

DONA ANA MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION

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Board Meetings:

- ◆ April 1, 2021
- ◆ April 15, 2021

Last Day to Pay:

- ◆ April 20, 2021

Current Bills Due

- ◆ April 26, 2021

Office Hours:

- ◆ Monday thru Friday
7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

“Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal and new life”.

—JANINE DI GIOVANNI—



COVID-19 Assistance Relief Programs (If Available)

- ◆ Mesilla Valley Community of Hope-www.mvcommunitioffhope.org, click Covid-19 Housing Relief and fill out the application (if funds are available)
- ◆ Salvation Army-(575)524-4713-need ID, proof of income, and utility bill
- ◆ Immaculate Heart of Mary-(575)524-8563-need ID, proof of income, and utility bill
- ◆ St. Genevieve’s Church (575)571-6230-need ID, proof of income, and utility bill
- ◆ Holy Cross Church (575)526-1726-need ID, proof of income, and utility bill
- ◆ Las Cruces Church of Christ– First Wednesday of the month, need ID, proof of income, and utility bill
- ◆ Tierra Del Sol-(575)541-0477-Assistance for Seasonal Farmworkers and Migrant Farmworkers ONLY. Need ID, passport, birth certificates, social security cards for all members of the household, pay stubs, employment verification, all household income, 2018 and 2019 taxes with W-2, and registration with the selective service.
- ◆ Dona Ana County received \$9.3 million for rental and utilities relief. Go to www.donaanacounty.org for more information.

Audit

FY20 Audit Report has been submitted and approved by the State Auditor’s Office. Please refer to our website www.dawater.org for additional information.

New Staff Members

Dona Ana MDWCA would like to take the time and welcome Regan Wiebe, Jose Martinez, Xavier Padilla, and Deon Evans to our team. We hire people we believe that will make a difference within our Association. Their experiences will be a terrific asset to the company. We look forward to working with them.

Happy Easter from Dona Ana MDWCA!

Did You Know?

Did you know that Cadbury produces 500 million cream eggs a year!



Recipe for Slow-Roasted Pork Butt

Ingredients

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| * 4 pounds pork butt (Boston butt or pork shoulder) | * 1/2 teaspoon onion powder |
| * 1 teaspoon kosher salt | * 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin |
| * 1 teaspoon ground black pepper | * 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme |
| * 1 teaspoon garlic powder | |

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 450° F. Trim the fat. In a small bowl, combine the salt, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, cumin, and dried thyme, and mix well. Rub the mixture all over the pork. Heat a heavy skillet over high heat and sear the roast for a few minutes on both sides. Transfer the pork to a roasting pan. Cover the pork with foil and place the roasting pan in the oven. Reduce the temperature to 325° F and roast for 3 hours. Remove the foil and continue roasting for another hour, or until the roast is pulled apart.

Just A Reminder

Do not forget that we no longer will be drafting credit card payments. The last draft was March 25, 2021.

District 3 Board Member

DAMDWCA is seeking a Board Member who resides in District 3. A Board Member is expected to maintain their leadership role through the use of reasonable care and good judgement for making decisions on behalf of the interest of the Association while complying with governing documents. Please contact our office at 575-526-3491 for more details.

Water Conservation Facts

- ◆ The earth's water supply is less than 2 percent fresh water.
- ◆ Across the United States we consume 110 million gallons of water everyday.
- ◆ 13 million households use private wells and treat their own water.
- ◆ A faucet that is leaking wastes approximately 100 gallons per day.



Project Update

The Wastewater Treatment Plant Project and Radium Springs Project have been completed . Please see our website at www.dawater.org for additional information.

Southeast Collection System Update

We are excited to begin our final phase of the Southeast Collection System Project. The project is currently at 95% complete for design and is being reviewed by the funding agency. This phase is expected to begin construction in Winter of 2021. The construction will include the installation of approximately 55,000 Linear Feet (LF) of 4 - inch, 6 - inch, 8 - inch, and 10 - inch vacuum sewer pipe and related infrastructure including vacuum calve pits and buffer tanks. There will be over 500 new sewer connection that will be installed including service piping, wyes, cleanouts, air terminals, and septic tank abandonment.

This project will provide over 600 homes the option to connect to the sewer system and have their septic tank or cesspool removed. The project has received \$15,252,100 in funding with \$11,026,100 in grant funds and \$4,226,000 in a low cost loan. The funding for this project will include covering the cost of the impact fee or decommissioning of septic tank and cesspools for customers in the project area for over 500 homes. Starting March 1, 2021, the Association will begin accepting applications for homeowners who wish to connect to the system. The grant funds that will pay for the impact fee, decommissioning of the septic tank or cesspool, as well as the customers connection to the system will be granted on a first come first serve basis. Once we run out of funding for that part of the project any homes who wish to connect will be required to pay the full connection and impact fee as well as hire a certified plumber to complete the work on their private property. Refer to our website for a brief presentation under upcoming projects. Please contact one of our Customer Service Representatives for more information on signing up for service.

Policy Feature

Having our POLICY FEATURE in our Newsletter helps build relations with our customers through regular communication and better understanding about our policies at DAMDWCA.

Back Flow Prevention and Control

Doña Ana Mutual as owner and operator of a regulated water supply system has responsibility under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and amendments to provide drinking water which is free from contaminants in excess of maximum contaminant levels as specified by state and federal regulations. The drinking water regulations adopted by the New Mexico Environment Department and amendments prohibit physical connections between a water supply system and any unregulated water source that is not protected from backflow.

This policy prohibits and controls connections to the water supply system owned and operated by Doña Ana MDWCA through which a backward flow of gases, liquids, or solids could occur and contaminate the public water supply system. This policy establishes a new program for backflow prevention and control which will systematically and effectively protect the public water supply system.

Practical information, measures, and specifications shall be contained in the Backflow Prevention and Control Manual (Manual), which is available from Doña Ana MDWCA Customer Service Department.

This policy applies to all commercial and industrial water supply connections. Compliance with this policy is a precondition to receiving water service from Doña Ana MDWCA . For the full policy, see pages 16-18 in our Policy and Procedures Handbook.



Committed to provide quality water and sanitation services for members of our Community.

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"Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The spring will come".

-Robert H. Schuller-

