**May 2022 Billing Newsletter**

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| **MONTHLY WATER RATES**  |
| **0 to 1000 cubic foot**  |  | **$55.00** |
| Next 250 cubic foot  | *X* | 2¢ per cubic ft. |
| Next 250 cubic foot  | *X* | 3¢ per cubic ft. |
| Next 250 cubic foot  | *X* | 4.5¢ per cubic ft. |
| Next 250 cubic foot  | *X* | 6¢ per cubic ft. |
| Next 250 cubic foot  | *X* | 7.5¢ per cubic ft. |
| Cubic foot over 2250  | *X* | 9¢ per cubic ft. |

 **Billing Changes:** A Reserve Study was completed for our community in 2018. At that time, it was recommended that we increase dues by $20 per month to build and maintain a minimum reserve fund of $1.7 million dollars. Since that time we have been funding this reserve (as required by Washington State law). To continue working on long term plans, keep up with rising costs, continue large-scale maintenance needs, and continue funding the necessary reserves, the following rate changes will be made beginning **July 1, 2022. Dues** will be increased by $5 per month ($425 annually). **Water** rates will increase by $10 per month ($55 monthly) for up to 1000 cu’ of usage. The **USDA Assessment** remains at $115 per year. These fees will be combined and billed monthly. Typical monthly billing will increase by $15 per month to **$100** total.

**For members who make payments using your banks bill pay system, please update your payments beginning July 2022 for the statement due Sept. 1st.**

**Summer demand** for water in our community is high. We are in the process of upgrading our water system, consequently our ability to produce and filter water is significantly lower than in years past. We must conserve water. In an effort to encourage members to conserve water this summer, the usual **extra usage allotment for summer has been suspended**. The current tiered schedule for usage is included.

**Conserving water** can extend the life of your septic system by reducing soil saturation. **Some additional ways to save water:**

1. Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth or doing the dishes
2. Only run the washing machine and dishwasher when you have a full load
3. Use low flow shower heads and toilets
4. Repair leaks (toilets, water softeners, dripping faucets and underground)
5. If you have a garden, don’t water during the heat of the day
6. Install a rain barrel for outdoor watering
7. Take shorter showers
8. Verify water softeners are not over-backwashing

H**iring-Pool Operator and Lifeguards/Pool Attendants** for the Memorial Day Weekend and the 2022 summer season. Lifeguard applicants must have a current lifeguard certificate or be able to certify, be reliable, responsible and at least 15 years old. Pool Operator applicants must be organized, dependable & self-motivated. Pool chemical testing knowledge helpful. Please call the office at 360-678-7446 for more information. **If enough certified lifeguards cannot be found, we will change the lifeguard swim sessions to open swim and pool attendants will be hired. Please apply at the office ASAP if you are interested in working at our pool this year.**

**Board meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month.** The next one is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 7pm at the clubhouse. The office will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. The Annual Meeting is Saturday, June 4th at 1pm.