



Coming Soon to Fruitland Water:

New Additions

- Newberry Trails - 58 single family homes located at 9200 block of 122nd St E
- Malone Addition – 30 single family homes located at 2100 block of 13th St SW
- Fruitland Ridge – 33 single family homes located at 14,00 block of Fruitland Ave SW

Up & Coming

- New hotel at 39th Ave & 9th St SW
- Memory center at 39th Ave & 5th St SW
- Assisted living center at 43rd Ave & 5th St SW

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To the Members of Fruitland Mutual Water Co:

Each year Fruitland Mutual Water Co. Members elect several Board of Directors from a slate of candidates. The nominees may be new or existing Board Members seeking re-election. If you would like to serve on the board of Fruitland Mutual Water Co., or have a candidate to nominate, please send the candidate name to our office. Eligible candidates must be members of the Fruitland Mutual Water Co. in order to qualify for consideration. Prior to submitting a nomination, it is required for the candidate's permission be granted, along with the signature of two additional Fruitland Mutual Water Co. members for validation. Please include a brief biography and qualifications of the nominee. In order for the preparation of the ballot by the nomination Committee, please submit your nominations as early as possible. Proposals for by law changes will be received for review by the Board of Directors. Proposed changes must be accompanied by signatures of at least two members. All nominations and proposals must be received at the Company's office (4001 9th St. SW) no later than **4:30pm January 5th 2018.**

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| <i>Scott Duda</i> | <i>President</i> |
| <i>Tim Larson</i> | <i>Vice President</i> |
| <i>Gordon Flath</i> | <i>Treasurer/Secretary</i> |
| <i>Colleen Wise</i> | <i>Director</i> |
| <i>Paul Blinn</i> | <i>Director</i> |
| <i>Dwayne Farmer</i> | <i>Director</i> |
| <i>Marlin Horeis</i> | <i>Director</i> |



Ralph Walker, after 29 years of service to the water company, has decided to retire at the end of the year.

Ralph began his water works career here in 1988. He spent most of his years here operating equipment but in recent years has been in operations and running the company's cross-connection control program.

Ralph's dedication to his work and dedication here at the water company is unparalleled and has always served as an example to younger employees. The rest of the staff will miss him but all wish him good luck in his retirement.

We look forward to another successful year! Thank you to our current board members:

Ted Hardiman, General Manager



Prevent frozen pipes this winter

As cold weather sets in, take a few precautions to winterize your home. When we begin to have sustained temperatures of 20 degrees or lower, homeowners should be alert to the possibility of freezing pipes.

Here are some tips to avoid freezing pipes this winter:

- Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses and sprinkler lines.
- Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas like garages, attics and crawl spaces.
- Seal off access doors, air vents, and cracks.
- In extremely cold weather, consider leaving a trickle of water running
- Open cabinet doors to circulate warm air.
- Know where your master shut-off is. Make sure you have clear access to it.
- Keep your thermostat set to at least 55 degrees, even if you are not at home.



To Our Members with Rentals

Beginning January 1, 2018, Fruitland Mutual Water will no longer be collecting deposits. There are some costs associated with this that affects everyone. A letter will be sent out with more information shortly. We appreciate your understanding.

A Word from our General Manager

Besides being an ever-growing water system with new mains, services, and hydrants, Fruitland Water has many miles of aging water lines. The company got started in 2016 replacing 1,000 feet of AC or Transite pipe. This work is being done by the Fruitland Water crew, who, this year, has replaced about 4,000 feet of main and is now working on the services on the same section of main. The members in the area have been great to work with, given that we are digging through their front yards within the county right of way. Pierce County is, in most cases, having the water company stay within 2-3 feet of the existing pipelines which keeps the new lines within right of way but does create challenges with mature landscaping. The company still has about 24.5 miles to go. Thanks again to the members who were so patient in working with us this last summer.

This winter, staff will be out checking for proper operation of fire hydrants, clearing around meter boxes, and valve exercising. If you have concerns about any sensitive vegetation near your service meter box please let us know ahead of time so we can coordinate efforts with you.

All of the staff here at Fruitland Water wish all the membership a happy and safe holiday season.

Ted Hardiman

General Manager

