

COLUMBIA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT NEWS

December 2013
Issue

*The office is open
Mon, Wed and Fri
from 8:00 am –
4:30 pm (closed
for lunch from
12:00–1:00 pm)*

*Please note we
do not accept
post dated
checks. If a post
dated check is
received we will
mail it back to
the address on
the check and
your account
may incur late
fees.*

*District
meetings are
every 4th
Wednesday of
the month at
7:00 pm at the
District office.
They are open
to the public
and everyone
is encouraged
to attend.*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

From the Columbia Valley Water District Commissioners and Staff

DECEMBER REGULAR BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED

The December Regular Board Meeting has been rescheduled and will now be held on December 18, 2013 at 7:00pm at the District Office. All meetings are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

WOOD HEATING WORKSHOP

Join the community event of the season on December 11, 2013 at 5:30 pm at the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center – 8251 Kendall Rd. Learn about free woodstove change-outs & cleaner heating incentives, get tips for safer, cleaner, more efficient wood heating, and get a free moisture meter to check your firewood; all while eating free pizza with your neighbors. RSVP appreciated, but is not required. Call Laura at 360-428-1617 ext 202 or email laura@nwcleanair.org.

ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER?

The cold weather season is definitely upon us, now is the time to make sure you are ready for winter, if you haven't already. The District Office has a variety of information on how to keep your pipes from freezing, how to prepare your pipes when you're away, and how to prepare for storms or emergencies. Stop on by and see what we have available that may assist you. And as always, please feel free to contact the District Office staff should you have questions on preparing for the winter season.

WATER RATES – PAYING FOR DRINKING WATER

The District will be conducting a water rate study within the next month to establish rates for 2014–2018, that will be fair as well as adequately cover the District's full costs of producing and distributing water to its customers.

What does your monthly water payment pay for? Your payments pay for water quality monitoring costs, chemicals and supplies, maintenance and repairs, salaries and benefits, electricity and other utilities, insurance, improvements, upgrades, and debt payments, in addition the District places a portion of your payment into a reserve account for unexpected emergencies and for future improvements so that when it is needed, the money is there.

No one likes a rate increase, but in order to provide customers with a reliable system to supply them with safe drinking water, the District's rate structure must recover the costs to operate. Accurate pricing today will help avoid large rate increases in the future.

