

# FRUITLAND MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

## FALL 2015 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. These candidates may be new or may be existing board members seeking re-election. If you would like to serve on the board for the Fruitland Mutual Water Company, or have a candidate to nominate, please send the candidate's name to our office. Candidate's must be members of the Fruitland Mutual Water Co in order to qualify. Before submitting a nomination, it is required that you have the candidate's permission and signature of two other Fruitland Mutual Water Co. members for validation. Please include a brief biography and qualifications of the person nominated. To give the nomination committee time for preparation of the ballot, please submit your nominations as early as possible. Proposals for bylaw 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 office (4001 9<sup>th</sup> St SW) no later than 4:30pm on January 5, 2016.

### REMODEL/NEW CONSTRUCTION

#### 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 added 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.

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***In an effort to cut down on costs please provide us with your email address. Fruitland Water can now email both the Water Quality Report and newsletter to you.***

#### Up and coming

The City of Puyallup is moving forward with the next phase of 39th AVE SW, from the 1100 block to 17th ST SW (86th AVE E). Fruitland Water will be replacing water main, and relocating fire hydrants and services.

#### Current Construction Projects

- \* Robbins Hollow is a new housing development under construction located at 407 23rd Ave SE. The project will consist of duplexes and fourplexes totaling 84 new connections (services).
- \* Arslan Estates is another housing development under construction located at 13th St SW and 28th Ave Ct SW. This development will have 18 new connections (services).
- \* For a new commercial project we will be servicing the Brown Bear car wash at Meridian & 118th St E.

## Water Conservation

During the winter months, pipes have the possibility to freeze. This cannot only be an inconvenience to homeowners, but a frozen water pipe can become expensive. When the winter months come around, it is wise to follow some easy precautions that can potentially keep a homeowner from the hassle of replacing a water pipe. When the weather starts to make the shift to colder weather, make sure that any hoses that are connected to the house are unscrewed and are allowed to drain. If the water were to freeze overnight, not only could the gardening hose be ruined, but the pipe connected to the hose could also freeze and cause the pipe to burst. Simply taking off the hose and allowing the pipe to drain could help. Another good tip for homeowners would be to insulate any exposed pipes. For example, if there is any pipe in an attic, crawl space and/or basement that doesn't have an insulator, there could be a possibility of the pipe freezing. An easy fix could be to run down to a hardware store and pick up some pipe wrapping. For other tips on how to keep your home protected go to:

<http://westlinnoregon.gov/publicworks/winter-water-conservation-tips-clackamas-river-water-providers>

<http://www.benjaminfranklinplumbing.com/blog/winter-water-conservation>

## Cross-Connection Survey

The Washington State Department of Health requires all public water systems to maintain a Cross Connection Control Program. A cross connection is any actual or potential physical connection between a potable water line and any pipe, vessel, or machine containing a non-potable fluid or gas, such that it is possible for the non-potable fluid, solid or gas to enter the water system by backflow. As part of Fruitland Water's Cross Connection Control Program, we survey all customers/service connections no less than every three years to determine if a potential cross connection exists. Fruitland water extends our gratitude to all our customers for taking the time to fill out the survey. Your efforts are an important part in continuing to maintain a safe and reliable drinking water supply.

On behalf of the board of directors and the staff here at Fruitland Water, I want to extend our thoughts and prayers to the family of Kenneth Johnson. Ken passed away recently at his home here in South Hill. Ken had been a board member for 32 years, serving since 1983. He was also a Korean War veteran and continued to serve his country after the war for many years in the Air Force. I have had many conversations with Ken here at the water company and I could tell, he was a family man, patriot, and a person that cared deeply for his community and his country. His attendance, experience and leadership will be missed here at the water company.

## WINTER IS

## COMING...PREPARE NOW!

Now is a good time to check your home and prepare for the winter weather. A few steps can eliminate trouble later:

- For extremely cold weather, wrapping or covering spigots, hose bib, is prudent.



- Be sure to know where your shut-off valve is located.
- If you will be out of the area for a prolonged period of time, you may want to contact the Fruitland Water office staff and request to have your water meter service turned off until you return.

