to street vendors in places like Kenya, Haiti, and South America.
- 4 The street vendors receive valuable shoes, and people without shoes can purchase them for pennies on the dollar.
- 5 We use the funds generated from exporting the shoes to provide well drilling rigs, water purification systems, repairs for hand pumps, and health and hygiene training.
- 6 Communities around the world receive the life-saving gift of **clean water.**

shoeman water projects
636.751.8197 • www.shoemanwater.org

The District Will Be Closed On The Following Dates:

- Independence Day • July 4
- Labor Day • September 2
- Columbus Day • October 14
- Veterans Day • November 11
- Thanksgiving • November 28 & 29
- Christmas Eve • December 24 (Closing at Noon)
- Christmas Day • December 25



Supporting Our Community

Several District staff recently teamed with the Special Olympics of Missouri for the annual Polar Bear Plunge. Together, four members of the Consolidated staff and friends joined forces to become **The Incredible Plungers**. Through their fundraising efforts, the team was able to raise an amazing **\$4,242!** Consolidated's own Chad Henry was announced as one of the Plunge's Top Fundraisers, bringing in \$1,565!

Special thanks to Consolidated Water employees Jacki Swank, Chad Henry, Bob Leonard, and Janet Sears for braving the cold and taking the plunge for a great cause!

Preparing for the Summer Heat

After all of the wet weather mid-Missouri has had this spring, one wouldn't typically think about the possibility of drought this summer. However, as the temperatures increase, so does the possibility of another dry summer.

How can you prepare your home in the event of a severe drought? Here are a few simple tips to help you make it through the heat and save a few dollars at the same time...

- Repair dripping faucets
- Replace old toilets with low-volume units
- Avoid putting water down the drain if it can be used for another purpose (i.e. watering plants, adding water to bird baths)
- Raise your lawnmower blade to allow for more groundcover
- Start a compost pile for food scraps instead of using a kitchen sink garbage disposal
- Cover pools and hot tubs to reduce water evaporation
- Consider purchasing more energy efficient, water conserving appliances

For more helpful information on water conservation visit www.epa.gov/watersense.

Consumer Confidence Report

The 2012 CCR is now available for viewing at www.dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/pdwb/ccr/mo3024055.pdf. If you do not have access to a computer and would like a paper copy of this report please contact the office at (573) 449-0324 to have a copy mailed to your home or business.

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