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It is amazing how fast time goes by (especially for those of us often referred to as "seniors")! I hope all had an enjoyable holiday season.

EXCITING NEWS! The new wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) to be built on Ten Mile Road just south of the Lake Hazel Road intersection has been funded, the new filtering system called "membranes" are on order and the engineering plans are being produced as you read this. The groundbreaking is scheduled for mid-May of 2007 with the plant operational by December 28, 2008. This new WWTP will add 13,000 new sewer connections allowing for approximately 26,000 new citizens in Kuna.

Your City Council is in the last stage of purchasing two wells, a distribution system and associated customers from United Water. The sale is contingent upon approval by the Public Utilities Commission. These wells can currently pump 1,300 gallons per minute but that amount could be increased substantially by changing out equipment. The goal is to help the City meet its growing need for both domestic service and fire protection through 2012.

YOUR CITY COUNCIL LISTENED TO YOU! As you will recall, the City Council increased water and sewer rates last June to provide funds to cover inflation, equipment replacement and depreciation costs. At that time, the maximum water consumption allowance was dropped to 7,000 gallons per household per month with a cost of \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons over the 7,000 gallon limit. Since then, a number of Kuna citizens expressed their dissatisfaction with the 7,000 gallon per month limit and at their November 8, 2006 meeting, the City Council unanimously agreed to adjust the consumption amount to 10,000 gallons per household per month effective January 15, 2007. To accommodate this new consumption level, the Council agreed to adjust the water rates as follows:

- \$18 per month for usage up to 10,000 gallons for all users. The rate for consumption above 10,000 will remain at \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000.
- \$20.50 per month for usage up to 10,000 gallons for users outside city limits or with oversized lines. Consumption above 10,000 will remain at \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000.
- \$18 per month for users using city water or gravity irrigation during irrigation season only (April 15 through October 15). Consumption above 10,000 gallons will carry a rate of \$.32 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000 and up to 45,000 gallons. Over 45,000 gallons will be billed at \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Discounts for senior citizens over 65 years of age:

- \$14 per month for usage up to 10,000 gallons. The rate for consumption above 10,000 will remain at \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons over 10,000.
- \$10.50 per month for usage up to 10,000 for users outside city limits or with oversized lines. Consumption above 10,000 will remain at \$1.50 per 1,000 gallon over 10,000.
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GET A FREE DIGITAL THERMOMETER. Beginning February 27, 2007, Ada County residents can exchange old mercury fever thermometers for a free digital thermometer at any Household Hazardous Waste collection site in Ada County (limit one per household). Kuna residents can drop off household hazardous waste free of charge on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 12 noon to 7 p.m. in the Sanitary Services Co. parking lot, 21230 W. Franklin Rd., Meridian). For more information, call Sanitary Services Co. at 888-3999.

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