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

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Aqua Water Supply Invests in the Future

Did you know that Austin is now one of the top ten largest cities in the country? In fact, the entire Austin metro area is booming. This includes Bastrop County, which has seen a population increase of more than 30 percent in the past decade.

With the population continuing to grow across our region, pressure on our water system will only rise. In order to make sure that we can continue to meet the needs of our membership for generations to come, Aqua Water Supply regularly invests in new equipment as well as improvements to existing infrastructure.

As part of this ongoing capital improvement program, Aqua is currently expanding and upgrading a water treatment plant in Delhi, Texas. This project is needed to not only keep



Delhi Upgrade Project; Photo courtesy of C&C Land Services LLC

up with population growth, but also to replace outdated plant equipment to better serve Aqua customers.

Improvements being made to the plant include a new water storage tank to increase storage capacity from 250,000 gallons to 2 million gallons. Pumping capacity also is being up-

graded to allow us to pump out more gallons of water per minute.

The Delhi water treatment plant services Aqua customers in the southeast region of Bastrop County. The plant improvements began in July of this year, and project completion is expected in July of 2024.

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!

Annual Aqua Water Membership Meeting to be held March 22, 2024, in Rockne

Aqua Water Supply Corporation will hold its annual membership meeting on March 22, 2024, at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall located at 4045 FM 535, in Rockne, Texas. Elections will be held for Directors representing Zones 3, 4, 8 and 9. The first two digits of your Aqua account number indicate your zone number.

The Official Candidacy Application and Petition forms are available at Aqua's administrative office and may also be obtained from the Aqua website at www.aquawsc.com. From the Homepage, select the "Online Forms" tab at the bottom of the page, and you will see a link for the Official Candidacy Application and Petition form. Upon request, forms will be mailed to any Aqua member receiving service or residing in Zones 3, 4, 8 or 9.

Effective September 1, 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.

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.

**Official Candidacy Applications For Directors
Election Must Be Submitted Between
December 1–31, 2023**

***Don't miss your chance to make a difference
in your community!***

Community Happenings

St. Mary Annual Festival, String Prairie

Sunday, September 24, at St. Mary's Catholic Church located at 405 St. Mary's Road, Rosanky. Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. BBQ brisket lunch with all the trimmings will be served (dine-in or to-go), music, country store, sweet booth, ring toss, cold drinks and live auction for a fun-filled afternoon.

St. Mary Annual Festival, Pin Oak

Saturday, October 7, at St. Mary's Catholic Church located at 732 FM 2104, Smithville. Mass will be held at 3:30 p.m. under the big oak trees. BBQ pork and beef meal with all the trimmings; serving to begin at 5:00 p.m. (dine-in or to-go). Lots of fun games to play outside and live auction to begin at 6:00 p.m.

St. Paul Annual Festival, Smithville

Sunday, October 15, at St. Paul's Catholic Church located at 204 Mills Street, Smithville. Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. BBQ chicken and sausage dinner will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. (dine-in or to-go). Live music, raffle, cake wheel and kids games all afternoon. Live auction to begin at 1:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, October 21, at Delhi Volunteer Fire Dept., 6255 State Highway 304, Rosanky. Serving begins at 4:00 p.m. followed by a live auction, concluding with the gun raffle. Raffle tickets on sale for \$20. To purchase, call (830) 263-1555 or find Delhi Volunteer Fire Department on Facebook. 100% proceeds to Delhi VFD. Please join us for a fun evening and a good 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.

Congratulations to Aqua Scholarship Winners

Aqua Water Supply would like to congratulate the 2023 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!

Erick Lara Barrientos graduated from Lockhart High School. He plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin majoring in Nursing.



Cody Pinkston graduated from Cedar Creek High School. He plans to attend Texas Christian University majoring in Computer Science.



Madison Bartsch graduated from Cedar Creek High School. She plans to attend Texas A&M University majoring in Physical Therapy.



Olivia Seguin graduated Salutatorian from Cedar Creek High School. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin majoring in Government.

Melvin Evans graduated from Smithville High School. He plans to attend Texas A&M University majoring in Engineering.



Blain Stockton graduated from Smithville High School. He plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin majoring in Journalism with a minor in Sports Medicine.



Landry Masur is a homeschool graduate. He plans to attend West Texas A&M University majoring in Wildlife Biology.



Justin Strong graduated from Elgin High School. He plans to attend Texas State University majoring in Engineering.

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