



CONGRESS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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WHERE DOES YOUR WATER COME FROM?



Some Congress Valley District landowners get water to supply their residence from well(s) on their property, but the rest of us purchase our water from the City of Napa. If you get a bill from the City, then you are connected to the water supply lines running down the street of the District.

The Congress Valley Water District entered into a contract with the City of Napa in 1989 to provide water to the District and perform all administrative and maintenance duties related to the water pipes and water hook-ups. The contract allows the Congress Valley Water District Board to set the water rates for the District. We have set the rates equal to what a Napa City resident would pay or "inside City rates". This contract with the City of Napa expires in 2017.



NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN SPOTLIGHT

Periodically we focus on the garden of a Congress Valley Water District member.

In this issue, we are highlighting Bob and Ginger's garden on Thompson Avenue. Their garden, commonly known to many neighbors as "the park", features fruit trees, abundant flowers and a spectacular vegetable operation.

Recently, Ginger took a few moments to answer some questions for us.

How many hours a week do you spend gardening?

Ginger: Well it really depends on the season. Right now during the summer, I spend about 6-8 hours a week.

Which is your favorite plant?

Ginger: That's a tough question! One of my favorite flowers is our iceberg roses. They re-bloom several times during the summer, don't really have thorns and are pretty disease resistant. And to top it off, they are beautiful too! In terms of vegetables and fruits, I'd have to say it would be a tie between the cherries from our tree and the sun gold tomatoes.

Any tips on how you personally conserve water?

Ginger: I use low flow drip irrigation and then only in the morning or at night. I check the system frequently to make sure there are no leaks, and I mulch frequently to keep the weeds, which slurp up water, away as well. We also have no grass in our yard and chose many drought tolerant plants.

Any tips for someone who is starting a garden here in Congress Valley?

Ginger: Yes, you may want to consider amending the soil. The soil here has so much clay it can be pretty unforgiving. Every fall I order compost from Napa Waste. It makes a huge difference!

If there is a garden you would like featured, please let us know by emailing your recommendations to us at info@congressvalleywaterdistrict.com.

NAPA COUNTY RECLAIMED WATER STUDY



The Los Carneros Water District voters recently approved a real es-

tate tax

assessment to fund a reclaimed water feasibility study for their district area. They have historically had water resource problems and do not have an alternate source for water as we have with our contract with the City of Napa. Because of our proximity to the Los Carneros District boundaries along with an interest in alternative water sources, the Congress Valley Water District Board is monitoring the study and awaits its findings.

If you have any interest in learning more about reclaimed water for your property, its use requirements and conditions, please contact us at info@congressvalleywaterdistrict.com.

WATER HOOK-UPS - WHAT'S THE STORY?

Is your well not providing the quantity and quality of water to your home?

Are you tired of replacing your appliances because of your well water?

Does irrigating your landscaping or vineyard run your well dry?

While limited, the District has residential and "interruptable ag" hook-ups available to properties within our boundaries.

If you are interested in getting information on hook-ups; the procedure and costs involved, please contact us.

BOARD MEETINGS

WHEN

All meetings are held on the
SECOND MONDAY of the
month
at
5:30pm

2009 Meeting Dates

JUNE 8 JULY 13
AUGUST 10 SEPTEMBER 14
OCTOBER 12 NOVEMBER 9
DECEMBER 14

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FRIENDS OF THE NAPA RIVER
OFFICE
68 COOMBS ST. #8
NAPA

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ALL RESIDENTS AND
LANDOWNERS OF THE
DISTRICT ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

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OUR MISSION

To provide a clean, safe and affordable water supply in a practical, cost-effective and environmentally sensitive manner that anticipates the future needs of the District.