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# Camp Connect

A Communication of the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting

We would like to draw your attention to a matter of the utmost importance pertaining to the quality of water sources that impact the communities within Mt. Gretna. Members of our community have had recent discussions with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Those conversations unveiled potential threats to our aquifer, prompting this communication to the MGCA community.

During a meeting last year, it was revealed that our communities share the same aquifer. Authorization for the use of toxic herbicides, specifically Round-Up and OustXP, by the Governor Dick Board poses a significant risk to all our communities water quality. Despite the availability of safer alternatives, the continued use of these substances heightens the possibility of contamination to the water. If the Heights water becomes tainted, projections indicate that within five years, the water in Chautauqua and Campmeeting may also be compromised.

It is imperative that we collectively raise awareness and mobilize community members to participate in a crucial meeting on Thursday, January 18, at 7:15 p.m. at the Governor Dick Nature Center. The key requests to the Governor Dick Board include:

- Honoring the 2002 agreement made during the drilling of a new well and filing the easement with the County.
- Refraining from the use of Round-Up or any disturbances within 400 feet of the well.
- Avoiding the use of un-testable herbicides within an 800-foot radius of the well.

Your active participation in this meeting is vital if you are able to attend in-person. The collective concerns from the Mt. Gretna community will be

discussed. Additionally, everyone is urged to reach out to fellow community members in Stoberdale and other vulnerable areas. The potential impact on our well water extends beyond our immediate vicinity, and we must unite to safeguard our access to clean water.

Thank you for your attention and collaboration in addressing this pressing issue.

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