NOTICE OF MEETING (S) BUDGET TO BE REVIEWED

To the Donala Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors, residents, property owners within the District, and others who may be concerned:

Notice is hereby given that a meeting has been scheduled for October 17, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. of the Donala Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors. The meeting will be held at the Donala District Office located at 15850 Holbein Drive, in the Gleneagle Subdivision, El Paso County, Colorado.

At this regularly scheduled meeting, the Board will discuss the proposed budget for 2020 (including the 2020 Availability of Service Fees, Tap fees and Water and Sewer Rates). Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the District Offices, on October 15th.

Notice is further given, that a meeting has been scheduled for December 12, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. to be held at 15850 Holbein Drive. At the December meeting, the budgets will be ratified, the Water and Sewer Rates set, the Tap Fees set, and the 2020 Availability of Service rates set; but the October meeting is the time to offer your comments and observations.

COLD WEATHER IS COMING!!

That means you need to monitor the temperature and be ready to winterize your sprinkler system. If you’re like me, you’ll end up draining it and refilling it several times through the fall. The rule of thumb that I use is 30 °F at night, I drain my system and bring in any hoses I have outside. I also recommend changing the time of day (or night) your system waters. You probably had it running at night or early morning to abide by the summer rationing policy. In the colder times of year, it is probably best to wait until the sun comes up in the morning so as not to “grow” artificial frost on your plants and grass. Remember that a forecast of 30 °F in the city usually means 4-5 degrees less here in the District. However, your system is normally 4 inches underground and will not necessarily freeze at 25-30 degrees of outside air temperature.

When you finally shut the system down for the winter, consider blowing it out with an air compressor. That involves installing a fitting that air can be hooked up to, but if you have problems each spring with a frozen/leaking system, it might be worth it. The problem is that water does not drain from some of your low, flat spots, and it freezes during the winter. Next spring, if you don’t wait long enough for it all to thaw, you’ll spring a leak at the frozen spot. An air compressor will blow it all dry and keep the leaks down. For those commercial and irrigation accounts with backflow protection devices, don’t forget to drain and winterize them as well.
DONALA STILL OFFERS REBATES FOR WATER EFFICIENT FIXTURES

We'd like to remind our customers that we still offer limited rebates for replacement of shower heads, irrigation controllers, rain sensors, dishwashers, clothes washers and toilets. Here is the breakdown of what we can offer those pursuing a more water efficient home.

- **Showerhead**: (3 per residence) $10, must be a maximum rated of 2.5 gallons per minute.
- **Irrigation Controller**: (1 per residence) $35 for the purchase and installation of an irrigation controller that sets for multiple days and time limits for watering.
- **Rain Sensor**: (1 per residence) $25 for purchase and installation of a rain sensor.
- **Dishwasher**: (1 per residence) $45 for an Energy Star rated dishwasher.
- **Toilet**: (3 per residence) $50 for a high efficiency toilet that uses no more than 1.6 gallons per flush.
- **Washing Machine**: (1 per customer) $100 for an Energy Star rated washing machine.

If you purchase any of the eligible items, you must apply for a rebate within 90 days of the purchase. You can go on our website and download the rebate form. Once completed, the signed form along with the receipt for the item purchased can be mailed or dropped off at the office. You may also email it to billing@donalawater.com. We will then credit your account with the appropriate amount of the rebate. To obtain the forms, or to review the conditions, please go to our website, www.donalawater.org, click on the Customer Resources menu and scroll down to Rebates. If you need any additional assistance, give us a call at 719-488-3603.

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**Hydrant Access**

With Fall and Winter rapidly approaching, Donala Water & Sanitation District, in conjunction with Wescott Fire Protection District are asking for help from homeowners during Fall yard clean-up and Winter snow events. We ask that all vegetation and snow be cleared to a minimum of four feet in all directions of a fire hydrant for ease of access and use. This will help in the remote occurrence that the Fire Department may need to use the fire hydrant in an emergency. It will also assist the Water District when we may need to flush the hydrant for water quality issues and during the Spring to prepare for irrigation season. We also ask that if you notice a fire hydrant that needs a new coat of paint to contact the Water District office at 719-488-3603. Both Districts greatly appreciate any and all assistance.

Your General Manager,

Kip Caterson

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Happy Halloween