

MEWA Happy New Year 2024 Newsletter

January 3, 2024

Hello MEWA Members and welcome to 2024!
This one is short with some quick updates:

January 9th Lake County Short Term Rental (STR) Town Hall: Information can be found [here](#) about the Tuesday January 9th town hall from 6-8pm at Colorado Mountain College in Leadville. Recommendations on Policy for Short Term Rentals will be shared at January 9th Townhall. Lake County Community Planning & Development invites the community to participate in the final short-term rental town hall before the moratorium ends on February 28, 2024. Staff will be presenting the new proposed short-term rental regulations and asking the community for feedback before the regulations are implemented. Light refreshments will be provided. There is also a zoom [link](#) for remote participation. If you want general information on the moratorium and short-term rentals within the County, [here](#) is a link to that page. There are around 25 current STR licenses within the MEWA/Pan-Ark Estates service area.

2024 APPROVED MEMBERSHIP & USAGE RATES: The MEWA Board approved the following [rates](#) and [schedule of fees](#) that have gone into effect January 1, 2024. If you are one of the remaining members that have not picked up and installed your water meter, there is still time to do so and AVOID the Tier 3 usage [rates](#)! (see next item about meter pickups/installs). We will be collecting baseline water meter readings this week, membership bills will be sent out the first week of January, and payment of those is due by January 31st.

WATER METER PICKUPS/INSTALLS: If you have not done so already, PLEASE pickup and INSTALL a water meter before the end of the year. Contact Board member Brent Groenke at brent.groenke@yahoo.com for pickup. Jeremy Allenbaugh liquidwaterservices@gmail.com our Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC)/water tester has already helped install many of them for you as he is regularly in PanArk at least once per week! PLEASE take the time and effort to install a meter as soon as you can to AVOID the Tier 3 usage [rates](#). If part-time here, please plan ahead with MEWA on meter pickup and install a meter as soon as you arrive. Meters will also help us identify and troubleshoot any water leakage in the MEWA system.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: Some members may have recently received a notice of past payment due as we continue to clean up our member contact list/database/contact information ahead of the 2024 quarterly billing cycle (see first item). PLEASE help to keep your account current and if you are unsure of where your account stands or just want the peace of mind of knowing please don't hesitate to reach out to us at MewaBilling@Gmail.com and our Treasurer Roberto Van de Wyngard at vandewyngard@yahoo.com for confirmation.

THANK YOU and please reach out to mewawater@gmail.com with any questions/comments/concerns!
Happy New Year,
-your MEWA Board
<https://www.mountelbertwater.org/>

P.S. the ice skating on Twin Lakes this winter has been AMAZING!