

Ribbon Cutting Held at New Water Plant

The Gregg W. Stabler Water Plant was officially opened on June 4, 2013 when a ribbon cutting was held. Many state and local leaders were in attendance. The new \$28 million plant is equipped with the latest technology to ensure safe and reliable water. The new plant has a capacity of 15 million gallons per day (mgd) and can be easily expanded up to 40 mgd. The original water plant built in 1968 with a 2 mgd capacity has undergone three expansions to a capacity of 20 mgd. We presently have the old plant down for much needed repairs. By next year we will have the ability to run both plants simultaneously or each independently.



We have recently completed over \$42 million in improvements including the new plant, new river intake, raw water pumps, substantial increase in reservoir capacity, high service pumps, electrical upgrades, granular activated carbon filtration as needed, bulk chemical storage, new laboratory and testing equipment, sludge thickener facility and additional pipe work capacity for expansion as needed. In addition to the plant, we have added new 36" and 30" lines coming from the plant giving us excess capacity for future demand. Also, we continue to upgrade distribution lines throughout the system. We are committed to providing safe, potable water at the lowest possible cost for many years to come.



Presenting plaque to Gregg Stabler are Lee Comer and Ron Sink

Gregg W. Stabler Water Plant

Davidson Water, Inc. board of directors has named its new water treatment plant the Gregg W. Stabler Water Plant in honor of longtime general manager Gregg Stabler. Stabler retired on July 31, 2013 after 42 years of service and General Manager since 1987. A plaque installed in the foyer of new plant reads: "For his steadfast commitment to the Members, Employees and Board of Directors of Davidson Water, Inc."

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New In-Ground Lawn Irrigation Systems

Separate Meter Required

NEW in-ground lawn irrigation systems are required to be served by a separate meter. These new systems will have to be inspected by Davidson Water, Inc. personnel to insure the proper backflow prevention assembly has been installed. All backflow prevention assemblies MUST be tested annually. Visit www.davidsonwater.com for more information on installation requirements.

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Davidson Water, Inc. offers electronic billing (E-bill) to our customers. When you switch to E-bill you will receive your regular monthly bill by email notification. You can then log on to at www.davidsonwater.com and immediately view your detailed bill. Simply call our office to get signed up.

Our customers can also take advantage of paying online (with no additional fee) using a credit or debit card at www.davidsonwater.com. Our official website is a quick and easy way to assure your bill is paid in a timely manner. When you use our website you can be confident your payment will be received by us within one business day. Other payment websites will sometimes come up when you use a search engine to find Davidson Water, Inc. These websites charge a fee to use their services to pay your bill. Paying through your bank's website is a free service; however, can take up to a week, sometimes longer, to receive the actual payment.

Davidson Water, Inc. Scholarship Winners 2013

Davidson Water, Inc. has established a scholarship program in memory of all past board members who volunteered their time, knowledge and expertise to form and operate a water system in order to provide safe and affordable water for present and future generations. Four scholarships of \$1,000.00 each are awarded to deserving high school seniors who plan to enter a four-year degree program.

Katherine Shoaf	Graduated from West Davidson	Attending University of North Carolina
Lauren Turner	Graduated from East Davidson	Attending East Carolina University
Morgan Fraley	Graduated from South Davidson	Attending Meredith College
Paige Fulk	Graduated from North Davidson	Attending Appalachian State University

Leadership Changes

Ron Sink has been named CEO & General Manager of Davidson Water, Inc. Sink replaces Gregg Stabler who retired after 42 years of service. Sink has been on the board as a director since 1991 and President since 2007. Stabler took the director position on the board, replacing Sink.

Lee Comer was elected President, replacing Sink. Comer has been a Director since 1999. Ben Hege was elected Secretary replacing John Greer. Hege has been a director since 2006. Greer will remain on the board as a director.

"I have worked with Lee Comer on the Board since 1999. Lee is passionate, honest and caring. I can't think of a better person to lead Davidson Water" said Ron Sink. Of Gregg Stabler, Sink said "Gregg has dedicated almost all of his adult life to Davidson Water. We salute and thank him for his steadfast commitment in building one of the largest rural water systems in the country."

The company's management team remains intact with the promotion of two longtime managers. Robert Walters was named Vice President Construction & Engineering. Walters has been with Davidson Water for 33 years. Chris Michael was named CFO & Vice President Administration. Michael has been with the company since 1987.

Water Rate Increase

Effective Invoice Date January 1, 2014

Davidson Water, Inc. is committed to providing safe, sufficient and quality drinking water. In an attempt to ensure that Davidson Water, Inc. can continue to provide the same level of quality and support to our members we find it necessary to increase water rates marginally. The increase will be 3.13% and will take effect on January 1, 2014. Please refer to the chart for our new rates.

Rates

Effective on invoices mailed on or after January 1, 2014

Current Water Rate Schedule	
Gallons Used	Rate*
Minimum Rate	11.70
2,001-10,000	4.25
10,001-50,000	4.90
Over 50,000	4.40

**Rate is per thousand gallons except for minimum*

**3/4 Residential Minimum Rate includes up to 2,000 gallons*

- The increase will be less than \$1.00 per month for the average residential home
- The average family water bill be approximately \$24.45 a month
- The increase for members using 2,000 gallons per month or less will be only \$.035 per month or \$4.20 per year.

How to use the Rate Schedule

The minimum monthly bill is \$11.70 and includes usage up to 2,000 gallons. If a member uses 6,000 gallons the first 2,000 is included in the \$11.70 minimum and the remaining 4,000 gallons will cost \$4.25 per thousand. (4 x \$4.25 = \$17.00) If you add this to the minimum the total bill for 6,000 gallons will be \$28.70. (\$17.00 + \$11.70 = \$28.70)

Connection Fee Increase

Effective January 1, 2014

Connection fees will be increasing effective January 1, 2014. These fees are applied to purchasing materials, installation costs in making new taps, and to help to pay for improvements needed to provide additional capacity required for these new connections.

Structured Minimum Bills

Effective on invoices mailed on or after January 1, 2014

Structured Minimum Bills		
Meter Size	Included Gallons	Minimum Bill
3/4 in. Meter	0-2,000 Gallons	11.70
1 in. Meter	0-5,000 Gallons	24.45
1-1/2 in. Meter	0-10,000 gallons	45.70
2 in. Meter	0-20,000 Gallons	94.70
3 in. Meter	0-50,000 Gallons	241.70
4 in. Meter	0-75,000 Gallons	351.70
6 in. Meter	0-150,000 Gallons	681.70
8 in. Meter	0-250,000 Gallons	1,121.70

Tap Fees

Effective January 1, 2014

Meter Size	Fee
3/4 in. Tap	1,750.00
1 in. Tap	3,700.00
1-1/2 in. Tap	7,350.00
2 in. Tap	9,750.00

**All new accounts require a separate \$50.00 membership fee. This amount is included in the connection fee above.*