



ST LUCIE WEST
SERVICES DISTRICT

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To Our Valued Customers,



This newsletter is being sent to you as an update on District projects and accomplishments throughout this fiscal year.

SAVINGS!

The District Board & Staff Committed to Provide Quality Service While SAVING Money!

Water Management Bond Special Assessment:

Recently the District Board of Supervisors approved the refinancing of the 1999 Series A&B Storm Water Management Bonds. This will lower the assessable unit fee from \$255.00 per unit to \$210.00 per unit. A savings of \$45.00 per assessable unit per year.

Cascades Residents:

Recently the District Board of Supervisors approved the refinancing of the Cascades Capital Improvement Bonds. This will lower the assessable unit fee from \$217.00 per unit to \$180.00 per unit. A savings of \$37.00 per assessable unit per year.

Maintenance Assessment:

The St. Lucie West Storm Water Maintenance Assessment of \$106.00 per unit will remain the same for the next budget year.

Irrigation:

Please Help to Conserve Water, It's Everyone's Responsibility!

Please adhere to the schedule for irrigation times. Your specific time is located on a sticker that is attached to your time clock. All homeowners are allowed 30 minutes total (15 minutes for 2 zones or 10 minutes for 3 zones) two days a week. Commercial properties are allowed 15 minutes a zone after midnight, Monday – Thursday. If you have questions regarding zones please contact Public Works Superintendent at (772) 340-0220 ext. 114.

Reminder: First time offenders are issued a written warning, second time offenders are issued a \$50.00 penalty and third time and every time thereafter will be issued a \$100.00 penalty.

Storm Water:

District Staff have been working diligently to receive grant funding from FEMA to offset the costs of the storm water upgrade project.

Aquatic:

Retention Ponds (aka lakes) information: Due to the extreme heat and humidity we are now experiencing floating tape grass and algae blooms. The District is aware of this and is diligently working on this issue. If you have any questions contact Aquatic Manager (772) 340-0220 ext. 109.

Reminder: No fishing ! The District would like to remind all Homeowners!

With the exception of Lake Charles, fishing and boating are not allowed in District owned retention ponds. Fish are stocked within the ponds for purposes of biological control of midge flies and other pests.

Meters:

Field Technicians have difficulty accessing the water meters. We are requesting that all meters have a minimum clearance of 1 ½ foot radius. This is very important so that District employees can maintain the equipment and read meters. If questions, contact the Underground Utilities Superintendent at (772) 340-0220 ext. 115 or customerservice@slwsd.org

Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Improvement Projects Completed:

- Rehabilitation of the Surge Tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant helps to provide improved volume in the tank and provide additional air to the primary treatment process.
- A new odor control unit for the Wastewater plant was installed on May 2010.
- The odor control system at the Water Treatment Plant was enhanced to remove a higher level of hydrogen sulfide.
- Upgrading the Districts' SCADA (System Control and Data Acquisition) system which provides additional automation and remote monitoring.
- Installation of Radio Telemetry System at all 53 lift stations which will report alarm conditions and other vital information to the SCADA system.
- Increased the potable water holding capacity by 2.0 million gallons.
- An additional backup generator which assures un-interrupted delivery of drinking water should the plant lose power.
- The replacement of a 4,000 gallon underground diesel fuel tank with an above ground 12,000 gallon tank to provide additional capacity during emergency conditions.
- Rehabilitation of four lift stations as part of an ongoing rehabilitation program.

Be safe and plan ahead for Hurricane Season!