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8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed 12 - 1 p.m.

Drive-Thru Window:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Planning for Your Family's Future

Planning for an uncertain future can be challenging at times, but this is a vital part of what we do at Aqua Water Supply. To ensure that we will have sufficient resources to meet the needs of our membership for years to come, we strive to invest wisely in improvements to benefit all the families and businesses that rely on us for their water supply.

Following is the latest news related to some strategic projects that we have been working to finalize.

Joining Forces

Aqua Water is pleased to announce the successful completion of a merger with the Polonia Water Supply Corporation (WSC) in Lockhart. Talks began several years ago in response to the shared need for sustainable water supply sources to keep up with rapid growth throughout Central Texas.

After Polonia cooperative members approved the merger in October of

2020, we began working on the required tasks to complete the merger, which was officially closed on August 15, 2022. Five Polonia WSC employees opted to join our staff.

At the time of the merger, the Polonia system was serving more than 3,200 meter connections. The costs to operate and maintain the Polonia water system are covered by the customers in that service area, so there are no additional costs for Aqua to manage the system. However, with the increase in net revenue and economies of scale from the merger, Aqua expects to be better positioned to continue making improvements to the combined overall water system.

The Aqua water supply system now covers nearly 30,000 connections serving approximately 75,000 people. Our service area spans six Texas counties covering roughly 1,400 square miles.

Room to Grow

When we began merger talks, Polonia WSC was in the process of building a new elevated storage tank and pump station. Aqua has assumed management of those projects and now the new storage tank is nearly complete.

Work on the Pittman storage tank in Caldwell County began last September. Earlier this month a final coating was applied to the 500,000-gallon tank, which will increase water pressure reliability in parts of the newly acquired service area.

At Aqua we are committed to serving the changing needs of our members in a sensible, sustainable, responsible manner. We continue to update our long-term vision for the Central Texas region, following a strategic plan to guide capital investments in order to stay ahead of growth, to deliver first-rate service for all the members in our expanding service area.

Aqua Needs Your Help with Drought Response

In response to continued drought conditions throughout the region, Aqua Water has moved from Stage 2 to Stage 1 of our Drought Contingency Plan. Current water use restrictions are voluntary; however, we encourage all members to conserve water whenever possible as a best practice.

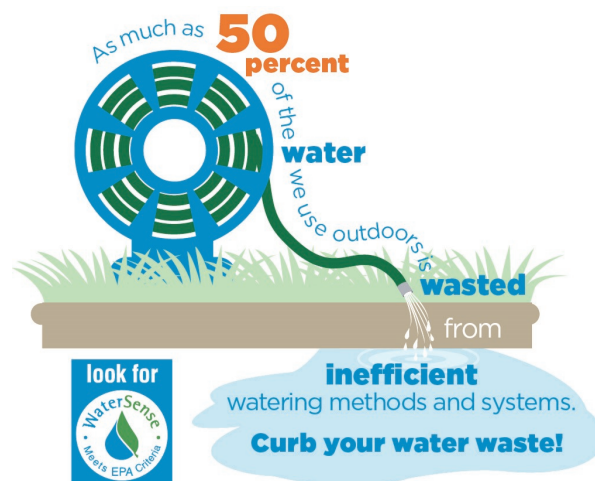
As part of the Stage 1 water use restrictions, Aqua requests water customers to voluntarily limit the irrigation of landscaped areas to the following watering schedule.

Monday and Thursday:

- ◆ Even last number of address

Tuesday and Friday:

- ◆ Odd last number of address.



Outdoor watering is restricted to mornings before 10:00 a.m., and evenings after 7:00 p.m. on the appropriate watering day based on your house address. Please limit outdoor watering to no more than one inch.

The complete Aqua Drought Contingency Plan can be found on our website at www.aquawsc.com in the Conservation & Environment section under Conservation Forms.

Community Happenings

St. Mary Annual Festival

Sunday, September 25, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in String Prairie. Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Beef BBQ plates will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. A live auction starts at 1:30 p.m.

Bastrop VFW Post 12104

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. New meeting location is 1349 FM 1441, Bastrop.

Delhi Volunteer Fire Dept. Chili Cook-Off /Gun Raffle

Saturday, October 22, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Delhi Volunteer Fire Department, 6255 State Highway 304, Rosanky. Chili dinner with all the sides, live auction, and concluding with the gun raffle. Raffle tickets are on sale for \$20; only 1,000 to be sold. To purchase tickets call (830) 263-1555. Come join us to support a great cause!

***Please Note:** The Aqua Water Supply 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 to info@aquawsc.com by the fifth day of January, April, July or October.

Aqua Congratulates Scholarship Winners

Aqua Water Supply would like to congratulate the 2022 recipients of the Ernest William Bracewell, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Program. Each selected applicant will receive scholarship assistance to help support the continuing education goals of our members.

Congratulations to all of this year's winners!

Hannah Harvey graduated Valedictorian from Cedar Creek High School in May 2022. She plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Marine Biology. Hannah is the daughter of Brian and Shirley Harvey of Cedar Creek.



Robert Bauer graduated from Cedar Creek High School in May 2022. He plans to attend Texas A&M University majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Robert is the son of Robert and Rachel Bauer of Red Rock.



Cole Heger graduated from Lockhart High School in May 2022. He plans to study at Texas A&M majoring in Animal Science. Cole is the son of Ryan and Marla Heger of McMahan.

Rachel Frerich graduated from Smithville High School in May 2022. She plans to attend Texas A&M to pursue a degree in Law. Rachel is the daughter of Natalie Frerich and the late Dayle Frerich of Rosanky.



Daniela Mora-Macedo graduated Salutatorian from Cedar Creek High School in May 2022. She plans to pursue a degree in Nursing at the University of Texas at Austin. Daniela is the daughter of Joaquin Mora-Estrada and Maribel Macedo, Cedar Creek.



Nayeli Galvan graduated from Bastrop High School in May 2022. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin to study Physical Therapy or Nursing. Nayeli is the daughter of Martin and Olga Galvan of Bastrop.



Briana Mutschink graduated from Bastrop High School in May 2022. She plans to attend Mays Business School at Texas A&M to pursue a degree in Business. Briana is the daughter of Ashley and Trisha Mutschink of Bastrop.



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