

## **6.30.2021 INFORMATION ABOUT THE WATER SITUATION IN HYDE PARK**

Thank you for reducing your use of water these past few days. Many citizens have questions about the request we made to reduce water usage by 50%

**Q:** Why did the mayor make this request?

**A:** We track trends of the amount of water flowing into each tank and the amount of water being used from each tank in the city. More water was going out than was possible for our pumps and the spring flow to replace.

The Sky View hill tank had fallen to about 6-feet of water depth and was going down about 8 – 10” each day.

The tank in the Lions Park dropped to 11-feet, with a 10 - 12” drop each day.

The trend was toward more water flowing out of the tanks than coming into the tanks by Saturday. This would not allow our tanks to refill.

**Q:** How do I as the mayor slow the flow from the tanks fast enough to keep water for all?

**A:** Ask our citizens to use less than is coming into the system. We needed the tanks to refill quickly. We tried to make our request urgent in tone. We asked for a 50% reduction in use. The tanks were able to recover in about 16-18 hours and were nearly full.

**Q:** What kind of water will we be without?

**A:** Most of the water being used is for outside watering. Now that the tanks are up to an acceptable level, we need to continue to use less than is coming into the system. Outside watering is the area to be most mindful about. Do not water more than 2 days per week and water much less than you would like to.

Those who use canal water need to conserve for the sake of other canal users, but that use does not affect the water in the city culinary system.

**Q:** Are we out of water?

**A:** That varies from moment to moment and your definition of out. Hyde Park has more than enough water for nearly every need. We just cannot get it to some areas of town or even the whole town fast enough. When more is going out of the system than is coming in, we are very quickly going to be depleting the water in our tanks. The answer is just to use less than is coming in. Therefore, the request is to slow the flow.

Thank you for your help. Working together to conserve water will allow us all to have the water we need for our necessities.

**Mayor Charles Wheeler**