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### **Greetings Midway Residents,**

We hope that all of the families of Midway are well and settling into the new year. There are so many exciting things in store for the Midway in 2023 as it relates to your water. This newsletter is the first of many to follow which will give you a look into the projects for MCCWA this year. Once again we hope everyone had a great New Year and we look forward to another year of serving our community.~ MCCWA

## Florida Rural Water Partnership

The Midway Community is moving closer to being self-sufficient! As we move forward with our goal of acquiring our own water system, we would like to advise that Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA) has agreed to partner with MCCWA to provide professional support. FRWA will be assisting MCCWA with an Exploratory Engineering Report and Order of Magnitude Opinion of Capital Costs as well as on-going costs of operation for a potential MCCWA water system. The report will include an engineering evaluation, recommendations, and probable costs; all of which are needed to determine the next steps in self-sufficiency. We look forward to a prosperous partnership with FRWP.

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

MCCWA has partnered with The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help assist the residents of Midway. LIHEAP provides federally funded assistance to families to reduce the costs associated with home utility bill, energy crises, weatherization, and minor energy-related home repairs. LIHEAP also can help you stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer through programs that reduce the risk of health and safety problems that arise from unsafe heating and cooling situations and practices. If you are in need of any of the above services, please contact LIHEAP at

#### Be On The Lookout

If you see a water truck or individuals dispensing water out of any of the fire hydrants located in Midway, please call the after hours numbers to inform us of the issue. Please have information available such as the location of the hydrant and if possible, the license plate or description of the vehicle. Water that is stolen from the fire hydrants costs the residents of Midway as we still have to pay the City of Sanford for the water that is being stolen.

## Recycling

We are asking that every resident of Midway participate in our recycling program. Once discarded, plastic materials can take centuries to break down. By turning bottles. packaging and other plastic refuse into new goods, we help the environment as well as creates new economic opportunities. Recycling is a great way to keep still-useful materials out of landfills and encourage businesses to develop new and innovative products made from them.

# Tips for Saving Water:

- Never use your toilet as a waste basket.
- Do not let the water run while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it, such as watering a plant or garden.

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