



Indian Valley Community Services District

"Providing services for our community health, well-being, and prosperity."

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Hello All! I hope that you are all staying cool in this extended hot spell! Just as a reminder, the District charges each customer by the 748 gallon unit (1 unit). Each unit is \$2.47. It is great to have a beautiful garden, but it can cost a significant amount during these hot days. As Jeff in the office says, keep your lawn fertilizer and it won't take so much water to keep it green. The same goes with other plants in your garden.

How about the new streets and sidewalks on Hwy 89?! The work is going well and it does not look as though there will be long waits for traffic control any longer. In the future, there may be some opportunities to volunteer keeping up on the landscape that will eventually be installed.



You may have heard that the District was able to refinance its water debt to a lower rate and lower number of years for payment. We lowered our interest rate from 4.25% to 2.85% and the number of years from 25 to 15 for our water debt of \$2.3 million. This is saving the District over \$500,000 in present value savings! We thank Umpqua Bank for their help with this process.



Our maintenance personnel have been working on relocating water service meters into the right of way on Hwy 89. The major leaks have been taken care of and we are waiting on our grant application to the Department of Water Resources for a planning grant that would pay for the digital mapping of our water system, as well as finding other leaks in our system.

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If you recall, last summer we applied for a State Parks Grant to improve Greenville Community Park. The California Youth Soccer and Recreational Development Grant would have allowed us to add or improve soccer, baseball and basketball facilities in our park. Unfortunately, there were a large number of applicants and we were not selected. We will continue to look for opportunities in the future.



Many things have been happening at the fire department. So far this summer, our personnel and equipment have worked two Forest Service fires in the area, one in Crescent Mills and one in Quincy. The significance of these events is that the fire department receives funding from the Forest Service for assistance at these type of events. We will be paid for personnel and equipment. These funds will go to pay for equipment and maintenance in the fire department.



Jim Hamblin also announced that he is retiring on February 13, 2018. In the meantime, we will be recruiting for a new chief and will begin the process of filling that position as soon as possible. Jim has taken a new role and will be assisting in the orientation of the new chief and working on getting our rolling stock in good order. There is a BBQ being planned for **Jim's retirement on September 24 at 1:00 pm** at Greenville Park. If you have information or would like to help with this event, please call our office!

The District's final hearing for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget will be on August 9, 2017. Our 2016-2017 Budget ended with the District achieving its financial goals. The Board will decide the issues and priorities for the current year. A budget will be built around the goals that are set. If you have ideas or input, we would love to hear from you at our upcoming meeting!