Lincoln Park Crooked Ditch Company, Inc.

P.O. Box 756
Cañon City, CO 81215
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PLEASE READ THIS NEWSLETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY AS IT *CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION*, OPERATION CHANGES AND USE OF THE CROOKED DITCH. By referring to this letter during the coming watering season you will be able to understand the Ditch rules and policies and to answer many of your questions.

ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE, PAYABLE AND RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1st EACH YEAR. Please recognize we as Shareholders do not pay for a specific volume of water, we pay for maintenance on the main Ditch and the provider Ditch. Failure to pay the assessment by February 1st will result in the additional cost of $7.00 monthly service charge plus interest at the rate of one and one-half percent per month from January first.. Failure to pay the assessments by March 1st including interest and service charges, will result in forfeiture of shares. There are significant charges that apply to the reinstatement of any forfeited shares.

The Ditch company has a web site under the title (for best access type in URL) **www.crookedditch.com** if anyone has suggestions or has information they would like to place on the site please submit it in writing to the Ditch company. Questions regarding the Ditch should be directed to the Ditch Superintendent or the Board of Directors and should not be posted on the web site.

1. a. If you have questions about the status of the Ditch, contact the **Ditch Superintendent** at **719-429-0091**. There will be message on an answering machine to inform you of the Ditch status. The superintendent will receive messages each day and will return your call at his earliest convenience.

2. *Shareholders should be aware of the following policies etc.*
   a. ***The Ditch Company is responsible only for the main ditches***. Laterals are the responsibility of the shareholders on that lateral, including maintenance, repair, replacement, misuse, policing and equitable water distribution.
   b. Pumping directly from or bulking of the main Ditch is prohibited without prior approval from Board.
   c. Storage of Ditch water in tanks, ponds, cisterns etc. is illegal and can be prosecuted.*
   d. New head gates, sumps or alterations of the main Ditch must be approved by the Board.
   e. Ditch's easement is 10 feet both sides of center. Any desired modifications to the main ditch or the easements existing status shall be submitted in writing to the Board for approval prior to start.
   f. Vegetation, debris etc. that may impede water flow must be removed and maintained by the shareholder prior to irrigation start date and throughout the season.
   g. Shareholders should not over irrigate * and not leave irrigation unattended.
   h. During the annual Ditch cleaning in October through March, Members are requested to cooperate with the Ditch Superintendent and his crew. *The Ditch Superintendent and Company employees cannot be denied access to the Main Ditch or laterals.* Efforts will be made to contact land owners prior to accessing property. Shareholders should clean their laterals during the seasonal shut-down.
   i. Please inform the Secretary/Treasurer **719-431-1355** of all name or mailing address changes.
   j. All correspondence to the Board can be addressed to **P.O. Box 756, Cañon City, CO 81215-0756**.

3. *The following watering schedule is listed for your compliance. Restrictions in divisions are designed to insure downstream users get their share of water.*

   a. **1st Division** – Irrigation days are from 7 am. Monday to 7 am. Wednesday.

   b. **2nd Division** – Irrigation days are from 7 am. Wednesday to 7 am. Friday.

   c. **3rd Division** – Irrigation days are from 7 am. Friday to 7 am. on Sunday

   d. **Sunday -** Rouse Park, East of Willow and South of Poplar

4. **River Call** – During drought conditions the local Water Commissioner determines the Company's water amount and days of availability.

5. For information on River Call watering schedule visit our web site or contact Ditch Superintendent at 719-429-0091.

6. Initial warnings given for any violations of the By-Laws etc. will be first verbal and documented in a written correspondence by the Ditch Superintendent or the Board. If the individual receiving the verbal notification fails to take corrective action, the situation will be referred to the Board, sheriff's department and/or the Water Commissioner for appropriate action.

7. Shareholders who plan to subdivide their property must submit plans for the redistribution of water shares to the Board for approval.

According to Colorado water laws the Ditch company is required to return unused water (tail water) back to the river at the end of each division. Due to recent improvements to the Ditch system there has been an increase in tail water. The Ditch company may run tail water into any division depending on availability. Shareholders use of tail water is to be determined/approved through the Ditch Superintendent prior to use.

* per State Statute 37-86-112 & House Bill 16-1005

Vacancies in Ditch Board effective March 1, 2022 will include President, Division 1 Director and Division 2 Director. Applications to fill these vacancies will be accepted up to the date of the Annual Meeting, January 24, 2022.

The Board is requesting volunteers to form a Temporary Financial Committee to review our financial condition and ensure future financial stability. Review/update reinstatement scale? Lease/buy/repair vehicle? Employee compensation etc.

Shareholders on North Division 3 please plan to attend meeting following Annual Meeting.

State Water Commission is using drones to locate ponds, cisterns and other illegal water storage.
Refer 2:c.

URBAN LIE: "If there is water in the ditch you can use it." Adherence to assigned watering schedule is mandatory by all shareholders.

Over-watering is stealing from your neighbors. Refer 2:a & g

Annual Meeting is January 24, 2022 7:00 pm at Golden Age Center. We will follow GAC practices for COVID.