Celebrating Water and Sewer Department’s 75th Anniversary

The City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities (Board) was established April 27, 1943 and celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. At this milestone, we can reflect on the innovations and foresight that protects Cheyenne’s water supply and our high-plains environment. The Board has some impressive stories regarding our past including: construction of Wyoming’s only trans-basin underground tunnel, installation of enough distribution pipe to loop the perimeter of the State of Wyoming, installation of a pipeline system that brings water into Cheyenne across two mountain ranges by gravity, construction of a series of reservoirs that collect water from three mountain ranges, and Wyoming’s first wastewater treatment plant.

We continue to look forward and, through our master planning processes, anticipate the needs of our water and wastewater needs for the next 50 years. Recently, we constructed a modern water treatment plant and two cutting-edge wastewater treatment plants. We added resiliency to Cheyenne’s water resource by promoting conservation and by recycling water. All of this while maintaining an award-winning high standard for financial accountability.

The Board is grateful to the Cheyenne citizens and customers who are also good stewards of our finite water resources. We are honored to be entrusted with Cheyenne’s precious water resource that provide safe drinking water, a natural resource for businesses, fire protection and our way of life. After all, water connects us all.

75th Anniversary Events

Join us in celebrating our 75 years of serving the community. For updated information on events, visit our website at www.cheyennebopu.org.

April 27th: Kick-off ceremony at 2416 Snyder Ave. with history and refreshments from 10 am- 2 pm.

May 6th through May 12th: Learn more about Cheyenne’s water with National Drinking Water Week.

May 12th: Help clean-up Crow Creek starting at 8 am. Cheyenne’s sole source of water until the 1930s.

May 12th: Learn more about saving water and money with the Board’s Water Conservation Specialist at the Laramie County Master Gardeners 2018 Plant Sale and Spring Celebration.

June 2nd: Visit with us from 10 am- 3 pm at one of your drinking water reservoirs during the Summer Outdoor Slam at Curt Gowdy State Park.

June 2nd: Habitat Hero Demonstration Garden community garden planting at 2416 Snyder Ave. starting at 9:30 am.

June 9th: Sample our drinking water at the Cheyenne Greenway Foundation’s Spring into Green 2k, 5k, & 10k “Walk and Roll” event starting at 8 am.

June 23rd: Visit our booth in Lions Park from 10 am- 4 pm at Superday.
“Bee” Smart. Water Smart.

Do you have a patch of lawn you never set foot on except to mow? It would be a good candidate for converting to a water-smart recurring flower garden to benefit wildlife habitat like bees, butterflies and birds.

But once established, it could benefit you: no more weekly mowing, no more fertilizer and herbicide expenses, and a lower water bill because many native and adapted plants require less water than your current lawn.

The Board is partnering with Audubon Rockies’ Habitat Hero program and the Cheyenne – High Plains Audubon Society to install a demonstration garden June 2, 2018 at BOPU’s office, 2416 Snyder Ave. and provide information on how you can do the same at home.

Every little bit we do to reduce water consumption (residential lawns drink up 40 percent of Cheyenne’s annual water use) means we avoid the expense of finding and developing new water sources in the future.

To find out how to convert your lawn into a wonderland, “bee” smart and join the Board on June 2, 2018 starting at 9:30 am, at 2416 Snyder Ave. for a hands-on demonstration of planting of a community garden.

Summer Water Conservation Measures: May 1st - September 1st

The City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities (Board) implements the following water conservation measures this summer:

- **Lawns and Turf**
  No watering between 10 am to 5 pm and water no more than 3 days per week.

- **Gardens and Flowers**
  No watering between 10 am to 5 pm.

- **No Wasting Water**-such as allowing water to run down the street is prohibited.
- **Washing Vehicles** is permitted any time, any day, as long as customers use automatic shut-off nozzles on hoses.
- **Washing Hard Surfaces**-such as sidewalks, parking lots or driveways-with a hose is prohibited except for safety, health or construction reasons.

Board crews will enforce these rules. A first violation may result in a warning. Additional violations may result in fines added to the water bill. For more information visit www.cheyennебopu.org

What makes Cheyenne’s drinking water safe?

Our drinking water is safe because Board employees protect it and make it safe. Water department crews monitor and protect water quality at water sources, during water treatment and as water is delivered to homes and businesses. There is never a time when crews are not watching over Cheyenne’s drinking water. At least two water treatment plant operators monitor Cheyenne’s water system and the treatment processes that make the water safe to drink 24 hours a day, every day.

Cheyenne also has excellent water sources. About 70 percent of Cheyenne’s drinking water comes from mountain streams in the Medicine Bow Mountain Range west of Laramie and from the Laramie Mountain Range west of Cheyenne. Around 30 percent of Cheyenne’s water comes from groundwater wells. These water sources are protected by multiple agencies, including the EPA, U.S. Forest Service, Wyoming State Engineer’s Office, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Wyoming State Parks, Laramie County Conservation District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Board.

Water Quality Report

Access to reliable, safe drinking water is essential to a community’s health, vitality and economy. According to the Board’s 2017 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), also known as a water quality report, Cheyenne’s drinking water continues to be safe and water quality meets or exceeds federal and local drinking water standards. Or, in other words, Cheyenne’s drinking water is better than the drinking water standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Read the report at www.cheyennecity.org/ccr.

The CCR is a federally mandated report with required information about where Cheyenne’s water comes from, how the treated water compares to the federal rules regarding drinking water quality and educational information about drinking water.

Instead of mailing a copy of the report to every household, the Board published the report online at www.cheyennecity.org/ccr. Customers who want to continue to receive a printed copy of the report should call customer service at (307) 637-6460.