

Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District

By Jim Brasher

Who among us isn't just dying to know the depth of their water well and their well's pump capacity? No doubt, you've spent many a sleepless night pondering these questions wondering where to

turn to find the answers.

Well, we here at the CCGD are here to help. Okay, I admit that maybe you're not all that enthusiastic about it, but still, it is good information to have.

So, for your peace of mind and

to potentially help you register your well in the future, I'm going to walk you through how to go about finding your well on one of the state's databases.

Alternatively, you could just ask your nearest teenager to go to the website below and they'll probably be able to get what you need with no problem.

But, just in case you don't have a teenager readily at your disposal, go to your computer and enter the following web site: <http://wiid.twdb.state.tx.us/>.

This web site is the WIID System Integration for 'Water Information Storage and Dissemination' System. The state is obviously not good at coming up with interesting acronyms.

If your well was drilled some time (Feb 2 for those who aren't into groundhog sightings), then click on 'Submitted Driller's Reports'.

Now comes the really cool part. On the left side of the page, you'll see 'Search by Location'. Select 'Texas Counties' and then type in 'Colorado' and hit GO.

You'll be taken to a generic picture of Colorado County. If you click in the part of the county where your well is located, you'll get a close-up of the various quadrangles that cover the county.

Click once more in the quadrangle where your well is located and it will zoom in again and this time, you'll see hundreds of water well locations.

Next, click the 'Identify' button (on the left, it is a circle with the letter 'i' within it). Then click on a well. You'll see information come up on this well below the map.

Once you get to the well of interest, click on the 'Tracking Number' and Bingo! You've reached your final destination. You can find all sorts of fun and interesting data about your or your neighbor's well. It will certainly contain enough information to fill out our registration form.

If your well was drilled prior to Groundhog Day in 2001, you probably thought that you could just skip the stuff in the paragraph above. Wrong. Go back to the main page and then choose 'Groundwater Database'.

Then, go through exactly the same steps as above.

There is one more place to try. Starting off at the same web site as above, choose #5 which is 'Click here to go to the TCEQ Water Well Report Viewer'.

Once there, type in Colorado County and enter. With some trial and error (or an available teen-

ager) you should be able to reach scanned copies of the driller's reports. Hopefully, yours will be in that group.

A million plus water wells have been drilled in Texas over the past 100 years. Unfortunately, only about 130,000 are input into

the database. So, if your well was drilled in the 1930's, I suspect that you're not going to have any luck finding your well.

To those who are successful, I hope this quells any sleepless nights you've had from not knowing about your water well! To those who weren't successful,

there are always tranquilizers.

As always, the public is welcome to attend the monthly Board meetings held at the Stafford Opera House at 425 Spring St. in Columbus. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Kleinschmidt Gives March Meeting Schedule

In an effort to reach all of the residents and business owners in Texas House District 17 which includes Bastrop, Brazos (part), Burleson, Colorado, Fayette and Lee Counties, Representative Tim Kleinschmidt has established a monthly meeting schedule with each county to provide an opportunity for constituents to meet with his staff should they need assistance.

The March schedule is as follows: Tuesday, March 2, Burleson County Courthouse, Room 305, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 2 p.m.; Thursday, March 4, Lee County Courthouse, Room 109, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 2 p.m.; Tuesday, March 9, Fayette County Courthouse, Room 303, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, March 10, Bastrop County Courthouse, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 2 p.m.

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Mop, broom sale is March 18

The Eagle Lions mop and broom sale is Thursday, March 18 on the square in Eagle Lake. Stop by from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lions Club projects include: Rice High School Scholarship, Little League, Fire Department, The Lighthouse, Rice Medical Center Volunteers, Summer Reading Program, Texas Lions Camp, children's eyeglasses, Lighthouse for the Blind, Leader Dog Program and Lion's Eye Bank.

RMC golf classic is March 20

The Rice Medical Center (RMC) Classic 13th Annual 4-player golf scramble will be held Saturday, March 20 at Eagle Lake Golf Course. Shot gun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Entry fee \$200 per team, which includes meals and gift. Prizes for 1st - 3rd place teams, closest to hole, longest drive contest and hole in one prize. Proceeds to benefit Rice Medical Foundation and RMC Employee Volunteers for hospital equipment and renovations.

CEC teaches rules to children

On Sundays thru March 21 Christ Episcopal Church (CEC), 401 N. Lake at Stockbridge (the pink church), is offering a series on The Ten Commandments for all children ages 7 through 16. Each Sunday during the first half of the 10 a.m. church service the children will learn one of God's commandments through Scripture, interactive play, drama, crafts, and stories. The first Sunday after Easter the children will give a dramatic presentation in church to share what they have learned. You are invited to bring your children each Sunday, so they can learn about God's rules for life. For more information contact Fr. Ralph Morgan at 234-3437.

Residential sewer averaging

Annual residential sewer rates are determined by water consumption from through March 15. The readings for these three months are averaged and that average will be your sewer charge for the next 12 months, starting April 1, 2010. Customers are encouraged to fix any water leaks as soon as possible and limit water usage (like watering grass or washing cars) in an effort to keep water consumptions at a minimum during this time. Each residential sewer rate is based on the actual water consumed at that particular location. If you have any questions, please call city hall at 234-2640.



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I do not seek this job with a grand plan to change the way our J.P.'s office has historically been managed. I approach this job with no preconceived notion of setting bails and fines at certain levels prior to taking office. I believe it is foolish to pre-judge anyone. I will make decisions only after hearing all sides.

My simple campaign promise is that I will do my best to be fair, prompt, consistent and honest in all of the Justice of the Peace's assigned duties and draw on my lifetime of experience in Colorado County while doing so.

Thank you.

Respectfully, Jack Holman Republican Candidate for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 Colorado Co.

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