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Groundbreaking for 2 Million Gallon Water Tank Begins Phase Two of the Norwood Water Treatment Plant **EXPANSION PROGRAM**



uniquely designed 2 million gallon water tank and pumping station that will be built adjacent to the existing Operations Center.

Historically, this portion of the water system has received its water from Miami-Dade County, which comes from a traditional lime-softening water-treatment process. With the aid of this facility,

The City of North Miami Beach held a groundbreaking for the second phase of the Norwood Water Treatment Plant Expansion Program on April 5, 2005, at the Public Services Department Operations Center at 2101 NE 159th Street. Phase two of the project includes the construction of a

city, city residents will have superior quality water coming directly from the state-of-the-art membrane water-treatment process located in the Norwood Water Treatment Plant. Miami-Dade is still connected to the facility so that, in an emergency situation, the storage tank can be

filled with Miami-Dade water.

With the project being located in a residential area, the city made every effort to design a neighborhood-friendly facility. Specifically, a screening wall will be erected to shield the tank from view. The tank will be designed to blend in with other improvements on site, particularly the existing Operations Center building, and will provide the impression of twin buildings.

Phase one, a state-of-the-art membrane water treatment process at the Norwood Water Treatment Plant, is already in progress. When both phases are complete, residents in the North Miami Beach Public Utilities water service area will have superior-quality drinking water for generations to come.

NOTICE TO ALL BILLING CUSTOMERS OF THE City of North Miami Beach Water & Sewer Utility

Pursuant to Section 180.136, Florida Statutes

An interim adjustment of the existing In-Plant and Fire Flow fees is being proposed to reflect current costs for expanded water system capacity and fire flow water demands resulting from future development within the City's water system service area. Both of these fees are collected only from new customers connecting to our system for which new water capacity will need to be allocated. **These are not consumption charges, and therefore will not have an effect on the rates you pay for water usage.** The final In-Plant and Fire Flow fees will be established in the near future based on a documented study performed by the City's auditor and consulting engineer's recommendations. A notification for the adoption of the final fee will be made accordingly.

The In-Plant and Fire flow fee adjustments described herein will be considered by the City Council at their scheduled meetings on July 5, 2005 and July 19, 2005 at 7:30 pm at City Hall. Attendance is not required, however, if desired,

customers of the utility will have an opportunity to comment on these matters at that time.

City of North Miami Beach Interim In-Plant and Fire Flow Fee Adjustment		
	Existing	Proposed Interim
IN-PLANT FEE	\$0.99	\$2.75
FIRE FLOW FEES		
<i>Multi-family dwellings, hotels, schools, etc.</i>		
First 200,000 square feet	\$0.60	\$1.05
Next 200,000 square feet	\$0.45	\$0.79
Next 200,000 square feet	\$0.30	\$0.53
Next 200,000 square feet	\$0.15	\$0.26
Thereafter	\$0.10	\$0.18
<i>Commercial</i>		
First 100,000 square feet	\$1.00	\$1.75
Next 100,000 square feet	\$0.80	\$1.40
Next 200,000 square feet	\$0.60	\$1.05
Next 200,000 square feet	\$0.40	\$0.70
Thereafter	\$0.20	\$0.35

Additionally, the City of North Miami Beach has historically implemented an annual inflation adjustment percentage in accordance with the amount determined by the Florida Public Service Commission for the preceding year as it has occurred. This year the percentage adjustment will be approximately 2.17 percent. This index is implemented automatically annually pursuant to Ordinance No. 2001-9 and will have an impact on consumption rates beginning October 1, 2005. However, please note that the final adoption and implementation of the annual inflation index will be considered by the City Council during the budget adoption meetings, which are tentatively scheduled to occur in September 2005. A notification will be provided in the future indicating the meeting schedule dates.

Did You Know?

In addition to paying your water bill at City Hall, you have the option of paying at the 183rd St. Auto Tag Agency located at 804 NW 183rd St. in Miami. Their hours of operation: Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

North Miami Beach Offers Water Savings with Toilet Replacement Program

There's a lot of flap about the City of North Miami Beach Public Services Department implementing a pilot Niagara Flapperless™ toilet replacement program, and it's all good.

With cooperative funding from the South Florida Water Management District, the City of North Miami Beach is replacing customers' older toilets with new 1.6 gallon per flush Niagara Flapperless™ toilets. In addition to new toilets, participating households will also be outfitted with new, water efficient showerheads and faucet aerators.



Through this pilot program, a total of 400 toilets are being distributed to single-family homes in the City of North Miami Beach water service area free of charge. Initial comments from customers who have made the change to Flapperless™ toilets are extremely positive.

"I'm very happy with my new toilet," states Shirley, a water customer from Opa Locka. "It's quieter, more comfortable and works great." Another customer, Joyce, said she's extremely pleased with the results, and even her plumber was impressed with the new toilet.

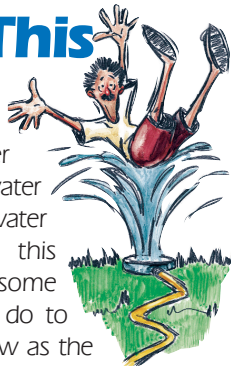
"One of the objectives of this pilot program is to help our customers realize a reduction in water use by replacing these fixtures," says Kelvin L. Baker, director of the city's Public Services Department. Baker adds, "Results and data from this study will be analyzed to justify possible future water conservation programs for our customers."

The toilet being used in this program, the Niagara Flapperless™ toilet, uses a tipping bucket flush mechanism rather than a vinyl flapper, which eventually leaks. This toilet is also engineered to provide a powerful flush the first time, every time.

For more information about this program, contact the Water Conservation Division at 305-948-2967.

Soak Up The Savings This Summer

You can save water and money on your water bill by making your water use more efficient this summer. Here are some simple things you can do to keep your water bills low as the summer heat rises.



Save Outdoors by...

- Turning off your irrigation system when it rains
- Installing a rain sensor on your irrigation timer
- Check your irrigation system for leaks

For more information about how to use water more efficiently, contact the Water Conservation Division at 305-948-2967.

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For after hours/weekend emergencies,
call the Water Plant at (305) 652-6460.

Save Indoors by...

- Repairing leaking faucets
- Checking toilets for leaks
- Keeping your showers to 5-7 minutes

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