

Marion County Board of County Commissioners

Utilities

11800 SE U.S. Highway 441 Belleview, FL 34420 Phone: 352-307-6000 Fax: 352-438-2324

FIRST NOTICE - GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE March 8, 2023

Re: Silver Springs Shores – Unit 16 Water and Sewer Extensions

Dear Resident,

You are eligible to have water and sewer connection costs paid by grant funding associated to recent legislation mandating connections to wastewater systems in Marion County. If you have already begun the utilities service application process, please disregard this notice.

Florida Statute 381.00655 and Marion County Ordinance 22-14 (linked on our project webpage: <u>www.marionfl.org/s2s</u> and on the back of this notice) requires owners of developed property with onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems to connect to the public utility system serving their community **within 365 days** of receiving the third (and final) notice; this is your **first notice**.

We are in the process of bringing central potable water and sewer service to your neighborhood (see map enclosed). These services are anticipated to be available in your area in the last quarter of 2023 (October-December). This is the first of three notifications Marion County Utilities will be sending out to remind residents to sign up for service.

Each developed-property owner will have the **costs of construction, connection, septic tank termination, and applicable new customer capacity fees paid** on their behalf through grant funding **if** the developed-property owner has **signed up for service within 365** days of the third and final notice.

To apply for service, and request a review for eligibility of this program's grant funding, please visit our main office (11800 SE U.S. Highway 441, Belleview) and complete a new service agreement along with a letter of consent. The letter of consent is necessary for our contractors to perform the required on-lot work required to safely connect your property to our system.

Please know we will do everything possible to ensure this improvement project has minimal impact on your daily routines and will strive to complete improvements as swiftly as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to improve services in your area! Should you have any questions, please contact our office at 352-307-8477 or 352-307-6006.

Sincerely,

Jody C. Kirkman, P.E. Utilities Director

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Silver Springs Shores – Unit 16 FIRST NOTIFICATION

Marion County ordinance number 22-14:

- a. If the Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System (OSTDS) is properly functioning, the OSTDS owner must connect to the Utility System within 365 days after receiving the third and final notification which confirm that the Utility System is available for connection; and
- b. If the OSTDS needs repair or modification to function in a sanitary manner to comply with the requirements of sections 381.0065 – 381.0067, Florida Statutes, or rules adopted under those sections, the OSTDS owner must connect to the Utility System within 90 days after receiving the third and final notification which confirms that the Utility System is available for connection; and
- c. Within 90 calendar days of connection to the Utility System, the property owner shall either: (1) properly abandon any existing OSTDS in accordance with applicable County and State laws and codes; or (2) receive proper approval from the Florida Department of Health to use the abandoned septic tank as an irrigation cistern; and
- d. If the property owner has a potable water well that does not meet setback distance requirements from the proposed Utility System line, as described in Rule 62-604.400, F.A.C., within 90 days after receiving notification pursuant to Section 19-144(e)(2), herein, the property owner, at his/her own expense, will be required to bring his/her potable water supply well into compliance with Rule 62-604.400, F.A.C.

