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Water systems in process of being combined into one *East and West Systems will become a single system*

LITTLE ELM (December 8, 2015) Within a few days, the water pressure, as well as the treatment regimen, for water serving all Little Elm customers will be identical, eliminating the two-system structure, says Public Works Director Kevin Mattingly.

“For years, residents west of the Little Elm Bridge have been on ground water, essentially getting their water from wells,” he said. “We are now in a testing phase to bring the west into the same water system as the east. That will, at a minimum, iron out the peaks and valleys in their water pressure.”

The construction of West Eldorado Parkway, which began about two years ago, allowed engineers the ability to lay utility lines spanning the watery divide. Those lines included water mains with the expressed purpose of bringing all of Little Elm into what was known as the East System.

“The East System has been on surface water, purchased and treated by the North Texas Municipal Water District,” said Mattingly. “Tying the western part of Town into that system was part of a long-term water plan, and is now coming to fruition. We are testing pressure, residuals and flushing out the western side in order to get ready for the transition.”

The change for western customers will be minimal. The primary change will be the stabilization of the water pressure they experience. While the pressure is not expected to increase substantially, it will be rendered more consistent. Residents in the affected area will no longer be subjected to unforeseen lows and highs in their water stream.

“In addition, because NTMWD makes use of chloramines to treat their water, residents may detect a very slight change in taste,” he added. “While there is no change in the purity of the water, the change from chlorine to chloramines can sometimes be detected by taste.”

The transition, should all tests prove its reliability, will conclude with the entire Town on the one system. There will be no change in costs or service, and residents are not required to make any changes. However, because of the consolidation, all residents will now be subject to the Town’s water conservation plan. While the current stage requires no more than twice a week watering with automatic sprinklers, residents should check <http://www.littleelm.org/index.aspx?nid=809> for the latest changes to the program.

“This is something that we have been talking about for some time,” he said. “And now, we are at that point. I think residents will be very pleased with the results.”

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state’s fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm’s population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town’s footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.