

WESTMINSTER CRIER

FGUA NOTICE

SYSTEM FLUSHING AND TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS OF DISINFECTION TREATMENT PROCESS

Beginning Wednesday, August 1st, 2018, the Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA) will be conducting system flushing and temporarily change the disinfection process for the drinking water supply_ in your community.

The FGUA conducts system flushing as part of its prudent utility practice. Flushing will remove sediment from the system that has been in the pipes for a long time. Sediment left in the pipes has led to odor and discoloration in some communities, which occurs as chlorine that is used to treat the water subsides.

When the FGUA temporarily changes the disinfection process, your water will be disinfected with free chlorine rather than combined chlorine/ammonia

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(chloramines). This conversion to free chlorine (which is a stronger, faster-acting disinfectant) from chloramines (which is a longer-lasting disinfectant) allows the FGUA to perform a water distribution system purge as recommended by the Department of Environmental Protection for water utilities using chloramines as their primary disinfectant. This temporary change in disinfection is expected to end Tuesday, August 21st, 2018.

This process will not cause adverse health effects. However, during this period, you may notice some discoloration and or cloudiness in your water. You may also find air pockets in the system. The discoloration and air are harmless. If you do come across this, you may want to run water through the tap until it runs clear. Some areas may also experience a temporary fluctuation in water pressure or slight increase in the taste and odor of chlorine.

Discoloration in laundry can occur. You may wish to purchase and use a cleaning additive available at local grocery or home improvement stores. Including this while washing should prevent (or remove) discoloration that may otherwise occur.

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Customers who use tap water for kidney dialysis at home should properly monitor their process for complete neutralization of disinfectant residual and should contact their doctor for more information.

To condition tap water for use in an aquarium, de-chlorinating products should be used that neutralize both combined and free chlorine. The water should be tested with a kit that can measure both combined and free chlorine.

Please call the FGUA at (239) 368-1615 with any questions, or visit the FGUA website at www.FGUA.com for additional information on this process. The FGUA appreciates your patience as we work to maintain clean and clear water in your system.

Notice

There were 2 thefts (2 wallets taken) from unlocked cars on Bainmar Wednesday, July 25th. Please lock your cars, doors to your residence and lanai's. We are increasing the Guard Patrol. If you see anything suspicious, please call the Sheriff's Office

Lock your car! Remove all valuables!

Keep an eye out for strangers in the neighborhood!

Iguana Sighting

A sighting has been reported of an invasive Iguana in the Community. Please be on the lookout and report any sightings to the Property Manager, Paul Braid. If you can take a picture please get that to Paul Information regarding Iguanas.

Due to a combination of events, the green iguana is considered an invasive species in South Florida and is found along the east coast as well as the Gulf Coast of Florida from Key West to Pinellas County. The original small populations in the Florida Keys were stowaways on ships carrying fruit from South America. Over the years, other iguanas were introduced into the wild, mostly originating through the pet trade. Some escaped and some were intentionally released by their owners; these iguanas survived and then thrived in their new habitat. They commonly hide in the attics of houses and on beaches. They often destroy gardens and landscaping. They seem to be fond of eating a native endangered plant, Cordia globosa and feeding on nickernut (Caesalpinia) a primary food plant of the endangered Miami blue butterfly (Cyclargus thomasi bethunebakeri); additionally on Marco Island, green iguanas have been observed using the burrows of the Florida burrowing owl, a species of special concern, all of which can make them more of a serious threat to Florida's ecosystem than originally believed.

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For homeowners who want to keep iguanas away, it's recommended trimming back vegetation, and planting flowers and plants that don't attract the voracious lizards. Other measures include removing rocks or other shelter spots which iguanas use for protection.

As to why the iguana population is suddenly skyrocketing in Florida, scientists still don't know. It could be climate change related, and/or something to do with shifts in vegetation. They are not sure, but what they do know is that Florida's iguanas look incredibly healthy. So healthy, in fact, that females—who lay upwards of 50 to 60 eggs per nest—are able to lay a second batch during a single breeding season.

Salvation Army Food Bank needs your help. At this time, the food bank only has enough food to feed 40 families. IF you would like to help, you can drop off your food donations to Vicki Stephenson at 4776 Fair-Loop Run. IF no one is home, please leave your donation on the front porch. IF you would like Vicki to pick up your donations, please call her at 239-826-2593. Vicki will drop off the donations to the Food Bank.

Thanks for your generosity in helping people in our area!

Special Board Meeting

Open Meeting

Tuesday, August 7

1:30 pm

Community Center

Discussion- sidewalk repairs

