

Aqua Water Supply Annual Membership Meeting will be March 2, 2018 at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Rockne

Member

Newsletter

Official Candidacy Applications for

Directors Election Must Be Submitted

Elections will be held for Directors representing Zones 3, 4 and 8. The first two digits of your Aqua Water Supply account number is your zone number. The Official Candidacy Application and petition forms are available at Aqua's administrative office and may also be obtained from Aqua's web site. From the Homepage, select the "About Us" link; from the links listed on the right, select "Board of Directors" and you will see a link for the Official Candidacy Application and petition forms. Upon request, forms will be mailed to any Aqua member receiving service or residing in Zones 3, 4 or 8. Effective September 1,

Between December 1-31, 2017 2011, the law governing elections held by nonprofit water supply corporations does not allow (1) proxies

to be cast; (2) nominations for directors from the floor; or (3) write-in votes.

In 2013 the law was further modified, and the Aqua Board of Directors approved new procedures to comply, as follows: A person who desires their name be placed on the Official Ballot as a candidate for a Director position must complete and file with Aqua an Official Candidacy Application, including a petition executed by

20 members located within the candidate's zone, biographical information, and a photograph, between the first and thirty-first day of December, 2017.

To be eligible to serve as Director, you must be a member of Aqua, receive water within the Aqua Zone you represent, be 18 years of age or older and have not been determined, by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction, to be (a) totally mentally incapacitated; or (b) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote; and have not been finally convicted of a felony from which you have not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities.

Reminder: To help us better serve you, please be sure to indicate any changes to your mailing address, phone number or email on your payment stub, or contact the Aqua office at (512) 303-3943. Thank you!

Office Hours: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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REPORTING WATER LEAKS AND EMERGENCIES 24 HOURS CALL (512) 303-3943 • TDD NUMBER: 1-800-735-2989 To Locate Your Aqua Water Zone Number, Please Refer To The First Two Digits Of Your Account Number WWW.AQUAWSC.COM

Working to Reduce Wildfire Risk

As the old saying goes: 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.' It's safe to say that this advice is particularly valuable when it comes to preparing for natural disasters.

With that in mind, Aqua is proud to support a local wildfire mitigation coalition made up of state and federal agency officials, the Bastrop County Office of Emergency Management, and public landowners. The Bastrop County Wildfire Risk Reduction Network was formed with the goal of sharing resources, ideas and technology to help Central Texas landowners reduce vegetation and other materials that can fuel wildfires.

Stay tuned for more information from this important organization on how you and your family can become "fire wise" to stay safe.



Community Happenings

Delhi Ladies Annual Bazaar

Saturday, November 18, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 6109 S. Hwy 304. A handmade quilt and afghan will be raffled; all proceeds go to food banks, nursing homes, and the community. For information, call Yolanda Reed (830) 540-3667.

Elgin Livestock Show

The 2018 Elgin Youth Fair and Livestock Show will be held January 12-13 at the Elgin VFW/IG Janca Show Barn, Elgin.

Bastrop County Veterans Honor Guard

Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at the Smithville VFW at 10 a.m. "We served with honor" now "We honor those who served."

Bastrop VFW Post 12104

Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month, temporarily, at the Bastrop American Legion, 3003 E Loop 150, at 2:00 p.m.

Elgin VFW 6115

First Friday Fish Fry - 6:30 p.m. • Tuesday Free Texas Hold'em - Game starts at 6:30 p.m. • Thursday Bingo - Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Games start at 7:30 p.m. • Friday Karaoke - Starts at 8:00 p.m.

Ernest Bartsch VFW 2527, Rockne

Post and Auxiliary meetings are held the second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Bingo Wednesday – Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Games start at 7:30 p.m. Located at 1503 FM 20 in Rockne, 10 miles SW of Bastrop. Hall for rent - call (512) 321-2610 for information.

Lost Pines Leathernecks Detachment 1384

Marine Corps League in Bastrop County meets third Sunday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Bastrop American Legion Post. Good meal following meeting provided by members.

Bastrop Chapter Texas Outdoor Woman Network (TOWN)

TOWN-Bastrop meets third Tuesday of the month 6:30 p.m. (excluding June & Dec.) at the Bastrop Public Library. Ladies interested in fishing, kayaking, camping, bird watching, hiking are invited to attend. Visit www.meetup.com/www-townbastrop-org.

Bastrop County Audubon Society

Meetings are held third Tuesday of the month (excluding July & August) in the Community Room of the First National Bank Building at 489 Texas 71 West, Bastrop. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.; please arrive by 6:45 p.m. to gain access to the building. Visit www.bastropcountyaudubon.org.

**Please Note*: The Aqua Water Supply customer newsletter is published 4 times per year. To submit Community Announcements for publication in an upcoming quarterly issue, please send your news in writing to the main Aqua office or via email info@aquawsc.com by the <u>fifth</u> day of <u>January</u>, <u>April</u>, <u>July</u> or <u>October</u>.

Typical Household Water Usage

Are you aware how much water your household uses? The good news is that Aqua members are ahead of schedule in meeting longterm conservation planning goals that were set in 2014.

Those goals set a target of 91 gallons per person per day by 2019, and a target of 89 gallons by 2024. Currently, the average residential water usage for Aqua's membership is 71 gallons per person per day.

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Water Use by Fixture

* The "Other" category includes evaporative cooling, humidification, water softening, and other uncategorized indoor uses.

Following are some statistics about typical water usage for each routine household activity, along with suggestions on how to save water... which also saves money!

| Activity | Typical Usage | Conservation Suggestions |
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| Flushing Toilet | 2-3 gallons per flush | Install a new low-flow toilet. Use displacement devices (bottles or bags, not bricks) to reduce water per flush. Be sure to check for leaks. |
| Showering | 5 to 10 gallons per minute | Take shorter showers. Install water saving showerheads, which are typically designed to use just 2-3 gallons per minute. |
| Bathing in Tub | Full tub: 36 gallons | Fill tub one-third of the way full and use 10-12 gallons, or take a shower instead. |
| Sink Faucets | 2 to 3 gallons per minute | Install low-volume faucet aerators to reduce the flow. Always turn off water while brushing teeth, washing hands, and shaving. |
| Hand Washing Dishes | 20 gallons or more (tap running) | Scrape food off before washing dishes. If you have two basins, use one for washing and the other for rinsing. |
| Dishwasher | 6 to 16 gallons per load | Run only full loads. EnergyStar models use 6 gallons or less per wash cycle. |
| Clothes Washer | 25 gallons per load (new models) 40 to 45 gallons per load (older models) | Run full loads only. EnergyStar clothes washers not only save water, but also save electricity. |
| Outdoor Hand Watering | Garden hose 2-3 gallons per minute | Limit watering, avoid runoff, and don't water between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm. |



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CALL AQUA BEFORE YOU DIG:

Aqua Water will locate the Aqua water lines for you. Calling for a line locate before any type of excavation is a good idea. Water loss and service interruptions from damaged lines are avoidable, please call the Aqua office: (512) 303-3943.