



# Splash

Metro Water  
Newsletter  
Winter 2017-18

## THANK YOU

FOR YOUR

## 25 YEARS OF SERVICE



As the District celebrated its silver anniversary on October 2nd, four members of the District's staff also celebrated having served 25 years with Metro Water District.

*Pictured left to right: Larry Tanner, Utility Program Coordinator, Ralph Garcia, Utility Supervisor, Sheila Willis, Accounting Supervisor, and Steve Shepard, Utility Superintendent.*

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### Metro Water District opened its doors October 2, 1992.



#### WHAT THINGS COST:

Gallon of Gas	\$1.05
1 LB of Bacon	\$1.92
First Class Stamp	\$0.29

**AT & T releases  
video telephone for  
\$1,499**

**WORLD  
POPULATION  
5.448 BILLION**

### WHAT HAPPENED IN 1992?

Johnny Carson hosts final Tonight  
Show after 30 years on air.

The first Nicotene patch is introduced  
to help stop smoking

#### TOP TV SHOWS

- \*\*LAW & ORDER
- \*\*MARRIED WITH CHILDREN
- \*\*HOME IMPROVEMENT



# 25th Anniversary Celebration Event



On September 30, 2017, District staff welcomed approximately 300 customers at Wildwood Park to celebrate 25 years of delivering safe, reliable water to our customers.



**GREAT FRIENDS**



**GREAT FOOD**



**SAFE,  
RELIABLE  
WATER**

**Congratulations Raffle Winners:**  
10 customers received \$25 credit on their bill  
2 lucky kids won a Nerf Super Soaker  
1 happy customer won an iPad mini



**FUN  
&  
GAMES**



# Thank You to All of Our Staff and Customers



**OUTSTANDING  
YOUNG ALUMNUS  
JOSEPH OLSEN**



Each year the University of Arizona's Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics (CEEM) presents its Centennial Awards to honor the achievements of the faculty and alumni. On October 27, 2017, Metro Water District's General Manager, Joe Olsen, received the award for Outstanding Young Alumnus. The Outstanding Young Alumnus award recognizes a graduate who has achieved a notable level of success in life, made significant contributions to his or her profession, and contributed to society through public service.

*Pictured left to right: Alan Forrest, HDR Engineering, Inc, Joe Olsen, Riz Olsen, Joe's wife, and Sheila Bowen, Deputy General Manager / District Engineer.*



The Finance Oversight Committee (FOC) reviews financial recommendations and advises the Board of Directors on rate structure and adjustments, long range financial planning, and capital planning. The FOC traditionally meets three times annually. The District welcomes two new members to the FOC: Charlie Maish and Richard Sarti.

Charlie Maish, a District Resident who previously served as the District Engineer for over 20 years prior to retirement in 2016. Mr. Maish's experience includes over 40 years of water and wastewater experience at the Bureau of Reclamation, Pima County, and Metro Water District.

Richard Sarti, a District resident, possesses a degree in Civil Engineering, is currently a registered Professional Engineer, and has 25 years of experience working in the engineering, land surveying, land development, and water distribution fields. Mr. Sarti is currently employed with Tucson Water as the Engineering Manager for the New Development Section.

The new members join the current FOC comprised of: Reb Guillot, Barbara Gelband, Lee Harbers, Lee Mayes, and Robert Shonka.

For more information and access to past and future meeting agenda go to: <http://bit.ly/focmeeting>

**ROAD  
WORK  
AHEAD**

**Due to upcoming Regional Transportation Authority work on Valencia Road, the District will be relocating some of the existing waterlines from Reed Bunting Drive to Iberia Avenue.**

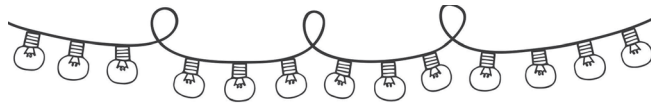
**Also as part of this work, the bulk meter station located along Vahalla Road north of Long Cast Drive will be relocated approximately 250 feet south of Long Cast Drive. The contract for the Valencia Road waterline relocation project was recently awarded to KE&G Construction, Inc., by the Board for \$263,929. This 60 day project is set to begin in December. The project will include the minimal impact to current customers.**

**SPOTLIGHT ON  
METRO SOUTHWEST**

**Two Easements at E&T were identified as needing some TLC. The Metro Water District team gathered together to get it done. Staff members from all areas came together to lend a hand to get the work done.**



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*Metro Water offices will be closed on:*

Monday, December 25, 2017  
 Christmas Day

Monday, January 1, 2018  
 New Year's Day

Monday, January 15, 2018  
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, February 19, 2018  
 President's Day



**Board of Directors:**

Judy Scrivener, Chair  
 Bryan Foulk, Vice Chair  
 Jim Doyle, Member  
 Helen Ireland, Member  
 Dan M. Offret, Member

**Board Meetings:**

Monday, January 8, 2018  
 Monday, February 12, 2018  
 Monday, March 12, 2018

Board meetings are held at  
 6265 N. La Cañada Drive  
 and typically start  
 at 6:00 p.m.

**PREPARE YOUR HOME**

for colder temperatures



Metro Water encourages customers to be prepared for colder temperatures. While we live in a temperate climate, it is important to be prepared even when we believe Arctic temperatures would never happen in Tucson. Every winter many homeowners experience frozen or even burst pipes.



**Protect your pipes** Take a quick survey for any water pipes exposed to the elements and where water does not constantly move – typically, the main water pipe entering the house, irrigation lines, swamp cooler lines and swimming pool lines. Pipe insulation is a low cost solution to protect pipes from freezing and can be purchased at local hardware stores.



**Know where your water shut-off valve is** If you need to turn off water to your house, please turn it off at the water shut-off valve at the house, NOT at the water meter. Most shut-off valves for water will be located on the front or rear of the house. It is usually attached to a pipe that rises from the ground and enters the house through an exterior wall. If you know where the water meter is then usually the main water valve will be on the same side of the house but closer to the house structure.



*Metro Water District Wishes You a Happy Holiday Season*



If you need the water turned off to your whole property, please call Metro Water District at 575-8100 and we will turn off the water at the meter.

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