

ROUND HILL GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER
October 2010

MCFAUL WAY PAVEMENT CUTTING MORATORIUM:

At the October 19 RHGID Board of Trustees' meeting, the Board adopted a Pavement Cutting Moratorium. With the recent paving of McFaul Way, the Board adopted a policy that "There shall be no excavations in McFaul Way and lower Elks Point Rd. for a period of 3 years, effective October, 2010." The purpose of this moratorium is to maintain the structural integrity of the newly paved streets after the recent paving project.

RATES:

The RHGID Board of Trustees is committed to managing rates in an effective manner by maximizing its operations while minimizing any rate increases to our customers. Therefore, we have contracted Farr West Engineering to conduct a water and sewer rate structure analysis. The purpose of this study is to determine the proper rate structure for the District now and into the future. Other local utilities in Douglas County have seen significant (200+%) rate increase recommendations in recent months. The purpose of our study is to ensure that the District can continue to meet our operational needs and avoid the types of rate increases seen by other local utilities. In addition to analyzing our existing rate structure, we will be looking at future needs. Operations and Maintenance expenses as well as capital improvement needs will be determined in both short term (5 years) and long term (20+ years) scenarios.

LEAD & COPPER:

RHGID is required to test for lead and copper in the distribution system every three years. The last round of testing occurred in 2007, and was required again this year. The District is required to take 10 samples at the customers' taps in their homes. Once collected and tested, the District must report results based on the ninth highest total of the ten samples (the 90th percentile). If the District's results exceed the action level developed by the Environmental Protection Agency, additional sampling and treatment alternatives must be employed. The District's lead and copper results were well below the reporting requirements, and we will maintain our three year reduced monitoring and will not need to do any additional treatment. The reporting level for lead is 0.015 mg/L and for copper is 1.3 mg/L. The District's results for lead were below the detection limit of the test of 0.0025 mg/L. Our copper result was 0.05 mg/L.

2010 PAVING PROJECT:

The 2010 paving project is complete. The project was completed \$19,000 under budget. A total of 3,800 feet of roadway was paved, 700 feet more than the original contract, and we were still under budget! Thanks to the efforts of Don Garcia Paving, R.O. Anderson Engineering and Black Eagle Consulting, this project was a huge success. Errors in the original striping configuration at the intersection of Elks Point Rd. and Highway 50 have been corrected and financed by R.O. Anderson Engineering.

PAPERLESS BILLING:

We are pleased to announce that we can now offer paperless billing to our customers. We have had several requests for paperless billing, and are now able to accommodate these requests. If you would like to receive your monthly billing via e-mail and eliminate receiving your bill by monthly mail, please contact us by calling 775-588-2571 or by e-mail at info@rhgid.org.

As always, we welcome your feedback at any time. Please call us at the District at 588-2571 or feel free to attend our Trustees' meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the fire station on Elks Point Road.