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IMPROTANT INFORMATION

The Warriors Mark General Authority is sending this letter to its customers to inform them of two (2) important updates concerning our water system.

#1) Edgewood Water Tank Rehabilitation

This update is for customers served by the **Edgewood Water Tank only**. During the week of September 11 thru September 15, 2023, the Authority will be preparing to take our 225,000 gallon water storage tank off line for cleaning. The cleaning will be done by professionals. The operation has been reviewed by the Authority's engineers and that operation has been approved by Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). While drawing down the tank level, a hydro-pneumatic tank will be connected to our system to provide water volume and pressure that our customers are used to. The water in the hydro-pneumatic tank will be tested for potability before entering our system. A Pa. DEP Engineer and our local DEP Sanitarian will be on site to inspect this temporary set up and to review the results of water quality tests. An Operation Permit will be issued at this point. The actual tank cleaning will begin on September 18, 2023. The tank will be cleaned inside and outside over a 7-10 day period. Once the tank is cleaned and assembled, it will be filled and disinfected for a 24-hr period. More required water samples from the tank will be collected and analyzed, again by a Pa. DEP approved laboratory. After results of these samples are received and reviewed by Pa. DEP, an approval will be given to refill the tank and put back into operation.

The Authority works around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. On paper this temporary set up works fine. We are providing this information so our customers are aware of possible pressure variations and volume issues over the 3 to 4 week period. Please notify the Authority (814-632-7172) immediately if you experience water pressure or volume issues. Thank you.

#2) Lead and Copper Service Line Inventory

The following is a direct quote from an email received by the Authority from the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), April 24, 2023.

"In 2021, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR), which requires all Community Water Systems in Pennsylvania to complete and submit an Initial Service Line Inventory (SLI) to the Pa. DEP by October 16, 2024, in accordance with 40CFR, Section 141.84. The purpose of the SLI is for each water system to identify and document the material of all service lines connected to its distribution system. The inventory must include all service lines regardless of ownership, which means that you need to determine the material of both the water system owned AND customer owned portions of the line."

The methods of verification of service lines required by the EPA are extensive. Most of the Authority owned portions of the service lines are known. While most of our customers owned portions of service lines are known due to the installation of new water meters over the last 8 years, some may not be known. At some point between now and October 2024, Authority personnel may need to inspect the water line that enters your basement wall to the water meter. Any inspection that is needed will be set up and coordinated with the home owner. This is especially applies to older homes built before January 6, 1991 (the effective date of the Pa. Lead Ban).