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# NORTH KOOTENAI WATER DISTRICT

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**Board Meetings** ~ Meetings are held at our office on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

## *From the Office:*

**Billing** ~ In January we began outsourcing our statements to a local printing company. As many of you are aware, there have been some problems with the data reflected on the statements. We have been promised by the printing firm that the issues have been corrected and the March bills will be correct. Believe us when we tell you that this is as frustrating for us and the printer as it is for you!

Meters in the Hayden Pines/Grouse Meadows, Rimrock, Hillside, Hayden Orchards, Valley Green, Mountain View Terrace, Meadowland Acres & Honeysuckle Hills service areas were read for the first time since October. If your account was 'over' or 'under' estimated during the winter, you will see an adjustment on this bill. The remaining service areas will be read and adjusted next month.

## *From the Field:*

**Backflow Testing** ~ Springtime is backflow testing time. Please remember that each year homes and businesses that have an automatic sprinkler system must have their annual backflow valve tested by a state certified backflow tester. Most of the sprinkler companies and landscaping companies have certified testers on staff. For your convenience, a sample listing is available on our web site [www.nkwsd.com](http://www.nkwsd.com)

**Digging** ~ Remember, you must call 811 before digging for any reason, at any depth, at least 48 hours prior to digging. If you don't, and you hit a utility, you may be billed for the repairs!

**Locates Are Free, Repairs Are Not!**

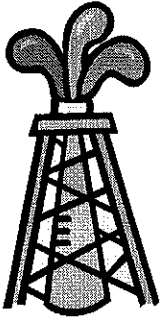


## *Conservation Update:*

The District is once again offering drought resistant grass seed and drought resistant wild flower seeds to our customers at no charge. Seed packets are available at the District office.



## Construction News:



**Lancaster #4 Well** ~ Drilling is now complete. The new 20" diameter well was completed in the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer to a depth of 370'. The completion of the project is the pump installation, underground piping, pump house modifications and final testing. A complete spectrum of required DEQ water samples will be submitted to the lab for analysis.

The low bidder for the pump portion of the job is Lawrence Construction from Rathdrum.

**Grouse Meadows/Hayden Pines Well and Pump System Improvements** ~ Increased capacity for the District's GTE pump station serving the Grouse Meadows, Hayden Pines, Prairie Village Shopping Center, and Cornerstone Business Park is now underway. TML Construction of Hayden is the contractor on the job. This pump station upgrade will include a new well pump, new booster pumps, and a standby generator for auxiliary power. Construction is expected to last 4 months.

**Hayden Well #2** ~ The new well and pump system for the Hillside Service Area is nearly complete. The new pump and controls were tested on March 11<sup>th</sup>, and final items on the job will be completed in the next two weeks. This well will provide source redundancy for the Hillside area.

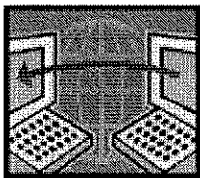
**Atlas Acres/Selkirk Meadows** ~ A new well pump is being installed in the Selkirk Meadows well. The old pump house has been torn down and is being reconstructed by District staff. This work should be complete in the new few weeks.

**Twin Lakes Service Area** ~ Plans are currently being designed for a replacement pump house at the Echo Beach well and reservoir facility. This will be constructed later this summer, and completed in late September.

**Avondale and Point Hayden Water Line Replacement Project** ~ On Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, this project will go out for public bidding. Bids will be received until April 14<sup>th</sup>. After bid review, the Board of Directors will issue a contract award to the lowest responsible bidder. Construction is scheduled to begin about May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A special newsletter will be sent to residents of this area with more details. Lakes Highway District is working with North Kootenai Water District for the resurfacing of many Avondale roads.



**Rimrock Service Area** ~ After the new water lines are constructed in Avondale and Point Hayden, the Springrock Booster Pump Station will be upgraded to provide higher water pressure to residents of Rimrock and Avondale! At last!!! For many of us this has been a long time coming. First come the water mains, then the increase in pressure. We have to do it in that order otherwise the old steel mains will likely have multiple failures due to increased pressure. Please, be patient. It is happening.



**Other** ~ Other projects on the 2010 schedule include a telemetry system installation at East Seasons Acres, and new pump controls at Hayden Pines for constant pressure. The telemetry system will relay pump and reservoir information to the District's main office control system ensuring a faster response time for any problems, and higher degree of reliability.

