

FLDWID Winter 2024 NEWSLETTER

Did you know?

The Forest Lakes Domestic Water Improvement District (FLDWID) pumped and delivered over 36 million gallons of water this past fiscal year.

The FLDWID watermain system includes 26 miles of piping, four pumping stations and 3 above-ground storage tanks.

In the years 2015, 2016 and 2023 Forest Lakes won the Best-tasting Water Award by the Rural Water Association of Arizona.

Recently retired Directors Paul Studer and Mary Hume had over 34 combined years of service to the FLDWID. We are grateful for their committed leadership and service to our community!

FLDWID History and Management

The Forest Lakes Domestic Water Improvement District (FLDWID) was founded in 1992 to serve the growing Forest Lakes area. The District now serves 898 residential homes and 9 commercial businesses. The District is overseen by five elected Directors and operated by three employees. The District's goal is to provide adequate clean water for domestic use and related services to all customers while supporting other community water requirements at a reasonable cost.

Water System Management and Maintenance

In order to provide uninterrupted water to the Forest Lakes residents, the District regularly monitors water quality and water losses to the system. Improvement projects such as new pipes and valves, modern water meters, tank cleaning and painting are completed as needed and when funds are available.

The District has a Capital Improvements Plans to address system deficiencies and to improve the water system. Last year the watermain was replaced on a section of Sheeps Springs Road and this year the District began a project to replace antiquated water meters that are nearing their expected lifecycle. The water meter replacement project will continue for the next couple years until completed. Next year a watermain replacement project is tentatively scheduled for a section of Bailey Drive where there have been multiple recent pipe breaks.

2025 Rate and Meter Rate Increase

This last summer the FLDWID held a public hearing to present water rate increases. The last water rate increase for the FLDWID was in 2012. Even with the new rates the cost of water in Forest Lakes is still less expensive than nearly all Phoenix Valley Communities and most other Domestic Water Improvement Districts in Arizona. Additional information on the public hearing can be found on the District's website.

Water Bill Payment

Water Bills are due on the 16th of each month and can be paid in person or by mail at the office by check, or electronically via PayPal, or credit card. The district is offering autopay. You can go to forestlakes.epayub.com and set up your account. Manage your account and look at the history of your account as well. Autopay with credit card is \$1.50 or 2.5%, with your checking is no fee unless you are making a one-time payment then it's 1.50 per transaction.

District Meetings and Public Concerns

The FLDWID holds regular public meetings in the Water District's office at 1537 Merzville Road. The public is always welcome to attend. The District's typical office hours are Monday through Friday 8 AM to 2PM. Concerns or identified problems with the water system can be reported 24 hours per day by calling 928-478-8352.