

CITY OF GENESEE NEWSLETTER



JULY 2021

City of Genesee Water, Well #3 tested 9.97 mg/L, June 3, 2021, still under the maximum contaminant level of 10.4 mg/L allowed by the EPA

DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER 6 MONTHS OLD OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA

To maintain water to residents, the City has turned Well #3 back on. Well #3 has Nitrate levels that have exceeded the EPA limit. Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old. Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems and run-off). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year.

DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS. *Infants below the age of six months who drink Water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. ***Blue baby syndrome is indicated by blueness of the skin. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately.**

Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. Bottled water or other water low in nitrates should be used for infants until further notice.

DO NOT BOIL THE WATER. Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated, because nitrates remain behind when the water evaporates.

Adults and children older than six months can drink the tap water (nitrate is a concern for infants because they can't process nitrates in the same way adults can). However, if you are pregnant or have specific health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor.

**Drinking water is available free of charge at the Fire Station, 235 W Chestnut Street;
Monday-Friday: 7:30am-10:00am and 5:00pm-7:00pm; Saturday/Sunday 10am-1pm (CLOSED July 4th)**

We are still encouraging water conservation. **PLEASE LIMIT outside watering as much as possible.**

Well Drilling Update: As of 3PM Thursday (6/17/21), the well drillers are down 310' and are still drilling thru basalt rock. The "experts" thought they would be thru the rock by now and into water bearing sediment at that depth. As much science as there is in the world today, well drilling is still more of an art than science and a little luck is also required in most cases. We will update the city web page (cityofgenesee.com) as things progress, hopefully with good news. Also, the plan remains there will be a second well drilled at the end of Laurel street, next to the dark blue water reservoir, as soon as the one on Beech St. is finished being drilled. **KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED.**

Message from Mayor Sperber



Happy Independence Day Everyone! With the incredibly hot streak of weather leading up to the 4th of July with our already dry Spring, we are asking folks to be **EXTREMELY CAREFUL with any fireworks. Obviously, no illegal fireworks, but even the safest fireworks in these conditions can start devastating fires. So again, happy 4th, but please use extreme caution this holiday! (STATE OF IDAHO **PROHIBITS FIREWORKS THAT LAUNCH INTO THE AIR**)**

And a big THANK YOU to our residents for their help, patience and understanding with the City's water!

The City would like to remind residents to keep their grass mowed and weeds sprayed, or maintained!!! Thank you!!



PLEASE DO NOT PUT PLASTIC BAGS AT THE COMPOST BINS! The bins are emptied Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If they are full, please check back. Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW?

NO OPEN BURNING ALLOWED!



As a reminder for our dog owners, please purchase your annual \$5 license or lifetime license \$25 at City Hall. We love our furry friends and ask you to help keep them safe by not letting them roam freely and to be mindful of loud and constant barking!

Can you Reserve the City Park? City Hall has a calendar we write events on. This is just a courtesy, as it is a public park. If you have an event and want to use the City Park, please call City Hall, 208-285-1621, and we'll put your name on the calendar.

Please identify your **WATER METER** and keep it clear of weeds and other obstructions

Questions about the City's water?

PLEASE go to **CITYOFGENESEE.COM**