



## **Board approves rate increase to maintain system, water quality.**

All of us here at the Greater Augusta Utility District and our Board of Trustees take great pride in keeping costs and rates stable. However, to continue providing safe and reliable water supplies, and effective wastewater treatment, we find it necessary to increase rates at this time due to significant increases in operating costs. As a result, drinking water and wastewater rates are going up in July 2023. The combined increase will affect the average residential bill by about \$9.30 per month.

*See reverse for details.*



The increase in costs globally has not spared us at GAUD. We are also working to replace pipes that are well over 100 years old to continue to reliably provide safe drinking water to our customers and convey wastewater for treatment before it is discharged to the river.

We held a public hearing on May 15, where the rationale behind the proposed rates increases was presented. Our Board of Trustees then voted to approve the rate increases and requested approval from the Maine Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to increase the water rates. These increases have now been approved. (Note: wastewater rates are not PUC regulated.)

If you have any questions or want more information, you may call General Manager Brian Tarbuck at **(207) 622-3701** or email **[btarbuck@gaud.ws](mailto:btarbuck@gaud.ws)**.

For more information please visit: **[www.GAUD.ws/2023Rates](http://www.GAUD.ws/2023Rates)**.



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