

Hello MEWA Members and welcome to June (and the inevitable return of wildfire season)! **6/13/24**

WILDFIRE MITIGATION TOWN HALL: Obviously, this week's [Interlaken Fire](#) is top of everyone's mind. Lake County is hosting a [wildfire mitigation town hall on Thursday June 20th 6-8pm at Fire Station II](#). Lake County residents are invited to learn about wildfire mitigation projects occurring in Lake County, gather information and resources, and learn about how each of us can do our part. A panel of experts from Leadville Fire Department, U.S. Forest Service, Colorado State Forest Service, Team Rubicon, Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative, and Lake County Office of Emergency Management will be in attendance to answer questions. There is also another town hall being held on [June 27th at Freight in Leadville](#).

LORA FLINN'S 12 YEARS OF MEWA SERVICE: A huge note of appreciation to Lora Flinn for her 12 years of service to MEWA and the community as a board member. Her last board meeting was June 5th. We will be holding board member elections on July 20th (see last item below).

2024 QUARTERLY BILLING UPDATE & AUTOMATIC RECURRING BILL PAY: Only 2 weeks left to get your meter installed before the Tier 3 rate (usage without a meter) **INCREASES** on July 1, 2024. Q2 (Apr-May-June) meter readings will be taken late June/early July and usage invoices will be sent out immediately thereafter via Quickbooks email. If Automatic Recurring Quarterly Bill Pay is convenient for you, please fill out the [attached form](#) and email back to mewabilling@gmail.com or mail to MEWA, PO Box 1778, Leadville, CO 80461 in time for the next round of quarterly invoices to go out in early July.

2024 REPAIR & FIELD WORK: MEWA's waterline contractor Werderitch Construction has installed 4 new curb stops so far and has around a half dozen still to do, and then a total of around 3200 LF of water line work (and associated curb stops) on sections of Hemlock, Fir, Aspen, Spruce, Lodgepole, and Mt Massive throughout the summer. Please stay tuned for more details and temporary road closure notifications and thank you in advance for your patience and safe driving while workers and heavy machinery are present.

2023 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT (CCR): [Attached is MEWA's Drinking Water Quality Report for 2023](#) that will be posted on our website [here](#). Our water is in great condition and thank you to our Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) Jeremy Allenbaugh and all of our members for keeping it that way!

MAY '24 WELL PUMPING VOLUMES: GREAT job everyone! Our well pumping volume for the month of May 2024 was 484,000 gallons, which is an average of 15,600 gallons per day. This is **18% LESS** than our May 2023 pumping volume of 552,000 gallons which is an average of 19,000 gpd.

PAVILION DUMPSTER ABUSE: There has been recent misuse of the MEWA public pavilion dumpster area. These dumpsters are paid for and maintained by a group of private PanArk homeowners, not by MEWA or the Metro District. It has been noted that large appliances and electronics have been placed near the dumpsters. These types of items are not permitted to be placed in or near the dumpsters and should be taken to the Lake County landfill. If abuse of the dumpsters in the pavilion area continues, the paying members may have them removed or relocated elsewhere. If you would like to responsibly utilize the dumpsters, please contact Michael O'Leary at 913-449-1464.

AUGMENTATION PLAN AMENDMENT UPDATE: A revised proposed decree is scheduled to be circulated for review NLT July 26th. Aurora's subsequent comments are due August 26th, with the next water referee status conference scheduled for September 3rd.

MEWA ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING SATURDAY JULY 20th AT 10AM: Our 2024 Annual Member Meeting will be held Sat July 20th at 10am at the new Lake County Fire Station II with lots of great information and updates. This meeting will also include new MEWA board member elections for three positions (Treasurer, Secretary/Well House Manager, Operations & Facilities) and MEWA members must be present to vote. We're super excited about our candidates and the work ahead!

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

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