



# HDE NEWS

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the annual meeting on May 21 we discussed the general water problem HDE has and what is being done to avoid the problems of last summer. The re-distribution plan in place will help, but fundamentally there is still the issue of limited (now about half of what it was when new) water availability to #2 system, our largest cistern. And since the water supply plan was designed assuming #2 system would provide water to the majority of homes, solutions are difficult now that the initial assumption is no longer valid. We are not without options but none are easy or cheap. The good news is that at this point those options don't need to be seriously discussed.

But the fundamental issue is still with us; so.... Our best choice right now is to emphasize conservation and odd/even watering days. Look closely at your watering plan, especially if you use auto-watering devices. Check to be sure the "auto" part is working properly and for the proper amount of time. Review your plan to be sure there is no over watering.

I see usage results for all homes...some have large yards, some of which use much larger

quantities than similar sized yards of neighboring homes. All look equally well maintained leading me to believe that there are times of unnecessary watering.

45 people attended our annual meeting which resulted in Judy French becoming a member of our Board of Directors and I was reelected as well. An "At Large" position was created to accommodate the desire of James Robinson to be involved with the board. The At Large position appears to be a useful way to bring new people up to speed with the realities of board of director activities. Duane Jackson initiated the idea and LaQuita Stec offered the motion that was passed. Welcome James and many thanks to Duane and LaQuita.

The evening's presentation described the year's activity highlights and showed that our finances are in good shape. And we outlined the challenges ahead relating to our water system.

The owners of lots 50 and 51 expressed their displeasure with placement of the office on Lot #52. The process of deciding where to put the office was lengthy and included discussion of 3 or 4 possible locations. The current location was chosen because it represented the best choice for the variables involved. County building codes and processes dictated how the project was to proceed and HDE complied with each and every requirement. Perhaps completing the project's landscaping plans will reduce irritation now felt by owners of lots 50 and 51.

**WATER SHUT-OFFS ARE VERY LIKELY THIS SUMMER AS REPAIR AND RE-WORK CONTINUE. WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO INFORM EVERYONE APPROPRIATELY. YOUR PATIENCE WILL BE APPRECIATED.**

Regards, Al Phillips, 541-416-1403

**PLEASE REMEMBER WATER CONSERVATION. IT MAY PROVE MORE IMPORTANT THAN WE THINK!**

Odd number lots, water odd number calendar days. Even lots, even days.

**Lot number, not address number!**

Your lot # is on your water bill.

**THANK YOU!**

## FILLING IN BARE SPOTS IN YOUR LAWN

By Helen Willis

I recently decided it was time to try filling in the bare spots on our lawn. A couple of them were pretty big. So I went to BiMart and perused the lawn seed section. We had used a Scott's product last year that was pretty expensive. I found a small bag of Pennington "Bare Spot Repair" seed for \$3.99. Since our lawn is not exactly a showpiece, I figured that would be good enough. I also bought a large bag of potting soil.

So I scraped the bare spots a little, put down a thin layer of potting soil, sprinkled seeds on that, then covered them with a layer of more potting soil. This gives the seeds some dirt to get started in plus keeps the birds from eating them.

Then the boring part of watering them 3 or 4 times a day to keep the seeds moist. Since we are practicing water conservation, I just squirted the newly planted spots only, not the whole lawn.

My prior experience planting lawn seed is that it takes about two weeks to see sprouts coming up. Imagine my surprise when after one week I discovered thin grass blades ½ to 1 inch long had sprouted up! I had to call my husband out to show him the new crop. The Pennington package had claimed "fast germination", but I had taken that with a grain of salt, thinking "Yeah, that's what they all say."

Anyway, BiMart has the small packages. The package is the same colors as the University of Washington Huskies football jerseys, purple and gold. (I know there are quite a few ex-Washingtonians living in HDE!)

Anyway, the bare spots are filling in nicely.

### A FEW WATERING TIPS

Water early in the morning or in the evening.

Water long and slow, rather than short and heavy.

Mulch all planting areas to retain moisture.

Keep your irrigation systems well maintained.

## "SOMEWHAT" DEER RESISTANT PLANTS

Info gathered by Laquita Stec

Here's a list from the Redmond Greenhouse of plants that are at least "somewhat" deer resistant. No guarantees.

Fir Trees	Lavender
Vine Maple	Lupines
Box Elder Tree	Monarda
Ash Trees	Narcissus
Spruce Trees	Daffodils
Mt. Ash Tree	Penstemon
Russian Olive Tree	Rudbeckia
Service Berry Tree	Scabosia
	Trillium
Barberry	Viola
Butterfly Bush	
Boxwoods	
Broom	Ageratum
Holly	Calendula
Smoke Bush	Campanula
Cotoneaster	Impatiens
Daphne	Zinnias
Heather	
Burning Bush	Sumac
Emerald Gaiety	Currants
St. John's Wort	Yew
Junipers (most)	Kinnicnick
Oregon Grape	Clematis
Potentilla	Vinca
Flowering Plums	Yucca
Rhodys	

### PLEASE HELP!

The meter readers have complained about tall weeds growing up around some water meters making it difficult for them to access the meter to take the readings.

***Please keep weeds cut back around your meter box.***