



President's Column

To all our customers who joined us for our Customer Appreciation Day on March 22, a big thank you! Our staff enjoyed the opportunity to share with you the inner workings of how we provide fresh drinking water, maintain your canals and process all the wastewater produced throughout the District. To the extent that you don't have to think about your water and sewer services, we've done our job. Providing high quality water and sewer services requires significant infrastructure, as well as the daily, ongoing maintenance required to ensure we continue to provide our service without interruption. As an example, CSID invested years ago in implementing Reverse Osmosis technology to filter the District's water. Reverse Osmosis systems are highly effective at removing a wide range of contaminants, including lead, mercury, nitrates, chlorine and other various chemicals. In addition, Reverse Osmosis filtration significantly reduces the risk of consuming harmful bacteria, viruses, and other pathogens. By removing these impurities, water treated via Reverse Osmosis tastes better and more refreshing than water that has not been treated by a Reverse Osmosis process. CSID is one of the few districts in South Florida that utilizes a Reverse Osmosis process—indeed, CSID was awarded first place in a 2024 competition for the best drinking water in the Southeast United States!

So how does CSID provide this high-quality service at some of the lowest rates in South Florida? For one, CSID staff aggressively pursue grant dollars from a number of federal and state entities to improve and maintain our infrastructure. We've detailed some of our recent grant activity in a separate section of this newsletter. We've also provided in this newsletter an update on our Windstorm Mitigation project, the goal of which is to minimize the risk of flooding from our canals during heavy rain, high wind events. I hope everyone has enjoyable plans for the summer!

Mark Ritter



THANKS FOR COMING TO CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



Florida Farm Bill Leads to End of Water Fluoridation

State lawmakers recently passed the Florida Farm Bill (SB 700), which includes a provision prohibiting "the use of certain additives in a water system" across Florida. While the bill does not explicitly mention fluoride, it was widely understood that fluoride would be among the restricted substances.

Governor Ron DeSantis signed the bill into law in May 2025. The legislation requires water utilities to cease fluoridating water by July 1, 2025.



“CALL CSID FIRST” with Sewer Backup Issues

By using our “CALL CSID FIRST” program, it allows us to evaluate the situation and possibly clear the blockage without the need for you to contact a plumber and incur an expense. CSID is equipped to remedy the situation, or at the very least, get your drains flowing again. There are times when the obstructions or clogs are the responsibility of CSID. When that happens CSID will correct the issue. Other times, the clog is not within CSID’s infrastructure and is the responsibility of the homeowner to fix the issue by possibly calling a plumber. In either case, CSID will come to you and assess the problem and will either correct the issue or provide suggestions for a solution. Emergency after hour plumbing calls can be costly so please **“CALL CSID FIRST!!”**

If you call a plumber to investigate or repair a sewer backup before CSID and are told the obstruction is on CSID’s side of the line, CSID cannot reimburse you for the plumber’s invoice.

CSID’s personnel are available 24 ours a days, 7 days a week.
Call 954-753-0380 option #1

Growing Our Grant Program to Better Serve You

Over the past few years, CSID has made great strides in **expanding our grant program**. With the support of a dedicated grant writing consultant, we’ve been able to identify new funding opportunities and craft strong, competitive applications.

Currently, we are managing **two active grant-funded projects**, with four additional applications under review and four more in development—details can be found in the table.

While securing grant funding is a big win, the real work begins after the award. That’s why our staff remains focused on **managing these projects efficiently and effectively**. Our goal is simple: to strengthen our infrastructure while keeping your bills as low as possible.

Thank you for your continued support .

Our Annual Consumer Confidence Report

The latest Coral Springs Improvement District annual water quality report is now available online at <https://www.csidfl.org/2024CCR> . This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. In addition, you may find our CCR available on our website, receive a hard copy at our annual open house, or call 954-796-6632 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.



Grant Details	Actions taken	Notes
5 New Lift Station Generators Grant: \$919,012.50	Application to be submitted on 7/25/25	Funding Decision TBD
Water & Wastewater Plant Hardening Grant: TBD	Application to be submitted on 7/25/25	Funding Decision TBD
Septic to Sewer Project to Improve Grant: \$2,739,180	Application to be submitted on 7/30/25	Funding Decision in December 2025
Administration Building Hurricane Hardening Phase 2 Grant: \$250,000	Application submitted on 04/11/25	Funding Decision in July 2025
Tree Removal for Flood Control Grant: \$50,000	Application submitted on 03/06/25	Funding Decision in July 2025
Administration Building Hurricane Grant: \$1,604,551	Application submitted on 03/19/24	Funding Decision TBD
Wastewater Plant Generator Grant: \$1,625,740	Application submitted on 03/19/24	Funding Decision TBD
5 New Lift Stations Generators #4486-032-R Grant: \$919,012.50	Contract Executed on 1/28/24	Project is ongoing.
Water & Wastewater Facility #4564-023-R Grant: \$2,042,318	Contract Executed on 9/28/23	Phase I is complete and being reviewed by FDEM.

Understanding Rights of Way, Utility Easements, and Locate Flags: What You Need to Know

As a local utility provider, we often get questions from residents about where we're allowed to work—and why. Sometimes, there's confusion when utility crews are seen working on what appears to be private property. We'd like to take a moment to clear up the difference between rights of way, utility easements, and locate flags, and why each plays a critical role in keeping services running safely and efficiently.



What Is a Right of Way or Utility Easement?

A right of way (ROW) is typically owned by the city or county while a utility easement is a legal agreement that allows utility providers like us to access a portion of land—even if that land is privately owned—for the purpose of installing and maintaining essential infrastructure like water lines, sewer systems, electric lines, and communication cables.

These areas are often located along the front, side, or rear portions of a property. While you may mow, landscape, or use these areas, they are still designated for utility access and must remain unobstructed. Even if the land is part of your yard, utilities have the legal right to work within these easements without your explicit permission, because the access rights are already granted—often established when the property was first developed.

Why We Mark Underground Utilities with Locate Flags

Before any digging project—whether it's done by homeowners, contractors, or utility crews—we're required by law to locate and mark underground utility lines. These marks, often made with small colored flags or paint, show exactly where buried lines run so they can be avoided. This process is critical for public safety and to prevent service interruptions.

Different colors indicate different types of utilities (e.g., red for electric, yellow for gas, blue for water). These markings are part of a 811 "Call Before You Dig" process, which is a free service in Florida and across the U.S.

It's Illegal to Remove Locate Flags

While it might be tempting to remove those little flags once work is complete—or if they disrupt your lawn—please don't. In Florida, removing or tampering with utility locate flags or markings is a second-degree misdemeanor. That means you could face fines or even criminal charges. These flags are vital to preventing accidents, injuries, or damage to essential services.

Help Us Keep the Community Safe

We understand that your yard is your personal space—but rights of way and easements are there to help keep neighborhoods connected, functioning, and safe. If you ever have questions about work being done near your home, feel free to reach out to our office. We're happy to explain what's going on and why it's necessary.

Together, we can maintain a safe and reliable utility system for everyone.