

From the Tap...

Winter 2006-07



About Fairfax Water

2007 will mark the 50th anniversary of Fairfax Water. Fairfax Water was chartered by the Virginia State Corporation Commission in 1957 as a public, non-profit water utility.

Fairfax Water is Virginia's largest water utility, serving one out of every five Virginians who obtain their water from public utilities. Fairfax Water operates two water treatment plants having a combined capacity of 270 million gallons per day. The plants provide quality drinking water to nearly 1.5 million people in the Northern Virginia communities of Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and Alexandria.

The plants include the Corbalis Treatment Plant operating on the dependable and free-flowing Potomac River in the northwestern area of Fairfax County, and the Griffith Treatment Plant located on the impounded



Fairfax Water Elects a New Chairman

For only the fifth time in its nearly 50-year history, Fairfax Water elected a new Chairman - Philip W. Allin of the Sully District - at its regular meeting held September 7, 2006.

"I look forward to continuing the long tradition of fiscal and environmental stewardship Fairfax Water has built over the last 50 years," said Chairman Allin. "I also look forward to continuing our efforts to provide high-quality drinking water and reliable service to our rapidly growing Northern Virginia communities." Allin, a 14-year veteran of the Board of Directors of Fairfax Water, has also served as Vice-Chairman and Treasurer of the Board. Allin and his family are residents of Centreville.

Occoquan River in the southeastern area. Water is distributed throughout Fairfax Water's service area through more than 3,200 miles of water mains.

Fairfax Water is governed by a ten-member Board of Directors composed of Fairfax County citizens and appointed by the elected Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County. A General Manager, supported by a senior

staff of engineering and business professionals, manages the day-to-day operations of Fairfax Water.

Fairfax Water has a proud history of providing high-quality drinking water at affordable rates. Throughout 2007, we will provide more historical information about Fairfax Water, where we have been and where we are going.

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Coming This Winter...

Fairfax Water is working to make our website even more useful to our customers. We've updated the graphics with the goal of making navigation more intuitive and easy to use. You will find the same useful features of our current site in the new look of the redesigned site. One key feature of the redesigned site will be the ability to provide an ever-expanding body of useful information in an easily accessible format.

Be sure to visit our site for frequent updates!



Winter Weather Reminder

Be sure to take steps to protect vulnerable parts of your home whenever freezing weather is forecast.

- Locate and mark your home's main water-supply valve for quick access in case of a pipe burst.
- Maintain heat inside a vacant house or turn off the water entirely.

If you suspect you have a frozen water meter, call us for help. Our service crews are available 24 hours a day and will respond as soon as possible to your request. You can reach our Customer Service Department at (703) 698-5800. The after-hours emergency number is (703) 698-5613.



Outreach Program Grant Applications Available in January

Each year, Fairfax Water provides funding and technical support to qualified organizations that undertake water supply education or watershed protection projects.



Storm Drain Stenciling

Guidelines and application forms are available on our website, www.fairfaxwater.org, under Outreach, Grants, and Conservation. The Guidelines provide information on eligible projects, the geographic area which may be covered by the projects, eligible organizations, and the selection process.

If you have questions regarding this program, please contact Gregory Prelewicz by telephone at (703) 289 6318 or by email at gprelewicz@fairfaxwater.org.

Information can also be obtained by sending a request to:

Fairfax Water
 Outreach Program
 8570 Executive Park Avenue
 Fairfax, VA 22031



Water-Saving Tip #67: Do one thing each day that will save water. Every drop counts!

It may sound like a cliché, but drops do add up and every drop counts. As you use water, think about how you can use it more efficiently, such as turning off the faucet when shaving or brushing your teeth. Keep track of the amount of time you shower or water the lawn. You can help save water!

For more information and other water-saving tips, visit <http://www.wateruseitwisely.com/>.

Editor's Note

If you have comments or suggestions about this publication, let us hear from you.

E-mail us at jbailey@fairfaxwater.org or write us at the address below. If you have questions regarding water service, please call Customer Service at (703) 698-5800.

For all other departments, call (703) 698-5600; After-hours emergency, call (703) 698-5613, TTY (703) 698-7025.

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