

Fruitland Mutual Water Company

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Fall 2018 Newsletter

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 Candidate,

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 on January 5th, 2019.**

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

<i>Scott Duda</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Tim Larson</i>	<i>V. 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>Marlin Horeis</i>	<i>Director</i>
<i>Dwayne Farmer</i>	<i>Director</i>

-Ted Hardiman, General Manager

Winter is Coming!

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, crawl spaces, etc.
- 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°, even if you are not home.



A big thank you to the members who took time out of their schedule and attended the Fruitland Water Annual Board Meeting back in February. Our General Manager was able to report on our accomplishments from the past year and our goals for the future.

Fruitland Water has a phone tree system to place calls to customers who have late bills on accounts and if there is an emergency. Please make sure your contact information is up to date so we can continue to contact you if needed.

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New Additions to Fruitland Water:



Reserve at Silver Brooke: 31 single-family homes off of 23rd Ave SW & 13th St SW.

Fruitland Ridge: 33 single family homes off of Fruitland Ave.

Fruitland Estates: 50 single family homes off of 21st St SW & Fruitland Ave.

Newberry Trails: 58 single family homes at 9200 block of 122nd St. E

El Rinconsito de Jalisco Restaurant at 305 39th Ave SW

Memory Care Center at 5th St. & 39th Ave.

Kidney Dialysis Center by Wal-Mart on 30th Ave.

Affinity of Puyallup -- Assisted Living Center at 43rd Ave & 5th St.

Harbor Freight & Hobby Lobby are now open! They are located at 201 37th Ave SE (The old Top Foods location).

La Quinta Inn coming soon at located at 39th Ave & 9th St.

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Square Footage Fees

A membership entitles you to receive water service from the Fruitland Mutual Water Company. The membership fee applies to the first 2000 square feet of enclosed, roofed, or covered area of structures on your property. Any area above the 2000 square feet or additional structures on the same property will be subjected to the \$2.50 per square foot assessment. If a building permit is required, the permit will provide the square footage in which the assessment will be based. The square footage policy has been in effect since 1983, and is set forth in the bylaws of the Fruitland Mutual Water Company. If you have questions or would like a copy of the bylaws please feel free to call the office or visit our website.

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 2,000 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 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.

-Ted Hardiman

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