

PWSD#5

Public Water Supply District #5

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2nd quarter Newsletter 2025 Website:

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Construction/Funding Project Update:

Since the weather has turned warmer, Martin General Contractors has been back on sight to finish the project on Ozark Isle (well drilling and well house construction). Fencing has been installed and the final electrical connection verification to ensure everything is in working order will be the final steps. 4-6" rock will also be placed alongside the bank.

Camden County via ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) has provided PWSD #5 \$939,802.50 in funds. This is a grant (via our tax dollars). As typical with construction, there were additional costs and fees above this amount. PWSD#5 will be covering those additional amounts and it is anticipated that \$130,000 will be used from local funds to complete the project. The district purchased the land several years ago for \$10,000 where the well and house are located.

At the March 2025 Board meeting, PWSD #5 and Allstate Consultants (who purchased Krehbiel Engineering) entered an official written agreement to begin work on the next phase of getting the well connected to Old Kinderhook, Clearwater, and Cedar Heights. Funds for this portion are through MO DNR (Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources). The final phase will be erecting a storage tank. Roughly 50% is grant funds and 50% is a low-interest loan. There are many steps in working with a government entity, but having funds that don't need to be paid back (grant) and a very low-interest loan outweighs the longer time frame to complete the project and additional "hoops" that must be met. As stated in the January newsletter, the following has been awarded: regionalization grant - \$1,654,772; planning and design loan - \$240,000; and construction loan - \$1,186,000. Board members look forward to working with Cary Sayre, Professional Engineer, and Mark Forrester, Design Technician, from Allstate.



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AUTO PAY

If you have your account on auto pay with your bank, please make sure you change the **mailing address** and the amount that is due quarterly to \$246.

CREDIT CARD

Paying by **credit card**, we hope just got easier! Click on your online bill where it says pay your invoice. This will prompt you to set it up. Please pay the **\$246**. **Once you have paid that amount you will be billed \$9.51 Convenience fee for using your credit or debit card.**

Paying by ACH, you will need to set it up however your bank requires and pay \$246. Once your have paid that amount you will be billed \$3.00 convenience fee for paying by ACH.

Unfortunately, this is how the new system will require the convenience fee to be charged to the person paying by debit, credit or ACH. Billing of the convenience fee will take place on your next quarterly billing.

Thank you.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR NEWS; Serving on the Board of Directors for PWSD#5 is a thankless task. A year and a half ago, the board position for the Cedar Heights subdistrict became vacant and Joy Davis volunteered to serve. She was then appointed by the Board of Directors to complete the remainder of the three-year term. Joy's term was set to expire in April 2025; however, Joy has agreed to serve another term and no other persons residing in the Cedar Heights subdistrict have notified PWSD#5 that they would like to run for election; therefore, no election will be held and Joy will serve another three-year term, which will expire in April 2028. As a reminder, next year an election will be held to fill the Old Kinderhook Residential and Old Kinderhook Commercial subdistricts if there are more than one candidate for those positions. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact PWSD#5 for more information. A big thank you to Joy and to all the other board members who volunteer their time and energy to PWSD#5.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU ARE PAST DUE: The Board of Directors at their March 19, 2024, meeting have discussed the past due policy. The following is effective immediately. Finance Charges will be assessed on everyone beginning the 2nd qtr. being past due.

The following is the collection procedure.

- 1. A delinquency letter will be sent 15 days after the billing cycle due date.
- 2. The beginning of the next quarter, finance charges will be charged and a late notice sent out.
- 3. A red shut off notice will be placed on your door and mailed to known address. This is your final warning; water will be shut off in 10 days.

COSTS TO REINSTATE WATER SERVICE

The cost to disconnect is \$100 plus cost of disconnection locks and labor (minimum additional charge \$50). To reconnect you will be charged \$100 reconnection fee. You will also be charged a \$500 deposit refundable at closing of account.

To reconnect, all back charges to present must be paid in full.

Finance charges are assessed at a rate of 2% per month on all past due balances.

Board Meetings are held monthly, the 3rd Tuesday of every month. April 15th, May 20th, June 17th. Meetings will be held at the Trophy Room.

Please email if you would like to come or need information. Pwsdno5@gmail.com



Your PWSD#5 Workers

David Stone, Gail White, Joy Davis, Charlie McElyea, Mike Grelle Board Members

> Randy Hill, Rick Johnson, Advisory Committee

> Aaron Ellsworth, Attorney Bonnie Burton, Clerk

Be sure to watch for the quarterly bills for water/sewer. They are \$246 per quarter and are sent the first of each of these months: January, April, July, and October. Some customers have indicated that the bill goes to their SPAM/Junk folder - so be sure to check there if it does not come to your email.