



Centerville CSD

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As we wind down the year, let's take a look at a few of the highlights of 2022...

2022 has been a year of proving that we are capable of anything once we put our minds to it. The year started with usage well above normal, but then with everyone working together, ended with conservation surpassing our expectations. Thank you for voluntarily conserving this precious resource.

This year the District started the Tank Coating and Maintenance Program and completely cleaned, repaired and recoated the A Tank; as well as cleaned and repaired both the B and C1 Tanks. While the B Tank was cleaned and repaired this year, it is scheduled to be recoated in 2023. Our mission is to provide you a reliable, adequate supply of high quality water, at the lowest reasonable price, and in an environmentally responsible manner.

In March of 2022, the District was thrilled to appoint Mrs. Lori Mathiesen to represent the District on the Centerville Education Foundation Committee. CEF is a non-profit organization that was formed to help provide enhanced educational opportunities for the Grant School District. Please remember to save the date for their annual fund raiser at Win-River on February 4, 2023.

The District had two major accomplishments this year that benefits everyone. The first was paying off the 1995-1 Assessment four years early. This assessment will no longer appear on District customer's annual tax bills. The second was paying off the 40-year long-term debt loan from Berkadia. Both loans financed improvements to the distribution and treatment system.

After many years of meeting in the District Office and only having enough seating for five to ten District customers, the Centerville CSD began construction on our new Board/Training room. The new addition will be ready to start the new year. Please stop by or better yet, come meet your Board Members and see our new Boardroom on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.

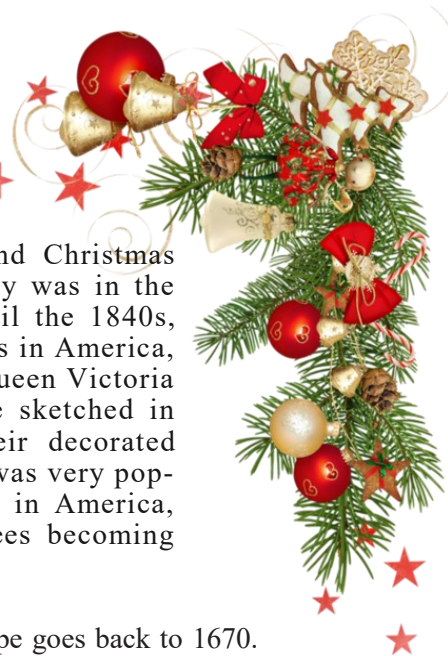
Although we may not have had a lot of water this year, we had some real accomplishments. All of us at Centerville want to thank you for your patience with our staff through the drought allocations and for your voluntary conservation. It is our hope that you and families have a safe and happy Holiday Season.



Christmas Traditions Where Did They Come From?



Christmas Trees – Most 19th-century Americans found Christmas trees an oddity. The first record of one being on display was in the 1830s by the German settlers of Pennsylvania. Up until the 1840s, Christmas trees were still primarily seen as pagan symbols in America, so not many American homes had them. Then, in 1846, Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert, who was German, were sketched in the Illustrated London News standing in front of their decorated Christmas tree with their children. Since Queen Victoria was very popular in Britain, many around the world, including those in America, started accepting the tradition, leading to Christmas trees becoming part of our yearly holiday routine.



Candy Canes - The first historical reference to the familiar cane shape goes back to 1670. The choirmaster at the Cologne Cathedral in Germany first bent the sugar-sticks into the shape of canes to represent a shepherd's staff. The all-white candy canes were then given out to children during the long-winded nativity services.

In 1847, the first historical reference to the candy cane in America appeared when a German immigrant named August Imgard decorated the Christmas tree in his Wooster, Ohio home with candy canes. About 50 years later, the first red-and-white-striped candy canes appeared. No one knows who exactly invented the stripes, but based on historical Christmas cards, we know that no striped candy canes appeared prior to the year 1900. Illustrations of striped candy canes didn't even show up until the beginning of the 20th century.



Christmas Cards - The first official Christmas card debuted in 1843 England with the simple message, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You." The idea of a mailed winter holiday greeting gradually caught on in both Britain and the U.S., with the Kansas City-based Hall Brothers (now Hallmark) creating a folded card sold with an envelope in 1915. Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, more than 1.6 billion holiday cards are sold annually.



Blanket Drive!

**The District Office will be closed
on the following days to
celebrate the Holidays:**

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 23rd

Christmas - Monday, December 26th

And

New Year's Day - Monday, January 2nd

Blanket Drive! Donations can be dropped off at the District office **Monday through Friday from 8 am to noon and 1 pm to 5 pm.** All blankets will be hand delivered to several homeless as the nights are getting colder.

**Thank you for helping us
Share the Warmth!**

SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS:

The next scheduled Board of Director's Meeting will be held **Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm.** The agenda will be posted to the website the Friday before the meeting.

The public is always welcome.

Average Water Usage for the month:

*Compare the usage on your water bill with
the average of the District.*

November's Average: 2,000 cubic - feet.