

Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District Completes \$4,040,000 Plant Upgrade and Expansion Project.

Construction of Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District's water treatment plant expansion is nearly complete. Equipment suppliers and district employees are finishing up minor items and have been performing test runs of the new clarifier, filters, and chemical feeders before placing all on-line. The plant is located at 3382 Hazlett Road west of Springfield.

The plant had the distinction of operating the first ClariCone clarifier ever used in the water treatment field. It served the district well but nearly five decades is rough on steel that is in constant contact with water. Cone #1 has been replaced with a new stainless-steel tank that will never rust or need expensive coatings. The same goes for the stainless-steel tank that contains our filtering beds. Put the two of these together and it will allow us to treat up to one thousand gallons of water per minute. Changes in our chemical feeding systems and a state-of-the-art electrical system will also provide good service for years to come.

"We are happy to report that construction has moved along as planned. We've stayed on-budget and on deadline." said water district board chairman Jim Mitchell. "The district is closer than ever to realizing its goal of a centralized water system that will provide longtime economic and environmental benefit to the residents and businesses in a portion of the west side of Springfield as well as rural Sangamon County".

Funding for the \$4,040,000 plant expansion was provided by a low-interest loan from the United States Dept. of Agriculture's Rural Development branch. The loan will be repaid over a 40 year period.

From its modest beginnings nearly fifty years ago the water district now serves a total of 2508 customers with more customers coming on in the next few months. For more information about the water district, visit www.currangardner.com.

IT'S CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT TIME AGAIN!!

Each year we provide you our customers with an updated Consumer Confidence Report (also known as the Annual Water Quality Report). This report contains important information about your water supply such as where we obtain your water, a source water assessment of your water, and other educational materials. It also shows the contaminants found in your drinking water during 2018 and the levels of each. We are happy to announce that all contaminants are well below the allowed limits. Additionally, NO Lead was found in any of our samples collected in 2018. We want to point this out since Lead in drinking water has been in the news so often recently.

To view this year's Consumer Confidence Report you can go the following URL address:

www.ilrwa.org/CCR/CGTPWD.pdf

If you would like to receive a hard-copy of this report please stop by our business office during regular business hours (8:00 am to 3:30 pm) or call 217-546-3981 and a copy will be mailed to you. Any questions may be directed to Operations Manager Wayne Nelson at 217-820-1561.

We also have some customers that receive their drinking water from the City of Springfield (CWLP) or the South Sangamon Water Commission. If you are one of these customers, you have received (or soon will receive) a hard-copy of your Consumer Confidence Report via the U. S. Mail. If you have questions regarding your report, please feel free to also call 217-820-1561

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMERS

FIRE HYDRANT TESTING AND FLUSHING TO BEGIN APRIL 8

The Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District will be flushing its fire hydrants throughout its distribution system as a continuing maintenance procedure to assure continued quality water to you. This work will begin on Monday April 8, 2019 and will continue until all hydrants have been flushed and tested. This work should be completed no later than the first week of May, 2019, weather permitting. Flushing will only occur Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Our goal in flushing the hydrants is three-fold. One, to flush any sediment from the mains, two, to ensure that the hydrants will work properly if needed during an emergency, and three, to help us keep chlorine residuals at required levels. We have to completely open each hydrant when flushing. Some may say that this is a waste of water, but a high-velocity flow is needed to create a scouring action that can help remove any buildup or sediment in our water mains.

While our employees do everything possible to hold down the discoloration of the water, we want to offer some tips that will eliminate any problems in your household.

- A. Please use caution when doing laundry during this period. Your water may be discolored for up to two hours after hydrants near your home have been flushed.
- B. Test your water for discoloration by turning on the cold-water side of your kitchen sink and observing its clarity. Do not use your hot-water faucet since this could cause any discolored water from entering your hot water heater.
- C. When the water on your cold-water faucet clears up it will then be safe to use your hot water for laundry, etc.
- D. Do a couple of loads of colors before washing your whites. This provides just a little extra insurance.

While the discoloration of the water is not particularly appealing, we want to assure you that the water is completely safe to drink.

Finally, many of our hydrants are located in heavy traffic areas as well as in rural areas with 55-mph speed limits. Please give our employees a “brake” when you pass them while they are flushing. We want everyone to get home safe after their work day.

Any questions regarding this maintenance program should be directed to Operations Manager Wayne Nelson at 217-820-1561.

DO YOU KNOW WHY MANY CALL A FIRE HYDRANT A “FIRE PLUG”?

Back in the early 1800’s many water lines and mains were made of wood. If a fire occurred, a nearby water main would be dug up and a hole would be drilled in it to allow water to flow out for fighting the fire. After the fire was out, a wooden plug would be driven into the hole to stop the flow of water.

Monthly Board Meetings

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. The public is welcome. If you cannot join us, the minutes are located on our website at www.currangardner.com. Audio files are also maintained on the website.



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