

MEWA February 2024 Newsletter

Hello MEWA Members and happy early Valentine's Day!

2024 INVOICES: Membership bills were sent out in January, and payment of those were due by January 31st. Around HALF of our members have not paid yet and will incur late fees of \$25/month. If for some reason you HAVE NOT received your invoice yet, PLEASE email mewabilling@gmail.com and mewawater@gmail.com and our MEWA treasurer Roberto Van de Wyngard at vandewyngard@yahoo.com ASAP. We also have around 25 members with outstanding balances that are 90 days or more overdue. Y'all will be receiving phone calls/letters/emails this month before we escalate to formal collection procedures, water service shutoff, water certificate revocation, and/or property liens as needed.

WATER METER PICKUPS/INSTALLS: There are still around 50 members who have NOT picked up & installed water meters! PLEASE pickup and INSTALL a water meter ASAP. Contact Board member Brent Groenke at brent.groenke@yahoo.com for pickup. Jeremy Allenbaugh liquidwaterservices@gmail.com (text 303-957-7411) 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. Members have also had good experiences with Sanchez Plumbing 970-376-1022 and Providence Plumbing 719-239-1667. PLEASE take the time and effort to get a meter installed as soon as you can to AVOID the Tier 3 usage rates. If part-time here, please plan ahead with Brent 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.

TIS THE FREEZIN' SEASON: Although we have only received one report of a frozen water line, the next couple of weeks/months is the time that it COULD occur. We experienced very cold early season temperatures with below average snowfall so the frost line is definitely already very deep. MEWA still has a couple of Aqua-Flo freeze protection units for member sale. <http://www.groupwd.com/wd-aquaflo>. Member cost is \$1800. If you have not done so already, please read our [MEWA Frozen Line Policy](#).

LAKE COUNTY SHORT TERM RENTALS (STR): The County held a town hall on Tuesday January 9th at Colorado Mountain College in Leadville where they shared Recommendations on Policy for Short Term Rentals. The Lake County Community Planning & Development invites the community to comment and provide input on the recommendations before the moratorium ends on February 28, 2024 and new regulations are implemented. There are around 25 current STR licenses within the MEWA/Pan-Ark Estates service area. Please go here for more information and to provide feedback to the County: <https://www.lakecountyco.com/277/Short-Term-Rentals>

MEWA Annual Member Meeting Saturday July 20th at 10am: We have scheduled our 2024 Annual Member Meeting for Sat July 20th at 10am at the new Lake County Fire Station II. This will also include new MEWA board member elections so if you are interested in volunteering to help out our association please give it some serious thought and email your interest to mewawater@gmail.com We are especially looking for full-time (or mostly full-time residents) to help out. Stay tuned for more details in the next couple of months!

THANK YOU and please reach out to mewawater@gmail.com with any questions/comments/concerns!

Sincerely,
your MEWA Board

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