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A semi-annual publication from Wolf Creek Water & Sewer Improvement District to promote water conservation and to keep customers aware or issues in our District.

MESSAGE FROM THE WATER & SEWER UTILITY MANAGEMENT

**WE WILL BEGIN SHUTTING DOWN THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM
OCTOBER 21st THROUGH OCTOBER 20th
WEATHER PERMITTING**

**THE ANNUAL OPEN BOARD MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING WILL
BE HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**

For board meeting Information and quicker area updates for the Wolf Creek Water & Sewer Improvement District follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wcwsid>

Dear Wolf Creek District Customers,

It has been a busy year for the Water and Sewer Company:

The summer season had good stream water flow, due to the above-average snowpack, even though it was actually a hot and dry summer for precipitation. In future dry years, we are very concerned that we will have significant drops in available secondary water, and we are continuing to plan accordingly. This is because of the increasing legislative focus on the Great Salt Lake, combined with the gradually warming temperatures, and resulting low stream flows.

We are executing multiple capital water projects to improve the availability of water for our existing and standby customers. A pumping station and pipeline to move treated effluent reuse water from the sewage treatment plant on Willow Brook Lane to a large pond south of the Bridges subdivision is already under construction. We expect that all road excavations will be paved before the snow flies. The pond will be constructed in 2025. These construction projects will be funded with grants from Weber County and a low-interest loan from the State of Utah, which are greatly appreciated. Bid packages will need to be received by the district for the pond construction to better define any loan amount necessary.

Other projects that are proceeding are the East (culinary) Well, the installation of a new pressure-reducing valve (PRV) in Eagle Ridge, and the relocation of a sewer line near Willow Brook Lane. All of these projects are to address shortfalls in our current capacity or needed maintenance of our water and sewer systems.

The search for water in the district has resulted in a major water rights Protest and subsequent legal and expert testimony expenses. Drilling the EC5 well resulted in major impacts to our Warm Springs culinary well and associated springs. Recovery has been slow and is ongoing but has reached 95% over the last two months. We will continue to watch the well carefully. We are continuing this Protest to maintain our supplies and our water rights for our customers. The outcome will not be clear for many months until the State Engineer makes a ruling.

Lastly, efforts to complete a required lead and copper materials inventory of culinary service line is still in progress. We are investigating the remaining 34 connections (buildings built in 1989 or earlier) out of 1300 on the system. We are working with the State Division of Drinking Water on this and hope to conclude this task by early October.

We would like to thank our dedicated staff and Board Members for their tireless efforts to keep our systems running as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

We wish all our customers a safe and Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Miranda Menzies – Chairperson	Rob Thomas – Gen. Manager
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Don Stefanik – Board Member	Annette Ames – Controller
Pam Young – Candidate Trustee	ShyAnna Chambers – Office Asst

WINTER PREP

Frozen pipes are a home disaster that can be prevented. Follow these easy steps and you'll be well on your way to protecting the pipes in your home and yard from freezing this winter.

Outdoor Preparation

- ❖ Winterize your sprinkler system by shutting off the main valve, blowing out the lines (however, do not blow air through the irrigation meter), or opening all valves to allow the system to fully drain. Don't forget to switch your sprinkler controller to the "off" mode.
- ❖ Cover all outside house spigots, faucets, and hose bibs with insulated covers and tape to prevent freezing and breaking.

Indoor Practices

- ❖ Insulate the pipes located in your home's outer walls, attic, crawl space, basement, and garage using insulated covers and tape to prevent freezing and breaking.
- ❖ During extreme temperatures, or if you have pipes that have a history of freezing, allow a faucet to drip. The faucet farthest from the street should be the one left open and the stream should be no larger than the size of a spaghetti noodle. If it stops dripping, this means it is frozen. Leave the faucet open until thawed to relieve pressure on the lines.
- ❖ As temperatures rise, the pipes will thaw. You may try a space heater or blow dryer on the frozen pipes to speed the thawing, but do not use an open flame or boiling water.
- ❖ Open cupboard doors at night when temperatures drop below freezing. This will allow warm air to circulate around pipes and plumbing parts.
- ❖ Locate the main water valve in your home so you can turn it off in case of a line break or other emergency. If you have a break, give us a call at 801.745.3435, we are here to help.

