



# The Water Drop

## Summer Construction: Storage Tank Above Laurel Lane

The District plans to begin construction of a 250,000 gallon in-ground storage tank above Laurel Lane. This two-year \$1.6 million project will increase water reserves in the south portion of the District and improve fire-flow availability in the Laurel Lane - South Ski Trail Lane - Anthony's Circle neighborhoods. The District will be notifying Laurel Lane residents regarding the construction schedule.

### Construction Season Means Line Locations

With warm weather approaching, excavation projects will be starting. It is important to remember to schedule water and sewer line locations **BEFORE** digging! Underground utility lines can be damaged and they are your responsibility to repair. Marked lines are much easier to avoid and will save time and money in costly repairs.

Mount Werner Water will locate water and sewer main lines and service lines within the District free of charge. Customers should call our office at (970) 879-2424 at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a locate. Locations are done between 8:30 AM and 12:00 PM Monday through Friday and require an attending person at the project site.

For other utility line locations, such as gas and electric, you will need to contact the Utility Notification Center of Colorado (UNCC) at (800) 922-1987.

### Water Conservation

Did you know that your household summer water usage can be 3 times your winter use?

- Most of this increase is lawn sprinkling.
- Most homeowners over-water their lawns.
- Check your irrigation system for leaks.

If you have a sprinkler system, learn how to operate it or call your landscaper.

### City Increases Wastewater Treatment Charge

As a Special Connector to the City's wastewater treatment plant, the District collects from its customers and remits to the City a wastewater treatment service charge.

Last December, the City raised this charge for residential units from \$7.06 per month to \$10.59 per month (\$31.77 per quarter). Commercial rates increased from .47/m<sup>3</sup> to .705/m<sup>3</sup>. While your water service and wastewater collection charges will not change, effective **April 1st**, the District is now obligated to collect and remit this increased wastewater treatment fee to the City.

### *John R. Fetcher*

**January 1, 1912 - February 6, 2009**

The District Board and staff, and the entire community, lost a dear friend and mentor when John Fetcher died on February 6th, 2009. John R. Fetcher was a founding Director of the District, serving on the Board of Directors from 1965 to 1976 and serving as District Manager from 1965 to 1997.

John R. Fetcher, by his leadership, engineering skills and work in the field, developed the District from its infancy to its present form, thus providing the water and wastewater utility infrastructure upon which the Steamboat Ski Resort and surrounding mountain commercial and residential area depend.

John dedicated his career to securing water rights, constructing water storage at Steamboat Lake, Yamcolo Reservoir, and Stagecoach Reservoir, and expanding water storage at the Fish Creek Reservoir for the benefit of agriculture and power generation in the Upper Yampa River Basin and for the benefit of municipal water supplies for the communities of the valley.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Babson-Carpenter Career and Technical Education Center, PO Box 70, Hayden, CO 81639 or the Steamboat Springs Orchestra, PO Box 774079, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477.