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Improved Water Quality coming to Kronenwetter in 2024

Water filtration facility groundbreaking set for Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Kronenwetter, WI – Kronenwetter residents will enjoy cleaner water in 2024 when a new water filtration facility reaches completion. To mark this pivotal milestone, a groundbreaking ceremony will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 1979 Lea Road in Kronenwetter.

“We have been planning this for a long time. We are glad to see it come to fruition,” said Village of Kronenwetter President Chris Voll. “We know the upgrades will improve water for years to come.”

The facility is the third phase in a four-phase plan to improve water quality for residents. It will be attached to Well No. 2. The water in this well has high levels of manganese and iron. The new facility will filter these elements from the water. Although manganese and iron levels remain below the accepted Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard, elevated levels may cause brown or black staining in fixtures, stained clothing and taste and/or odor concerns.

“We are anticipating this filtration facility will solve a lot of residents’ complaints and frustrations,” said Kronenwetter Water Utility Lead Water Operator Mark Mackey.

The new filtration facility comes on the heels of previous efforts for improved water including phase one, which blended water from Well No. 1 and Well No. 2 in order to lower the manganese and iron levels. This action started in March 2021 and will continue until the filtration facility is complete.

The second phase called for constructing a water metering station and purchasing treated water from the Village of Rothschild. This phase was put on hold when Rothschild’s water tested high for PFAS in February 2022. The metering station construction was completed, but Rothschild’s water was not purchased.

Completion of the filtration plant is scheduled for August 2024. Ellis Stone Construction Company, Inc. is the contractor. The total project cost is estimated at \$3.5 million.

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