

NOTICE OF MINIMUM BILL INCREASE

Lee County WSC will celebrate 43 years of service to its customers July 2016. Updates are the norm in any utility that provide quality water and service to their customers, Lee County WSC has always tried to design our projects to update as much of the system as possible, Phase 10 is no different. Wells and sites are designed not only for the system they represent but for the entire system. Our system is a loop system which means it has the capability of moving water from one system to another in emergency situations.

In April 2009 Lee County WSC officially merged with Ledbetter Water Supply Corporation at the request of the Ledbetter WSC Board and members. Lee County WSC ran this system for a couple of years prior to finalizing the merger. Once the merger was complete Ledbetter WSC and its CCN (Certificate of Convenience and Necessity) became Lee County WSC.

Lee County WSC has grown since its inception and now serves water in Bastrop, Fayette, Lee and Washington Counties. We have 700 miles of pipe in the ground and cover approximately 1000 square miles. We accomplish all this with 7 full time employees in the field and 5 in the office, with one Part time employee to help with the monthly flushing.

In 2015 Phase 10 a \$5,500,000.00 project includes the following:

- **Cummins Creek Country Club** New Carrizo well, Rehab existing well, Cooling tower, 200,000 gallon cement ground storage tank, Pressure tank, building, piping, pumps and electrical
- **New Dime Box Plant** Increase pressure tank volume, Piping, pumps and electrical.
- **Lexington Plant** Increase pressure tank volume, Piping, pumps and electrical and increase size and casing of road crossing at site.
- **Manheim Plant** Rehab and Increase pressure tank volume along with Piping.
- **Serbin Plant** Addition of a new 170,000 gallon ground storage tank, Delete original 48,000 storage tank, increase pressure tank size, construct new Tank pad along with refurbishing and coating interior and exterior of the existing 68,000 gallon tank, add and increase piping, pumps, new building, and electrical.
- **Line Construction** Addition of a 12" water main from CR 233 to FM 180, 8" Water main from Hwy 290 going north on FM 180 to CR 133, 10' Water main from FM 180 to Turkey Creek Road, 6" Hwy crossing at Blume Lane and line extension for future needs on the south side of Ledbetter, 6" water main from HWY 290 going north down Turkey Creek Road, 6" water main from Turkey Creek Road going down Labadie Street, 3" loop line on Prospect Road from Labadie to Turkey Creek Road plus several tie-ins and road bores pipeline crossing and so forth.

Lee County WSC is currently in the application process of Phase 11 which would provide a 12" water main from FM 2239 to FM 448 going down CR 211 which will help add volume and pressure to the Southeastern portion of the system and the demolition of two galvanized tanks, replacing them with two steel tanks and recoating of all storage facilities.

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In 2016 TX Dot will begin dividing Hwy. 290 west of Giddings. Lee County WSC will be looking to update existing lines with larger capacity, while we will relocate approximately eight to twelve miles of lines. This will help with our growth as well as provide a higher volume of water in emergency circumstances to other parts of the system.

Lee County Water Supply Corporation like all other WSC's sustains itself with the income from water revenue and must maintain a certain amount of revenues for Repair and Maintenance as well as Capital Improvements throughout the years. Lee County WSC tries to minimize its rate increases and has done this throughout the history of the Corporation.

Lee County Water Supply Corporation's goal has not waivered, we strive to serve our customers by providing safe, high quality drinking water with unsurpassed customer service to meet and exceed the needs of all our members while maintaining water quality and quantity within the mandated guidelines provided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

In 2010 Lee County WSC made a change in its rate structure which was something the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) had recommended for years as a water conservation measure. This also followed the completion of Phase 8 and 9, the 11 million dollar project that was completed in 2003 that replaced and updated 168 miles of line, 3 new Carrizo wells and 3 elevated storage facilities.

After five years without an increase in water billing, Lee County Water Supply Corporation will be increasing the minimum bill from the present \$32.00 per month to \$35.00 per month which will increase the customer bill \$36.00 per year or approximately \$.010 per day. This increase will be on the December 2015 bill that will be paid in January 2016. This increase will cover \$140,000 of the \$208,800 mortgage payment which started October 1, 2015.

Lee County Water Supply Corporation wishes to thank all its customers and we look forward to serving you all for years to come.

