

## Commissioner's Corner

By Chris Stearns, Commissioner District 3



With Winter fast approaching, I thought I would offer a few freeze protection tips to our Thurston PUD customers:

### During cold weather, take preventive action:

- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals up out of the reach of children.
- When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe -- even at a trickle -- helps prevent pipes from freezing because the temperature of the water running through it is above freezing.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55°F. Remove, drain, and carefully store hoses used outdoors. Close inside valves supplying outdoor hose bibs. Open the outside hose taps to allow water to drain. Keep the outside valve open so that any water remaining in the pipe can expand without causing the pipe to break.
- Check around the home for other areas where water supply lines are located and are in unheated areas. Look in the basement, crawl space, attic, garage, and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Both hot and cold water pipes in these areas should be insulated. A hot water supply line can freeze just as a cold water supply line can freeze if the water is not running through the pipe and the water temperature in the pipe is cold.



### **NEW PROGRAM!**

*Below is a copy of the bill stuffer you will find in your billing statement in December. If you receive your bill via email, please call us and we can mail you the bill stuffer if you are interested in participating.*

### **Project Help**

**is an assistance program to help low-income families with their water bill.**



**Help us offer this great program by donating today!**

Your generous contribution will help to keep the water on in homes throughout our service area. No matter how big or small your donation, you are making a difference in the lives of families throughout the area.



## Revised Rates Effective 1/1/14

After Public Hearings held on September 10, 2013, September 24, 2013, and October 7, 2013 the Thurston PUD Commissioner's adopted the 2014 rates below:

Base Rate	Residential			Non-Residential			
	Inside Thurston	Tanglewilde / Thompson Place	Outside Thurston	Inside Thurston	Tanglewilde / Thompson Place	Tanglewilde Parks & Rec	Outside Thurston
3/4"	\$ 24.75	\$ 26.20	\$ 28.75	\$ 28.46	\$ 29.91		\$ 32.46
1"	\$ 61.89	\$ 63.34	\$ 65.89	\$ 71.16	\$ 72.61		\$ 75.16
1 1/2"	-	-	-	\$142.32	\$143.77	\$47.44	\$146.32
2"	-	-	-	\$227.70	\$229.15		\$231.70
3"	-	-	-	\$426.95	\$428.40		\$430.95
Flat rate	\$ 65.63	\$ 65.63	\$ 69.63	-	-		-
<b>Consumption charges</b>							
<b>Residential</b>							
0-500	\$ 2.21	\$ 2.21	\$ 2.21	-	-		-
501-1500	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.39	-	-		-
1501-3000	\$ 4.68	\$ 4.68	\$ 4.68	-	-		-
3001+	\$ 5.32	\$ 5.32	\$ 5.32	-	-		-
<b>Commercial</b>							
Nov-Jun	-	-	-	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.39	\$1.12	\$ 3.39
Jul-Oct	-	-	-	\$ 5.32	\$ 5.32	\$1.75	\$ 5.32
<b>Irrigation</b>	-	-	-	\$ 5.32	\$ 5.32		\$ 5.32

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SURCHARGES

Crescent Park and Terry Lane	5.00/month
Cornerstone Estates	16.30/month
Pederson Place	6.95/month

### ANCILLARY CHARGES

Ready to Serve Charge	18.57
New Account Service Charge	35.00 plus \$5.00 per non related tenant
Late Fee	5.00
Return check charge	30.00
Reconnect fee	45.00
After hours reconnection	
In County	120.00
Out of County	165.00
Holiday/weekend	210.00
Meter tampering charge	200.00



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