

October 2020 Newsletter

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<p>Member Meeting on Chlorination</p>	<p>We held a Member Meeting via Zoom on Thursday, October 29th to explain all that we've learned about the topic of chlorination, provide updates about what we are doing to keep your water safe, and to describe what led to the Board's conclusion that we must continue to chlorinate. The presentation and supporting materials are available on our website: https://sallal.com/</p>
<p>City Ordinance Update</p>	<p>In response to the City's passage of a new Water Conservation Ordinance in June, the Sallal Board of Trustees stopped providing water usage information for all Sallal members who reside within city boundaries. We took this action out of concern for the protection of our member's privacy and as well as concerns about providing personally identifying information that could potentially be used by the City to assess fines against members for alleged excessive use of water.</p> <p>The City then passed a new ordinance that required Sallal to provide the water usage data of all members located within city limits, including those on septic. The City's attorney told Sallal that the City would require full compliance with the entire ordinance immediately. Sallal had little choice but to make member water usage data available to the City while it analyzed the situation in order to avoid potential fines that hurt all members of the Association and could potentially jeopardize important projects.</p> <p>We remain committed to negotiating a reasonable solution with the City. The Board will also continue to work with counsel to assess its legal options, while being conscientious with member funds. Sallal will continue to keep members apprised of changes through emails, Sallal's website, and social media.</p>
<p>Water System Plan Status Update</p>	<p>Sallal's draft water system plan was reviewed by the King County Utility Technical Review Committee (UTRC), the committee within King County tasked with giving recommendations to the King County Council on Water System Plans. Sallal has submitted responses to comments from both Department of Health (DOH) and UTRC and awaits the UTRC recommendation to be determined at their November meeting. If we receive a recommendation from the UTRC that the King County Council approve the Plan, the next and final steps will be to receive approval from the County Council and DOH.</p>
<p>New Well & Reservoir</p>	<p>For the last five years, Sallal has been working on plans and permits for a fourth well and an additional reservoir adjacent to the current Rattlesnake Wells. The additional Well is needed to ensure we can meet peak demand by current Sallal members, but also to ensure we have a backup in case one of our other Wells requires repairs or fails. The reservoir is needed to comply with DOH requirements for water storage.</p> <p>Construction of the new well and reservoir project began this month with an anticipated completion date of spring of 2021.</p>

Member Education	<p>Please follow these steps this month to prepare your home for winter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover/insulate your outside spigots. • Wrap pipes that are exposed to outside air with pipe foam or heat tape (check with your local hardware store). • Whenever the outside temperature drops below 32°F, leave an internal faucet dripping (slowly). • If you have an irrigation system, call your service company to have them winterize your system. • If you will be gone from your home for more than a month, please contact us via email, providing the dates you will be away. While we do not promise to inspect your water connection while you are gone, if we happen to spot an abnormal reading, it would be helpful to know if the home is vacant.
Billing Questions and Issues	<p>Due to the pandemic and Governor proclamation, Sallal is not charging penalties nor pursuing any shutoffs for non-payment. However, we are all reliant on one another to pay our water bills so that the Association can continue operating on a sound basis. We are seeing many people who are just not paying their bills, and this will result in the accrual of large account balances and possible shutoffs once the Governor’s order for the pandemic is lifted. This would be an unfortunate outcome that we would like to help you avoid, so please contact us to make payment arrangements now.</p> <p>If you are receiving your bill through e-mail, please be sure to add admin@sallal.com and lisa@sallal.com to your approved list in your e-mail client. Otherwise, your bill may be flagged as spam and you may not see it.</p> <p>Paying online through your bank? Over 100 members were late on their payments in August because Sallal is too small to receive electronic transfers, so your bank mails us a paper check. <u>You must initiate this no later than the 10th of the month</u> to assure that we will receive it by the due date of the 21st of the month. We appreciate prompt payments!</p> <p>Looking for an easier way to pay your bill? Sign up for ACH at no cost. Email admin@sallal.com for assistance. This can also reduce the risk of fraud as there is no paper check mailed by you or your bank to Sallal.</p>
Recruitment for Business Manager	<p>Sallal is hiring a Business Manager! For more information, see the job description at: www.indeed.com or follow the link from our website at www.sallal.com.</p>
Member Advisory Committee	<p>Sallal’s Member Advisory Committee (MAC) has openings! If you are interested in helping advise the Sallal Board, are a member in good standing, are able to attend the monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of every month from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and are prepared to put the best interests of the Association first, please send your letter of interest and a short Bio to Denny@Sallal.com to be considered.</p>