

### **August 2024 Newsletter**

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#### Rate Increases

The Budget Committee and Board of Commissioners approved a rate increase of 5% for fiscal year 2024/2025. This increase is needed due to rising operating costs and improvements to our aging infrastructure. The Rivergrove Water District is funded exclusively by these charges; we do not receive property taxes, bonds, or levies. Visit our website for a complete list of charges for outside users & fire protection service.

## Water Service Charges Class \*1 & \*\*2

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Meter Size	Service Charge (Bi-monthly)	Usage Charge (Per ccf = one hundred cubic feet of water or 748 gallons)
5/8" or 3/4"	\$ 47.70	\$ 3.84
1"	\$ 102.72	\$ 3.84
1 ½"	\$ 194.28	\$ 3.84
2"	\$ 304.13	\$ 3.84
3"	\$ 597.07	\$ 3.84
4"	\$ 807.47	\$ 3.84
6"	\$1,842.33	\$ 3.84
8"	\$2,357.02	\$ 3.84

\*Class 1: Single-residential homes, duplexes, & triplexes
\*\*Class 2: All other services not included in Class 1

# Backflow Testing – Annual Reports Due September 30, 2024

To ensure safe, potable water, the District maintains a Cross Connection Program required by the Oregon Health Authority (OAR 333-061-0070). Customers with inground irrigation, sprinkler systems, and/or certain water features such as fountains and pools are required to have their backflow tested annually by a state certified tester. Customers not complying with this requirement will have water shut off effective October 1.

#### Water Conservation...Make every drop count

Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors. Your hardware or plumbing supply store stocks inexpensive shower heads or flow restrictors that will cut your shower flow to about three gallons a minute instead of five to ten. They are easy to install, and your showers will still be cleansing and refreshing.

#### **Shining The Spotlight On: Marlin Court**

In July, the District completed a capital improvement project on Marlin Court. Approximately 300 LF of 6" asbestos cement water main was removed and replaced with 8" ductile iron. As part of this upgrade, all residents received a new single service line connection to the main. The project took longer than expected due to modifications with the tie in at Childs Road and material changes. Throughout the upgrade the residents on Marlin Court were gracious with the delays and the many inconveniences construction brings. The Board of Commissioners want to thank each resident for their patience and understanding.

#### 2024/2025 Budget Committee

We would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to the 2024/2025 Budget Committee: Mr. John Bartho, Mr. David Paul Butler, Ms. Evelyn Challis, Mr. Gabe Gomez, Mr. David Law, and Mr. Jon McDowell. This committee plays an important role in ensuring our financial objectives are met while fulfilling our responsibility to our rate payers by exercising sound financial stewardship. Their willingness to donate time to review and ratify the new fiscal year budget is greatly appreciated. **We applaud and thank you!** 

#### **District Curb Stops...Do Not Touch**

The District's ordinance requires all customers to have a shutoff valve. This valve is different from the District's curb stop valve. Customers and contractors are **not allowed** to manipulate the curb stop valve.

If you are having plumbing or construction work done at your home and it requires water to be shut off, call the District office 24-hours in advance and a water operator will be dispatched. Effective immediately, customers will be charged a turn off/turn on fee for any unauthorized manipulation of the curb stop.

#### **Keeping Up With the District**

As part of our commitment to capital improvement projects within the District, two new fire hydrants have been installed: hydrant #114 is located at the corner of Red Leaf St/Pilkington Rd and hydrant #115 is located at the northern end of Marlin Ct. In August, hydrant #116 will be installed near Chinook Court/Tualata Ave. These hydrants are critical in increasing fire protection for our customers.