

MEWA pre-Christmas 2023 newsletter

December 18, 2023

Hello MEWA Members and Merry early Christmas 2023!

We have some VERY important updates to share:

2024 APPROVED MEMBERSHIP & USAGE RATES: The MEWA Board approved the following [rates](#) and [schedule of fees](#) that will go into effect January 1, 2024. If you are one of the 100+ 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 in early January, membership bills will be sent out the first week of January, and payment is due by January 31st. Based upon actual 12 months of 2024 usage, status of proposed Augmentation Plan amendment with Colorado Water Court, and any and all other factors, MEWA will reevaluate the membership fee and usage rate structure for 2025.

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 always in PanArk at least once per week! PLEASE take the time and effort to install a meter before 2024 begins so you can 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.

AQUA-FLO Freeze Protection units: We have learned that these units are designed to only work within a water pressure range of 40-100psi. For some properties lower in elevation, this is a problem and unfortunately we don't have a solution for you at this time. If you don't know the water pressure at your property, please get in touch with us and we can check it for you OR you can check it yourself with a simple & inexpensive hose bib pressure gauge. There are 3 available Aqua-Flo units <http://www.groupwd.com/wd-aquaflo>. Member cost is \$1800 and thank you to longtime Board member Steve Kearn for securing us bulk utility pricing. If you are interested, please contact Brent Groenke at brent.groenke@yahoo.com for more information and to pay/take delivery of one of the remaining 2 units.

FIRE HYDRANT REPAIR ON MT HOPE: Thank you to our member Scott Amrhein who noticed a frozen/cracked/leaking fire hydrant near 124 Mt Hope a couple of weeks ago. Fortunately Scott notified MEWA and we were able to turn the valve off to it that day, notify the Fire Department about the out-of-service hydrant, and our contractor Werderitch Construction was then able to get the hydrant replaced quickly and back in service before winter really sets in!

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
-your MEWA Board