

**August 1, 2024**

We have been chasing leaks in the system for two (2) years. Several leaks occurred during the winter and could not be found, isolated and repaired until the snow melted. Two were the result of aging pipes and one resulted from heavy snow falling off a roof and breaking a standpipe during the record snowfall winter of '22-'23. As a result, we have reprioritized our goals for the year. First, we need to replace the last section of water main (old PVC) and its laterals to the individual shareholder lots this includes old and deteriorated galvanized pipe - the source of a 3<sup>rd</sup> leak earlier this summer - with HDPE pipe which is the current standard.

The old pipe is located under Morehouse and extending up to the highway, which includes the Jacobsen property next to the highway bridge over Smith-Morehouse Creek. There is also a short segment of old water main under the lower eastern portion of Carson Lane that does not have connections to the adjacent lot, which is currently without structures.

We have several options and are in the process of determining which is most financially feasible as well as has least impact on the shareholders supplied by that part of the system. Due to budgetary constraints, the section under Carson Lane may have to wait until next year.

We hope to have the work completed in the fall between Labor Day and Thanksgiving. We will post another newsletter once the final plans are completed.

However, two (2) of the leaks were on shareholder's portions of the system between the street and the cabins and both resulted in significant loss of water from the storage tanks and substantial cost to Cool Springs. On both properties, the water loss would have been prevented had the water to the cabins been shut off at the street instead of at the cabin.

Therefore, if you turn the water to your property off during the winter or during prolonged absence, we **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that you **TURN THE WATER OFF AT THE STREET CURBSTOP**, not next to your cabin or trailer pad.

Also, **PLEASE ASSESS THE STATUS OF THE LINE BETWEEN THE CURBSTOP AND YOUR CABIN**. If it hasn't been replaced since your cabin was built, and/or your cabin is older than 15-20 years old. Your pipe may be significantly deteriorated, especially if it's metal, and may need to be replaced. **This is the responsibility of the homeowner**, NOT Cool Springs

Enjoy the rest of your summer, it's lovely and cooler up at "the Ranch"!