RYE WATER DISTRICT NEWS – September 2019

Irrigation and Watering Systems Policy

The RWD Commissioners at its August monthly meeting voted to put into place a “Requirements for Standalone Irrigation and Watering System” policy. A standalone system is defined as; Any irrigation and/or watering system that is not an integral part of a residential (household) or business connection to the RWD distribution system. The purpose of this policy is to promote and enhance water conservation thru efficient use of water. It is planned to develop requirements for new and replacement residential irrigation systems. In the meantime the Water District would like customers to use water wisely by following our suggested watering/lawn irrigation times of **before 8AM & after 6PM** and not during rainy periods.

Energy Conservation

Speaking of conversation, the RWD Commissioners have been engaged by the Rye Energy Committee about the possibility of using RWD properties as potential areas for siting photovoltaic (solar) system that would provide electrical power to Rye municipal facilities. The Commissioners have agreed to work with the Energy Committee in evaluating these possibilities as the Energy Committee works through this process.

Garland Well Pump House

A long overdue construction project for refurbishment of the Garland well pump house, located on Garland Road, is scheduled for 2020. Many of the pump house components date back to its original construction back in the 70s and are need of replacement. Additionally, the facility needs to be updated to today’s operational and safety standards. These antiquated conditions at the pump house have been testing the skills of our well accomplished operators’ skills in keeping things running smoothly. Follow-on information on the implementation of this project will be forth coming along with what support maybe requested of the RWD customers.

Water Main Flushing

The semi-annual maintenance activity of flushing and chlorinating the water system is planned to begin in September. This is done to reduce sediment that may collect in the distribution system and introduce a small amount of chlorine to help maintain a clean and safe water system. Notices of flushing dates and times will be posted on our website along with posting at public locations in town before actually flushing begins.

Freeze Prevention

This annual notice is given this time of year even though we are still enjoying summer as the next newsletter would be published too late to provide this information. So please think about late fall and winter precautions by ensuring your water meter is in a warm, dry, accessible location protected from freezing. Also, remember to drain and winterize outside faucets and winterized lawn irrigation systems prior to the first freeze which can sometimes occur as early as mid-October.

RWD Website

As previously note, the Rye Water District’s Website is up and running. The site name is: [www.ryewaterdistrict.com](http://www.ryewaterdistrict.com)

Please visit the website for announcements, upcoming activities, minutes of meetings, sampling results, policies, and other important information about the Rye Water District. The website also offers easy and convenient online bill paying options. As always feel free to call the water district office with any questions at 603-436-2596.

No Hunting Signs

The District’s well site properties are posted with “No Trespassing” and “No Hunting” signs. Enjoy the hunting season, but please do it responsibly.

Scheduled Meetings

The water commissioner’s monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month and work sessions on the third (and fifth) Wednesday’s. These meetings are open to the public and resident’s attendance is encouraged.

Commissioner’s email

If you have any issues or concerns with the water system operations or have any questions feel free to contact the commissioners via email at: [commissioners.ryewater@comcast.net](mailto:commissioners.ryewater@comcast.net)