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Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance

Time to Renew

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Rough Week for City of Junction-the rest of the story



The City of Junction's water plant woes were the topic of discussion last week. On Friday, August 26th Junction residents received a 'Boil Water Notice' via Reverse 911 when it was determined there was an improper level of chlorine residual in the water supply.

Then on Sunday, August 28th, a series of failures at the water treatment plant left Junction residents without water. By Friday, September 2nd, the water supply problems were resolved.

What happened?

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-the rest of the story (continued)

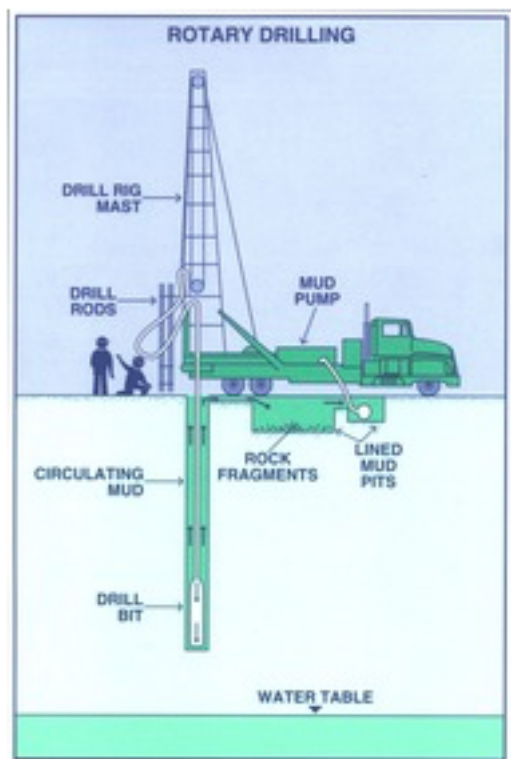
According to James Murr with the *Junction Eagle*, the interruption in water service was due to the lack of a licensed plant operator:

"The city's sophisticated water treatment plant must be operated and maintained properly by someone with the qualifications and skills to do so, and continuing oversight is necessary to ensure that this occurs... There was no effective continuing oversight of the water plant's operation. The plant was not maintained properly and, at times, was improperly maintained or "repaired". Over time the improper maintenance and operating practices have had a ripple effect that led to a serious degradation of the plant's operation and equipment. The continuation of these practices could lead to irreversible damage to the plant.

After the recent crisis, the City Council did engage a former plant operator, now living out of state, for a limited period of time to assess the condition of the water plant, to try and return it to normal operations, and to determine what additional steps are necessary for the plant to function as designed. The former operator is now on site at the plant.

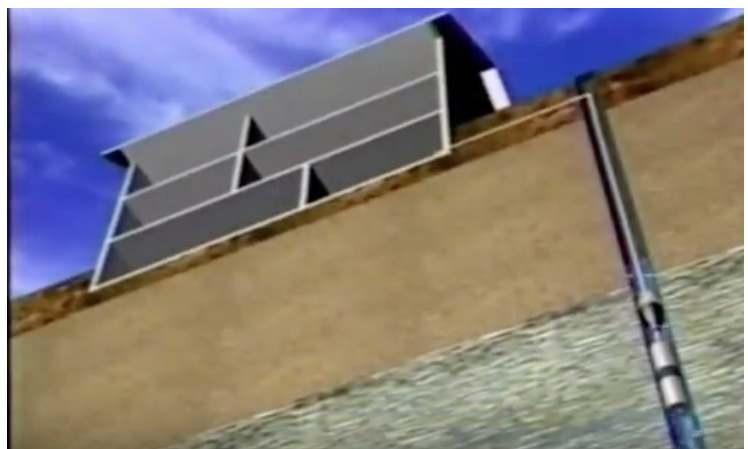
The city must still find a licensed operator for the water treatment plant."

September 6th was Protect Your Groundwater Day



In honor of Protect Your Groundwater Day, the [American Ground Water Trust](#) has released a video describing how a water well is drilled and what must be done to protect it.

This [10-minute video](#) follows a drop of water on its journey from the aquifer to your tap.



Upcoming Events

Save the Date



October 20th
Odeon Theater
Mason, Texas

Details soon...



September 26
Hill Country Master
Naturalists

Viticulture in Texas
Kerrville

South Llano River State Park



Family Park Programs
South Llano River State Park
Phone: (325) 446-3994



Skins, Skulls, and More!

Saturday, September 10th, Drop-in between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm
 Held at the Acorn Blind

(down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)

Stop by the Acorn Blind this afternoon to see and touch animal furs and skulls, and find out what a skull can tell us about how an animal lives! All ages welcome!



Night Hike

Saturday, September 10th, 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Meet at the 1st Day Use parking lot

(take the road across from Park Headquarters, park at the first parking lot on the right)

Come experience the park after the sun sets! We'll take a walk on the trails and look for bats, deer, spiders, and other nocturnal creatures. The trail is an easy 3/4 mile loop.

A flashlight or headlamp, good walking shoes, bug spray, and drinking water are recommended. All ages welcome!

Geocaching 101

Sunday, September 11th, 11:00 am - 12 noon

Meet at the Acorn Blind

(down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)

Experience the fun of Geocaching, a high-tech treasure hunt you can do anywhere in the world using a GPS unit or your smartphone! Loaner GPS units will be provided for this program. Good walking shoes, drinking water, sun protection, and bug spray are recommended. All ages welcome!



Park programs are open to the public and free with park entrance fee



Annual Meeting of Texas Section
Society for Range Management
Uvalde – Oct 11-13

Water: How can TSSRM lead its
Stewardship?



Oktoberfisch returns
to Junction
Details