

# DONA ANA MDWCA

## SUCCESSFUL BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Dona Ana MDWCA is excited to announce the successful completion of our Back to School Supply Drive. The donations we collected will help students, parents, and educators throughout their school year by providing essential materials needed in a classroom to meet yearly academic goals. The Association could not have done this without the support of our caring and generous membership. We would like to thank you for your heartfelt impact in helping our youth start their school year with the tools they need to thrive. We collected a range of school supplies from notebooks, pencils, and glue sticks to markers and more. Thanks to the kindness of our customers, students in our community have access to proper school supplies and together we are able to help them on their educational journey.



## Policy Feature of the Month:

### Shut Off Valve

The Board of Directors would like to remind our membership that the meter and everything that is housed in the meter box is the property of Dona Ana Water, and is for the sole use of the Association. We acknowledge there is an angle valve, also known as a shut off valve, within the meter box; however we strongly discourage the use of this. Should the valve be accidentally or intentionally broken there is a \$300 tampering fee; there are no exceptions to this fee. We realize emergencies do occur, which is why we encourage homeowners to install their own shut off valve on the user's side of the meter; as required in your User's Agreement. If you do not currently have a shut off valve located outside of the meter box, please contact a plumber or handyman to complete this installation. Any maintenance that requires the water to be turned off will necessitate an Association Operator to complete a service call to turn off the meter and then restore services; which we do charge a round trip fee of \$35 plus tax.

## Staff Updates:

We have been extremely impressed with the dedication from our staff in obtaining their next level water certifications as our program for the Operations Department continues to grow. Congratulations to Joe Martinez and Chris Morales for passing their Level III Water Certifications. Both Mr. Martinez and Mr. Morales will move on to begin training and testing for their wastewater certifications. As a reminder there are four levels for water and four levels for wastewater. Thank you to Margo Lopez and Jennifer Horton for their training program and excellence in assisting our staff with continuing their education.

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## Calendar of Events:

### Board Meetings:

- ◆ September 6
- ◆ September 20
- ◆ October 4
- ◆ October 18

### Association Closures:

- ◆ September 3

### Past Due Bills Due:

- ◆ September 20

### Disconnection Day:

- ◆ September 24

### Current Bills Due:

- ◆ September 25







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quality water and sanitation  
services for members of  
our community.

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## Construction Projects:

File Construction is preparing to begin the system overhaul in Radium Springs as we finalize the requirements from the funding agency and final design. The project is funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) with a 3.2 million dollar grant and a 655,000 dollar loan. The construction will bring over seven miles of new 8- and 6-inch water distribution and fill lines, new fire hydrants, and pressure reducing valves throughout the community. The primary roadways that will be heavily impacted are De Beers Drive, Indian Trail, Frodo Place, Meador Road, Tel High Road, Fort Selden Road, Desert Edge Road, Blazing Trail Road, and Interstate 25. Once the project is concluded we will have the ability to isolate the area into sections in order to complete any preventative maintenance needed rather than have a water outage for the entire community. The project will also improve the pressure issues that persist throughout Radium Springs.

We are quickly approaching the start of Phase II of the Southeast Collection wastewater system with the award for construction going to Smithco Construction. This project includes the construction of a new vacuum sewer collection system with approximately 6,200 LF of 6-inch, 8-inch, and 10-inch vacuum sewer pipe. We will be installing isolation valves, valve pits, and completing site improvements. Construction will occur along El Camino Real, Carlton, and Navajo.

The system improvements along Via Norte are almost complete in Picacho Hills District Five. The Association would like to thank our membership for their patience while Morrow Enterprise completed the necessary tie-ins that resulted in frequent system shut downs. Once the work is complete the contractor will restore all of the landscaping that was disturbed. Once this is finalized Morrow will begin the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) upgrades. As a reminder this project incorporates much needed design improvements to the existing location. The new design has the benefit of having a small footprint and will bring the WWTP into compliance with the State of New Mexico Environment Department discharge permit requirements.

As with any construction, we ask the public to be mindful of the construction workers and our staff. There is heavy equipment involved in these projects with traffic controls, flaggers, and orange barrels directing traffic. Please be cautious, drive slowly, and be respectful to the workers and their safety. All of the projects we complete bring improved infrastructure to our community that include new fire hydrants. Dona Ana MDWCA maintains all of the fire hydrants in our service areas, and as such we need to remind our membership that all fire hydrants must be visible and accessible. When an emergency occurs, fire crews must have the ability to quickly locate and make usable a fire hydrant in order to take advantage of critical time. It is important that fire hydrants are kept cleared of landscaping, debris, or parked vehicles. Trying to paint, disguise, or landscape over a fire hydrant is strictly prohibited. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 575-526-3491 or visit our website at [www.dawater.org](http://www.dawater.org).

*"All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."*

*- Martin Luther King Jr.*