

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

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Hello Water Company Members,

Well, we are halfway through the 2022-2023 Fiscal year. Time to catch you up on what has been happening with your water company! While it is our main goal to keep the water clean and flowing, the equipment working properly, and to function within the structure governing small water companies, we are excited to have this new platform that will enable you stay informed about your company. We hope that you will access it for information about rules and regulations, bylaws, fees, and just fun updates about what is going on behind the scenes. We are also looking into whether it is practical, expense-wise and otherwise, to add a link for paying water statements. It is looking dubious at this time, but remember you can always set up bill pay through your bank as a convenient way to pay your bill.

Right out of the chute, the new Board was faced with getting the chlorinator working again. Chlorine was having to be added manually at the well in Heise Park—quite a cumbersome and time-consuming method—until Curtiss at Wicker Wells found the problem. We ordered the part, and it was ultimately installed. Voila, that problem was solved, but had gone on for weeks while the previous operator tried different “fixes”.

The next challenge was to locate the course of the electrical line that connects the well in Heise Park with the equipment at the tanks, a distance of about 1/2 mile. It developed a short in it sometime in 2022 and an interim solution to keep the equipment “talking” to each other had been established, but was not ideal. The line had been put in by long time members of our community back in 2003, after the Cedar Fire had taken it out. No one could find a map and brush had grown thick in the area in the last 20 years. After the McFalls and I spent a couple hours trekking through the brush, unsuccessful in locating the electric boxes, we decided we needed a professional. We hired CPL to come out and track the line with their specialized equipment. I spent a day walking through the brush, following along and acting as a “go-fer” to a very pleasant and skilled young man who located and repaired the break in the line.

The third big challenge for the Board has been to insure that the filtration system is working properly. A representative from the manufacturer came out and assured us that the system is in good order overall, but has some maintenance that needs addressing, including replacing the filtering material (media, as they call it). We are in the process of ordering that as I write this and our new Operator will put it in.

Other remaining task is to get the new float put in, which provides us a reading on how much water is remaining in the tank. This is quite useful when the electricity goes out. The part is here, but is in the hands of a local well repair person whom we have been waiting on to install it.

On another upnote, we have been lucky enough to hire a new young Operator who is committed to keeping our equipment ship-shape and assuring that our water is clean and safe. He is also responsible for assisting in performing all State requirements for small water companies. With that change having been made, we think that we now have a really good Team!

Although sometimes a “chore”, it is also exciting, stimulating, and rewarding to be President of our little water company—an Adventure, if you will. It gives me an enhanced sense of community and the opportunity to get to know some of my neighbors better. I couldn’t have gotten through the last 6 months without the help of those who have gone before me and the super Board that shares the responsibilities. I know this is kind of a treatise, but I wanted folks to know what we really DO, and this is only part of it!

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all! Wishing you a healthy, joyful year.

