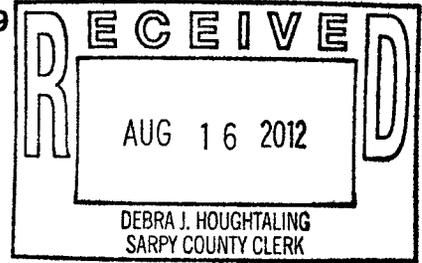


SANITARY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #29
SARPY COUNTY
GRETNA, NE 68028



August 2012

Update on the following items:

WATER:

New rates for water and sewer fee went into effect starting the third quarter of this year. (July, August, September)

- \$15.00 Base Fee per quarter to all homes connected to the community wells.
- \$50.00 Sewer Fee to all homes on the community septic systems
- \$2.00 per 1000 Gallons of water used

Dry conditions with very little rain continue in our area. Please remember that we are on Community wells and exercise good judgment in how water is used.

COMMUNITY SEPTIC SYSTEMS:

The work that was needed on Septic Tank #4 has been completed by Great Plains Septic.

- 2 new distribution boxes installed using all 4" schedule 40 pipe
- Cleanouts installed for laterals
- Cleaned laterals with low pressure water

As a reminder to everyone connected to the community septic tanks:

Please flush ONLY human waste and toilet paper that is compatible for septic systems.

Toilet paper that is safe to use in septic systems will state on the package that it can be used in septic systems. DO NOT flush feminine products, rubber or latex products into the community systems because these items do not break down. Please, DO NOT dispose oil/ grease into your sink drains or toilets. Excess cooking oil/grease can be stored in an empty can that you can put in your freezer, discarding the can into the trash when the can is full.

Please check the rubber flappers in your toilets to make sure they are working properly and are making a good seal when toilet is flushed. If it has been several years since the flapper on your toilet has been replaced, it may be a good idea to check for a leak. The rubber on these flappers becomes hard/brittle after a few years of use thereby causing them not to seal as tight as they should.

Interesting information from a plumber: 60 minutes in an hour and 24 hours in a day equals 1,440 minutes in a day. A toilet with a flapper that sticks open can use up to 1 gallon of water in a minute, if it is stuck in the open position all day, it is possible to use 1,440 gallons in a 24 hour period.

ROAD:

Surveys for the Westridge Farms Subdivision regarding contracting one trash company to service the subdivision were included in the July 2012 minutes of the board meeting.

33 surveys mailed

Returned: 28 in favor
1 opposed
4 not returned

With the majority of homeowners in favor of the district contracting to one trash company, Pat Sullivan, Attorney for District, was called and asked what would need to be done, and what it would cost the district for a Special Election. (Required by the state because increase to the budget would be greater than the allowed 2 ½ %.)

With the time frame that we have remaining for budget preparation for fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, Pat informed us that we do not have adequate time remaining to do a Special Election in which voting is needed to exceed the lid limit. Pat went on to inform us that we would have time for a Town Hall Meeting. The accountant for our S.I.D. informed us that a Town Hall Meeting would only allow us to exceed the lid limit for one year. The cost to the district for doing a Town Hall Meeting (good for one year) would be approximately \$1,200 for attorney fees and \$300.00 for accounting fees. (Ballpark figure of \$1,500.00)

Considering the expense involved, estimated to be around \$1,500.00, in doing a Town Hall Meeting, and the fact that the increase in the budget would be good for only one year and then a Special Election (attorney fees & accounting fee would be charged again) would need to be held for the following fiscal year, **the Board has decided not to request a Town Hall Meeting for the upcoming fiscal year.**

The Board wants the property owners to be informed of all the procedures and costs that will be associated in getting one contracted trash company for the district.

Pat informed us that having a Special Election is more expensive than a Town Hall Meeting because it involves more paperwork that is required by the state.

Our account said that a Special Election is good for five years.

The earliest that this issue can be reconsidered will be for fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

FINANCIAL:

Pinnacle Bank July 31, 2012 Statement: \$1,067.26

County Treasurer General Ledger for July 2012

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|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| General Fund: | \$ 2,312.36 | | |
| Service Use Fee Fund: | \$10,626.06 | | |
| Bond: | | M-T-D | Y-T-D |
| Beginning Cash on Hand | | \$28,994.28 | \$28,994.28 |
| Beginning Investment on Hand | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Beginning Balance | | \$28,994.28 | \$28,994.28 |
| Tax Receipt Collections: | | | |
| 2011 Real Estate Taxes | \$ 6,516.84 | \$ 6,516.84 | \$ 6,516.84 |
| Tax Receipt Totals | \$ 6,516.84 | \$ 6,516.84 | \$ 6,516.84 |
| Homestead Exemption Allocation | \$ 18.33 | \$ 18.33 | \$ 18.33 |
| Other Receipt Totals: | \$ 18.33 | \$ 18.33 | \$ 18.33 |
| Property Tax Commission | - \$ 130.34 | - \$ 130.34 | - \$ 130.34 |
| Ending Cash on Hand | \$35,399.11 | \$ 35,399.11 | \$ 35,399.11 |
| Ending Investment on Hand | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Grand Totals | \$35,399.11 | \$35,399.11 | \$ 35,399.11 |

TREES:

It has been brought to the attention of Board members that tree branches are extending over the road in some areas. In order for high profile vehicles, (i.e. campers, garbage trucks, delivery trucks, high pick-up trucks, and emergency squad vehicles) to avoid these branches, it has become necessary for drivers to drive down the middle of the road. This creates a Safety Issue.

Trees branches should be trimmed to no less than 14 (fourteen) foot from the road to the bottom of overhanging branches, with nothing extending over the road in between this area.

Cooperation in regard to this is greatly appreciated.

ELECTION:

Ballots for the election of trustees for the Sanitary Improvement District have been mailed out along with Instructions to the Voter. Please take a moment to review the instructions and vote your ballot. Write-in spaces are provided and write-ins may be elected but the oval in front of the write-in name must be marked. Election Day is September 11, 2012; However, you do not need to wait until then to vote. All ballots must be received in the election office by Tuesday September 11, 2012 at 4:45 PM in order to be counted. Use the envelope provided to return the ballot.

SPECIAL THANKS TO NEIGHBORS:

A special "THANKS" are in order to Vince and Glenna Winkler. Vince and Glenna have been trying to improve the appearance of the road along 204th Street when they are out walking. They have been picking up trash that has been thrown into the ditches.

WESTRIDGE FARMS DIRECTORY:

An updated directory will be included in next month's September minutes. If you have changed your telephone number please let me know so that the SID will have it for our records in the event that we need to contact you regarding water or septic system issues. If you wish your number to remain unlisted in the community directory we will respect your wish and not list it. To those of you that I have already contacted asking permission to list your new numbers, I thank you for your help.

NOTE:

Correction on the July 1, 2012 minutes listed under Road. The sentence should read as follows.

The budget set for the General Fund for fiscal year of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 was \$4,365.00. (Incorrectly stated as July 1, 2012)

Next Scheduled Meeting Date Has Been Changed To September 16,
2012
Gretna City Hall
7:00 P.M.

Submitted by,
Barb Schutte / Clerk