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“Doing Great Things for Our Customers and Our Community”

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BOARD MEETING DATES

26719 VISTA RD
SUITE 6
HELENDALE
6:00 p.m.

March	4
March	18
April	1
April	15
May	6
May	20
June	3
June	17
July	1

What’s in a Meter Box?!

Have you ever looked inside your meter box? If not, you should. It is important that you know where to go in the event you need to shut off your water in an emergency.

Once you clear away the cobwebs, and remove any extra dirt that has found its way into the meter box you will find an mxu, (not shown) which is actually a radio transmitter that connects to the meter register with a wire, a courtesy valve, the water meter and the angle stop (A-Stop). The angle stop will be closest to the curb and the courtesy valve will be towards the house. From the A-Stop a service line connects to the water main many feet underground.

The A-Stop, mxu and the water meter are maintained by the water district, but the courtesy valve belongs to the customer. The courtesy valve may or may not be painted red, or may be a different variety like a ball valve that is operated with a lever. This valve needs to be maintained in good working order so it will work properly when you need it.

Although the district does not maintain the courtesy valve, we can replace them for customers for a fee. Please remember that the district is required to use a Lead Free valve that is typically more expensive than the valves available at a hardware store. You could also use a plumber or local handyman to replace the valve for you, or if you’re a hands-on person you can tackle the project yourself.

Don’t be alarmed if you see dirt or debris in the meter box, this does not prevent us from reading your meter. The mxu (radio transmitter) allows us to read the meter as we drive by the residence. The system guarantees that we get a good read or no read at all. With proper maintenance we can read 99% of the District’s meters. The remaining 1% are manually read then repaired so they will radio read in the future.





OFFICE & 24 HOUR
EMERGENCY #
(7 6 0) 9 5 1 - 0 0 0 6

DATES OF INTEREST

- 3/14 - Daylight Savings Time
- 3/17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 3/20 - First day of Spring
- 3/31 - Bills due upon receipt and delinquent after this date.

District staff proudly serving you:

Kimberly Cox
General Manager

Paul Harmon
Finance Manager

Admin Staff:
Kristi Rossman
Terry Shidal
Jean Thomas

Water Staff:
Mike Simpson
Craig Carlson
David Clark
Chris Pattison

Wastewater Staff:
Alex Aviles
Michael Gouin
Bill Kuhlmann

Mark your calendars! Community Cleanup Day

Saturday, April 10th - 8:00 am - 11:30 am

Drop-off site at 27437 Helendale Rd. next to the Lion's clubhouse/SL Equestrian Center


It's Spring cleaning time. This is a **FREE** event to help you clean up and clean out that garage, attic, or the surrounding desert. We will be accepting green waste, metal recycling, tires, e-waste, or general trash.

Free Residential Hazardous Material Drop-off will be located at our County Fire Station #4, 27084 Helendale Road. Bring your unwanted items...Antifreeze, batteries, oil & oil filters, paint, pesticides & fertilizers, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, and medical waste.

Cloudy water: If you have noticed that your water is a little cloudy, or milky, don't be alarmed. The cloudiness is caused by air in the water system. You can actually watch the air bubbles rush to the top of a glass of water. One of our wells has cascading water which causes air. Once the new well is complete and other wells are repaired the well that produces the air in the water will only be used to meet peak demand.

Wastewater update: The sewer lining project was a huge success. Flow at the treatment plant was reduced 263,000 gallons. This reduction of flow will help save energy. Most of the work was completed at night so no customers were inconvenienced.

Water update: The pilot hole for the new well has been completed. Work has begun to ream out (enlarge) the test hole in preparation of inserting the well casing. The next step is to install the pump and motor. Final completion is scheduled for April.

Helendale CSD - Park and Recreation Dept. announces... 

Step/Weight Training Class
Monday/Wednesday, @ 6:15 pm, Suite 6
Cost: \$40.00 per month
Pre-registration required

Basic Yoga Class
Wednesday @ 7:15 pm, Suite 6
Cost: \$20.00 per month
Pre-registration required

Call the office to pre-register, 760-951-0006
Minimum number of participants needed to hold each class. Call to sign up today!

Stop by our office and pick up your "Admit One Free" coupon to the 26th Annual High Desert Home & Garden Show, March 26-28, Fair Grounds in Victorville.



The Expo promotes the conservation of nature's most precious natural resource - water. There will be extensive displays, exhibit booths, giveaways, a coloring and poster contest, and lots of water-efficient landscape literature.

One coupon per household please.

Check us out @ www.helendalecsd.org