
Norm's News & Notes

March 22, 2011



New hires: Sandy Hildreth & Jorge Fuerte have been hired on a part time basis. Please welcome them!

CPR & AED Class: was conducted on March 8 and ten people are now certified.



Long range plan survey: we are in the process of summarizing the data that owners have returned. Thank you for your input!

Water conservation: we have received approximately 130 water test usage forms back from owners. Thank you! We are planning our next step and it may be visiting those who have not responded. We are stopping the daily postings of well and sewer numbers. We have seen a drop in the water output and sewer inflow. Thank you for your vigilance.

Campground Rates: the Campground Committee has recommended and the Board has approved changes to our rates. The monthly rate increased by about 10%. We have seen an increase in camping fee revenue since December and we are recouping our electric costs. Campers are beginning to leave and are making reservations for the fall and beyond. We are looking into an on-line reservation process for our campers.

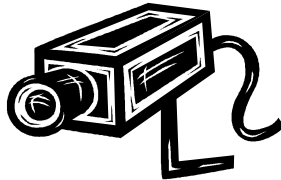
Wells: Once chlorine hits our water, it creates what is called Disinfection Byproducts. This is normally an annual test and since our results have been over the MCL (maximum containment level) for two byproducts, TTHMs and HAA5s, the DEP has required that we do these tests quarterly.

We have had regular meetings with the DEP regarding how we plan to remedy this issue. We met again on Tuesday, March 15, via teleconference. Several CH Board Members, our licensed operator, our property manager, a representative from FL Rural Water Association (FRWA) met with the DEP - Water Division. Some of our water lines along A and D sections are dead ends and especially during the summer, when few people are here, the water just sits there and our byproducts reside with it. FRWA has recommended an extensive flushing plan. It will involve adding some additional piping and using a manual approach to flushing the water out. Eventually it will be done automatically with timers, etc.

The DEP stated that flushing plans have worked for other wells with our same situation. They have agreed to allow us to proceed with this action. The DEP is requiring a formal documentation called a Consent Order, which is more or less a contract to be signed by CH and the DEP. They require our plan in writing along with implementation dates. They will also include fine amounts they may assess if we are not in compliance. This is similar to the Consent Order that we have in place with the DEP - Sewer Division.

Air Compressor at the well house: is not working and needs to be serviced. Gulf Coast Electric will be out to fix or replace it.

Sewer Mains – Camera: FAST, a licensed/insured contractor will be out next Wed about 9 am to start camera work, beginning with Section D. This process will take several days. FAST will use this information to determine if our mains need to be lined. If so, they can do this right in the ground and line the mains with fiberglass. NO DIGGING! We also got a quote to camera the mains from Roto Rooter. It was higher than FAST plus the fact that Roto Rooter does not reline piping was the determining factor in choosing FAST.

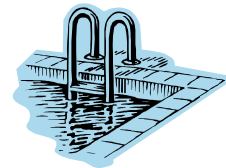


Sewer Plant: Adam Wood, DEP - Sewer Division, surprised us with a visit. Adam was happy that we were not overflowing and seemed OK with hauling water out, although he said it could be expensive.

Lift Station at sewer plant: there is a need to pump out the debris and whatever is at the bottom of the lift station. There was a blockage in Section D on Friday, March 11. When unblocked, stones and small pieces of clay tile entered into the lift station. AAA White's attempted to pump it out and could not (not enough suction since the lift station is about 18' deep). We have contacted Arthur Price Co, licensed contractor, who will pump it out and set up a maintenance schedule.

KUDOS: A special thank you to Ron Shaw who has been diligently working for CH. He spends many hours daily at the sewer plant or the wells or fixing a water break or some problem. Thanks, Ron! ☺

Pool Inspection: Hernando County Health Department was out this week. The pool passed his inspection.



Leach Field: We have been in contact with several contractors regarding the leach field. No one wants to give us a bid until we can provide an engineer's drawing. We have a meeting set up with the person who actually installed our leach field. Consideration will be given to a plastic chamber leach field if ours needs to be replaced.

Caterpillar Problem: FL Agriculture Extension Service was contacted. There is no approved system of controlling the caterpillars in our park. We are not allowed to spray where there are people.